

Dear Colleagues:

The Foundation has issued a revision to [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*. Revisions include:

- **Prior approval requirement waivers** (# 8) has been revised to update the specific situations that require NSF prior approval. Additional guidance also has been added for Major Facility Recipients;
- **Extension of financial and other reporting** (# 10) has been supplemented with information on the processing of payments via NSF's Award Cash Management Service; and
- **Extension of closeout** (# 12) has new guidance extending award closeout from 120 days to 180 days.

Questions about the policies described in the NSF Guidance should be directed to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov). NSF is working to update existing FAQs and other resources to reflect NSF's new guidance and will keep you informed at: [nsf.gov/coronavirus](https://www.nsf.gov/coronavirus).

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