

## OMB Memorandum M-20-17 flexibilities authorized by the Office of Management and Budget

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In light of the current COVID-19 outbreak, the great majority of NIST staff members are teleworking. However, the NIST Office of Acquisition and Agreements Management (OAAM)/Grants Management Division (GMD) remains available to assist recipients of grants and cooperative agreements (financial assistance awards).

NIST is implementing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum [M-20-17](#) as summarized in the bullets below. M-20-17 expands the scope of recipients eligible for flexibilities provided in OMB Memorandum M-20-11. These flexibilities are meant to assist recipients who have been affected by reduced operational capacity and increased costs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- o The new OMB guidance applies to all applicable recipients of NIST financial assistance awards.
- o For NTIA awards administered by NIST, only flexibilities 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 13 may apply to applicable recipients of financial assistance awards.

Please work with your Grants Officer and visit our [OAAM webpage](#) under “News and Updates” for NIST/NTIA specific guidance in relation to M-20-17 and updates to our services as they become available.

Best regards,

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