

## NSF Implementation of OMB Memo M-20-17:

### Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus due to Loss of Operations

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Dear Colleagues:

The National Science Foundation has issued [Important Notice No 146](#) to the Community Regarding COVID-19. NSF has also issued additional [guidance on NSF's implementation](#) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum ([M-20-17](#)), entitled, *Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations*. NSF has implemented flexibilities authorized by OMB from specific administrative, financial management and audit requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* without compromising accountability requirements.

Any questions about the policies described in the NSF Guidance should be directed to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov). Questions specific to a particular award should be directed to the cognizant NSF Program Officer. NSF is working to update existing FAQs and other resources to reflect NSF's new guidance and will keep you informed on our website at: [nsf.gov/coronavirus](https://www.nsf.gov/coronavirus).

Regards,

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