

Federal Financial Reports (FFRs): Tips for Completing and Submitting

Financial Policies and Procedures

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Recipients of federal funds (grantees) are required to submit quarterly Federal Financial Reports (FFRs). The FFR is a standard form used to report cumulative expenses (calculated by adding all expenses from the beginning of the award to date) incurred under each grant number.

FFRs are submitted by your entity's designated Financial Manager in JustGrants and may be submitted 10 calendar days or less from a reporting period end date until the due date. Your Financial Manager, who may edit and resubmit FFRs, can submit a delinquent report after the due date. In addition, the most recent quarterly FFR can be reopened and resubmitted if the due date has not passed.

If your Financial Manager does not submit an FFR by the due date, JustGrants will automatically consider it delinquent, and the drawdown of funds through the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) will not be permitted. Funds are released once the delinquent FFR is submitted.

Helpful Tips for Completing and Submitting Quarterly FFRs

Report Accurately

- File every quarter, regardless of whether or not any expenditures were made.
- Reflect actual funds spent, NOT your drawdown amounts from the federal government.
- ◆ **Document all allowable costs** incurred at the grantee and subrecipient levels. Report program and subrecipient expenditures.
- Report program income as the cumulative amount, NOT the quarterly amount.
- Include the correct indirect cost rate and/or base approved by your cognizant federal agency.
- Specify the indirect cost rate type (i.e., provisional, final, de minimus, or fixed).
- Report all program income earned, expended, and unexpended throughout the project period.
- If the award date is after the start date of the award period, the first FFR submitted should cover the time from the actual start date of the award to the end of the calendar quarter.
- Include any matching funds.

Submit on Time

- Submit online no later than 30 days after the last day of each quarter to avoid the freezing of award funds.
- Review the FFR to be certain it reflects current and complete information.
- Keep all supporting documentation.

Dates to Remember

FFR Reporting Periods	Due Date	Funds Frozen
Date range reported for the FFR	Date the FFR is due for submission	Date the funds are frozen if the FFR is not submitted
January 1–March 31	April 30	May 1
April 1–June 30	July 30	July 31
July 1–September 30	October 30	October 31
October 1–December 31	January 30	January 31

Resources

- ◆ TFMC Webinar: Federal Financial Report (August 2022)
- ◆ JustGrants <u>Training</u>: Financial Reporting
- ◆ JustGrants: Financial Manager: Job Aid Reference Guide
- ◆ U.S. Department of Justice: <u>DOJ Grants Financial Guide 2022</u>—see "III. Postaward Requirements"
- ◆ Office of the Chief Financial Officer: Customer Service Center via phone 800–458–0786 (option 2) or email ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov



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Feedback Requested

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