

§ 3015.90

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(2) The frequency for submitting reimbursement requests is treated in § 3015.104.

(b) *Construction grants paid by letter of credit or Treasury check advance.* (1) When a construction grant or a cooperative agreement is paid by letter of credit or Treasury check advances, the recipient shall report its outlays to the awarding agency using Standard Form 271, Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs. The awarding agency will provide any necessary special instructions. However, frequency and due date shall be governed by § 3015.82 (c) and (d).

(2) When a construction grant or cooperative agreement is paid by Treasury check advances based on periodic requests from the recipient, the advances shall be requested on the form specified in § 3015.84.

(3) The awarding agency may substitute the Financial Status Report specified in § 3015.82 for the Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement.

(c) *Accounting basis.* The accounting basis for the Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs shall be governed by § 3015.82(b).

Subpart K—Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance

§ 3015.90 Scope.

This subpart establishes procedures for monitoring and reporting program performance of recipients. These procedures place responsibility on recipients to manage the day-to-day operations of their grant and subgrant supported activities.

§ 3015.91 Monitoring by recipients.

Recipients shall monitor the performance of grant and subgrant-supported activities to assure that performance goals are being achieved. Recipient monitoring shall cover each program, function, or activity.

§ 3015.92 Performance reports.

(a) *Nonconstruction.* The awarding agency shall, if it decides that performance information available from subsequent applications contains sufficient information to meet its programmatic

needs, require the recipient to submit a performance report only upon expiration or termination of grant support. Unless waived by the awarding agency this report will be due on the same date as the final Financial Status Report (as provided in § 3015.82 (d) and (e)).

(1) Recipients shall submit annual performance reports unless the awarding agency requires quarterly or semi-annual reports or unless covered under paragraph (a) of this section. Annual reports shall be due 90 days after the grant year; quarterly or semi-annual reports shall be due 30 days after the reporting period. The final performance report shall be due 90 days after the expiration or termination of grant support. If a justified request is submitted by a recipient, the awarding agency may extend the due date for any performance report. Additionally, requirements for unnecessary performance reports may be waived by the awarding agency.

(2) Performance reports shall contain, for each grant, brief information on the following:

(i) A comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period. Where the output of the project can be readily expressed in numbers, a computation of the cost per unit of output may be required if that information will be useful.

(ii) The reasons for slippage if established goals were not met.

(iii) Additional pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.

(3) Recipients shall not be required to submit more than the original and two copies of performance reports.

(4) Recipients shall adhere to the standards in paragraph (a) of this section in prescribing performance reporting requirements for subrecipients.

(b) *Construction.* For the most part, on-site technical inspections and certified percentage-of-completion data are relied on heavily by awarding agencies to monitor progress under construction grants and subgrants. The awarding agency shall require additional formal performance reports only when considered necessary, and never more frequently than quarterly.