

NewsFlash!

Announcement: The National Science Foundation (NSF) 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?

Questions about the policies described in NSF Guidance should be directed to policy@nsf.gov. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the [Contracts and Grants Officer](#) assigned to your unit.