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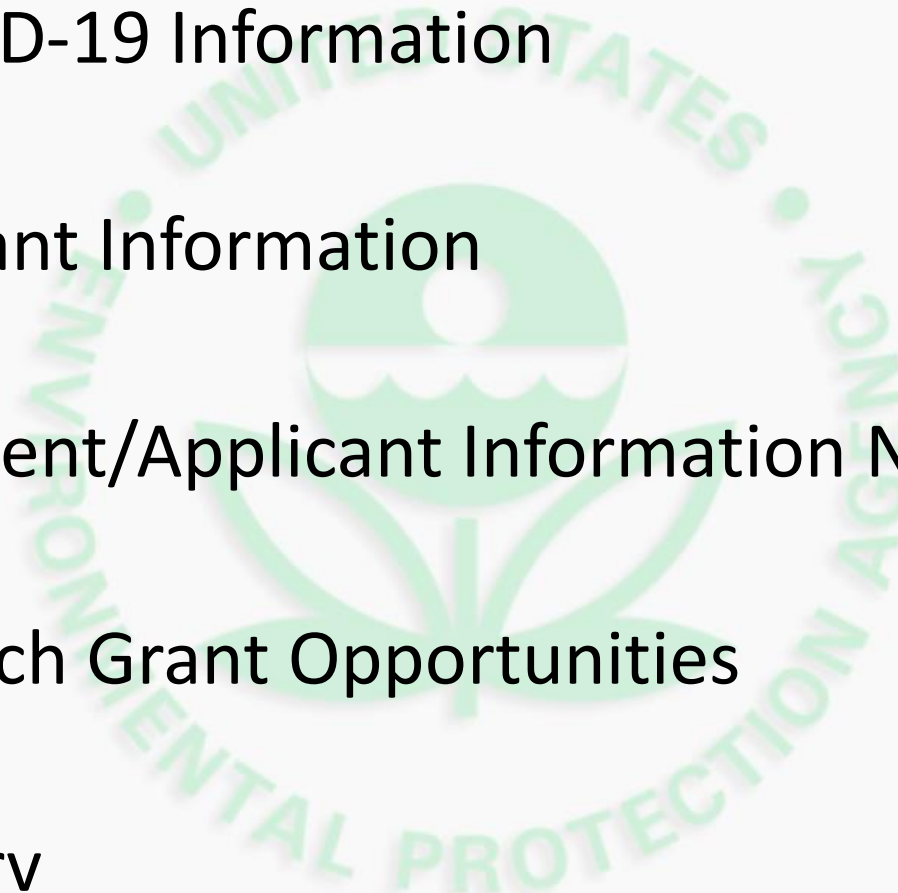
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General EPA COVID-19 Information



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- EPA's general information on COVID-19 is available at <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus>
- Information includes:
 - Disinfectants
 - Drinking Water and Wastewater
 - EPA Providing PPE
 - Coronavirus (COVID-19) News from EPA



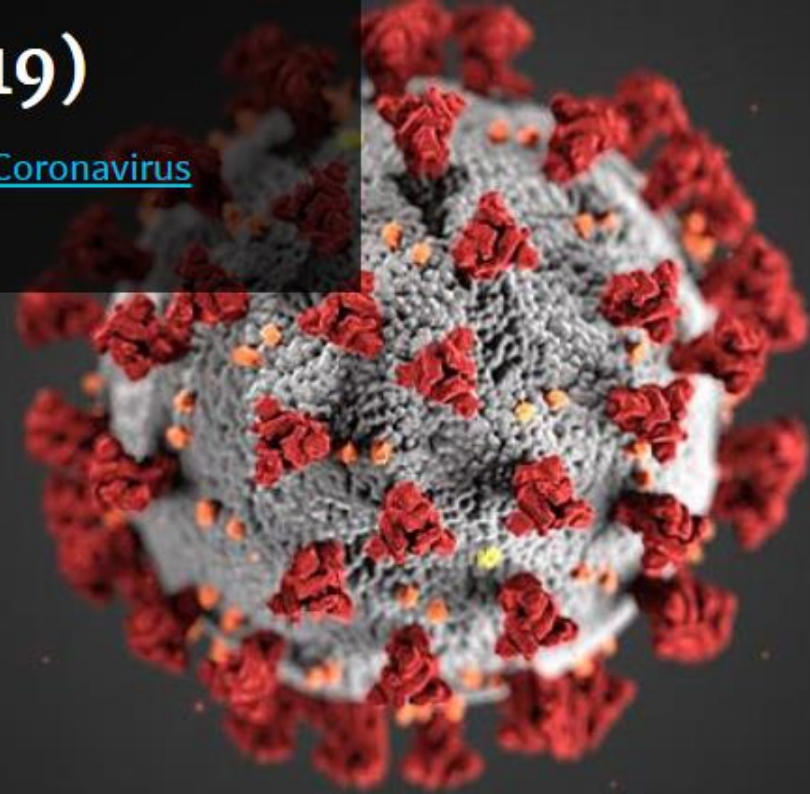
EPA COVID-19 Grant Information



EPA COVID-19 Grant Information: FQs

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Read the [Frequent Questions about Grants and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).



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EPA COVID-19 Grant Information: FQs

- Frequent Questions about Grants and Coronavirus (COVID-19):
<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/frequent-questions-about-grants-and-coronavirus-covid-19>
- In response to COVID-19, OMB allowed Federal agencies to give various administrative, financial, and audit flexibilities to grant applicants and recipients.
- Most of these flexibilities have expired except for two: allowability of salaries and other project activities and the extension of single audit submission. The allowability of salaries and other project activities flexibility expires on September 30, 2020 and allows recipients to continue to compensate employees whose work on EPA financial assistance agreements has been interrupted due to COVID-19. Single audit submissions were given an additional three-month extension through December 31, 2020. See OMB Memo M-20-26.

EPA COVID-19 Grant Information: FAQs

- Frequent Questions about Grants and Coronavirus (COVID-19) include topics on:
 - Grant procedures
 - Allowable costs
 - Disruption of operations
 - Procurements
 - Extensions
 - Grant competitions
 - Suspension and debarment
- Questions about changes to EPA grants because of COVID, contact your Project Officer and Grant Specialist.



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Recent EPA Recipient/Applicant Information Notices

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- All EPA Recipient/Applicant Information Notices (RAINs) are available at EPA's Grants Policy Resources page:

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-policy-resources>



Recent EPA Recipient/Applicant Information Notices

- [EPA Implementation of Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment and Termination Provisions from Office of Management and Budget Final Guidance \(85 FR 49506\)](#)
- Effective 8/13/2020, this Recipient/Applicant Information Notices (RAIN), informs recipients and applicants of EPA's implementation of two Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidance requirements that became effective upon publication in the Federal Register on August 13, 2020: (1) Prohibition of Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment and (2) Termination Provisions.

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- All EPA Recipients were notified by email of these new requirements
- **Special Note:** 2 CFR 200.216 applies to EPA recipients and subrecipients obligations and expenditures on or after August 13, 2020. It is the sole responsibility of pass-through entities receiving EPA funds to communicate this requirement to their subrecipients including borrowers under EPA funded revolving loan fund programs. EPA does not have a direct relationship with subrecipients.

Recent EPA Recipient/Applicant Information Notices

- [Establishment of Standards for Submission of Administrative and Financial Assistance Agreement Forms/Documents with Electronic or Digital Signatures by Email](#)
- Revised 8/13/2020, this Recipient/Applicant Information Notice (RAIN) informs applicants and recipients of the process by which EPA will accept administrative and financial assistance agreement forms/documents with electronic or digital signatures by email. Documents submitted through this process will become part of EPA's official record.
- EPA has revised the RAIN to remove the information pertaining to the disclaimer receipt e-mail mentioned in the original RAIN, which is now just an optional element depending on whether it is necessary based on the circumstances.

Recent EPA Recipient/Applicant Information Notices

- [EPA Requirements for Enrolling in the Automated Standard Application for Payments \(ASAP\) System and Disbursing EPA Funds Within 5 business Days of Drawdown](#)
- Revised 7/15/2020, this RAIN informs recipients and applicants of EPA's policy regarding the use of the ASAP system and disbursing funds promptly.
- Purpose of Revision: Grants financial transactions are processed by EPA's Research Triangle Park Finance Center since the closure of EPA's Las Vegas Finance Center.
- EPA's Research Triangle Park Finance Center: rtpfc-grants@epa.gov



Upcoming Research Grant Opportunities

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- [Research Grants Listserv](#) is available to receive notifications of new funding opportunities.
- [Center for Early Lifestage Vulnerabilities to Environmental Stressors](#) - Closes November 12, 2020
- Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-G2020-STAR-E1, Center for Early Lifestage Vulnerabilities to Environmental Stressors
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 66.509
- Solicitation Opening Date: *August 27, 2020*
Solicitation Closing Date: *November 12, 2020 : 11:59:59 pm Eastern Time*

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Notice of Intent

- Water Technology Innovation, Water Infrastructure, and Water Reuse Cooperative Agreement - Coming Soon
- Sources, fate, transport and effects of legacy nutrients across the landscape RFA - Coming Soon
- Facilitating Multi-state Adoption of Innovative Treatment Technologies for Very Small Drinking Water Systems - Coming Soon
- National Priorities: Evaluation of Pollutants in Biosolids - Coming Soon
- Measurement and Monitoring Methods for PFAS, EtO, and Other Existing and Emerging Air Toxics - Coming Soon
- Improved Methods for Assessing Viral Risk in Water Reuse - Coming Soon
- Interventions and Communication Strategies to Reduce Health Risks of Wildfire Smoke Exposures - Coming Soon

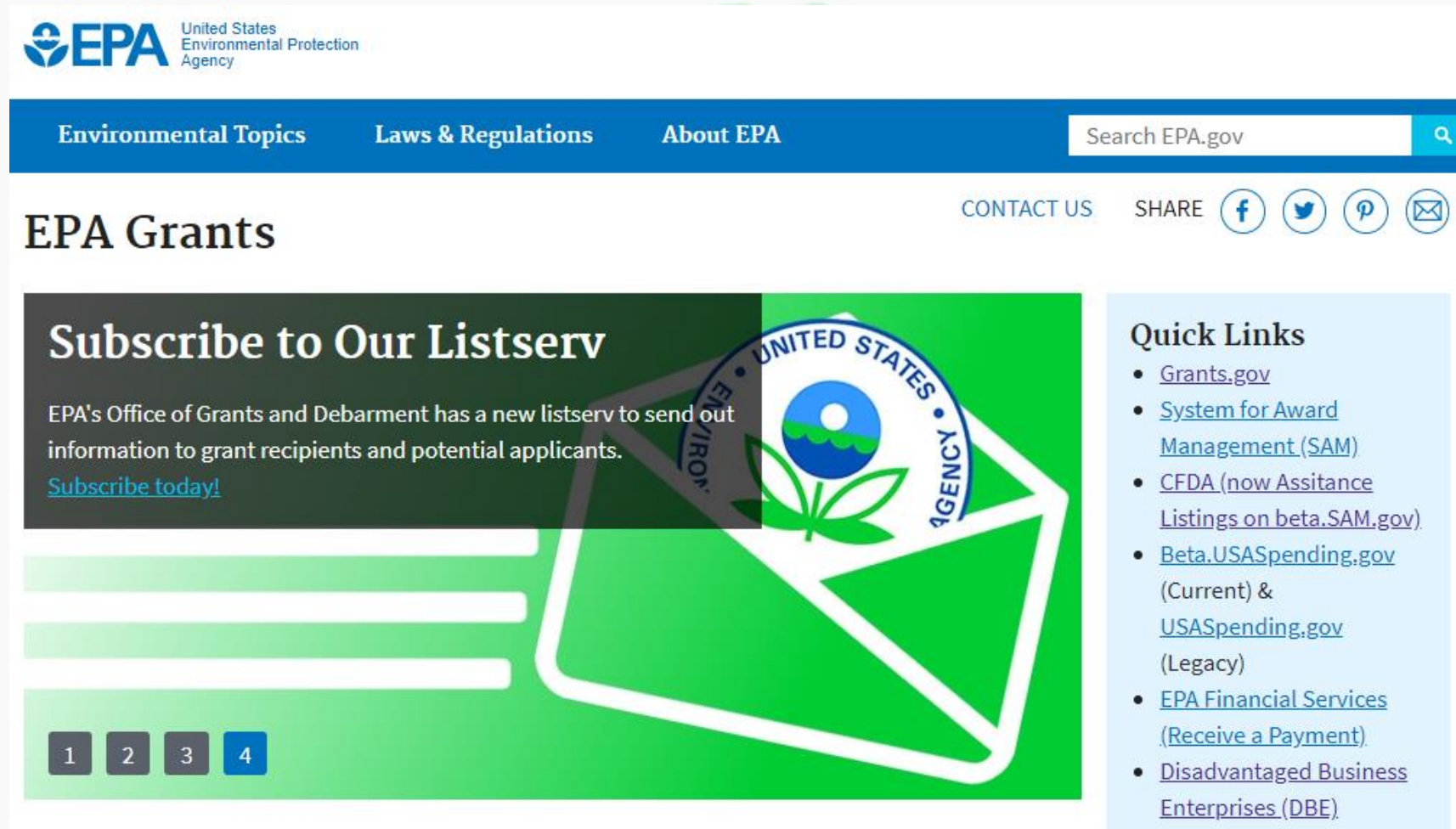
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- EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment uses this listserv to send out periodic updates about:
 - new guidance and information posted on our website
 - new trainings and webinars available to potential applicants and recipients
 - changes in grants management requirements
 - other pertinent general grants information
- Sign up at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/forms/subscribe-epa-grants-update-listserv>
- **UPDATE (9/1/20): The EPA Grants Update Listserv is currently experiencing technical difficulties.** Please be aware that no notifications are currently being sent out through the Listserv, with subscription capabilities temporarily down. Once the Listserv is fully operational again, we will resume sending notifications. In the meantime, please check our [EPA Grants Policy Resources](#) page for EPA grants policy updates.





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- [CFDA \(now Assistance Listings on beta.SAM.gov\)](#)
- [Beta.USASpending.gov \(Current\) & USASpending.gov \(Legacy\)](#)
- [EPA Financial Services \(Receive a Payment\)](#)
- [Disadvantaged Business Enterprises \(DBE\)](#)

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