

## **RAIN-2020-G02**

### **EPA Frequent Questions on Grant Issues in Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency**

**Notification Date:** March 27, 2020

**Purpose:** This Recipient/Applicant Information Notice (RAIN) informs recipients and applicants that EPA has posted Frequent Questions to assist them in applying for and managing EPA financial assistance agreements during the COVID-19 public health emergency. These Frequent Questions supplement the March 19, 2020, OMB Guidance and will be updated as necessary.

**Summary:** The Agency has posted the EPA Grants COVID-19 FQs to provide applicants and recipients with information regarding the process and EPA policies for requesting waivers, due date extensions, extraordinary cost allowability, and application submission issues during the public health emergency. The EPA Grants COVID-19 FQs will be updated as necessary to respond to additional questions or in response to further OMB guidance. Applicants for competitive EPA funding should direct questions to the EPA point of contact listed in the funding announcement. Current recipients of EPA funding or applicants for ongoing non-competitive funding should direct questions to the Grant Specialist and Project Officer for the assistance agreement.

**Background:** The March 19, 2020, OMB Guidance authorizes federal agencies to make regulatory exceptions and provide other relief to financial assistance applicants and recipients impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Additionally, EPA has received questions from applicants and recipients on a wide range of topics relating to performing or applying for EPA grants and cooperative agreements during this emergency.

#### **Related Resources:**

[EPA Frequent Questions on Grant Issues in Response to the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency \(EPA Grants COVID-19 FQs\)](#)

March 19, 2020 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-20-17, [Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) due to Loss of Operations](#) (March 19, 2020, OMB Guidance)