

June 4, 2026

Subject: Proposed OMB Federal Financial Assistance Rule: Request for Comment
Period Extension

Dear AGI Federation Leaders,

We are writing to flag a significant proposed rule from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding federal financial assistance. The proposal would revise the government-wide framework for federal grants, cooperative agreements, and other forms of federal financial assistance, including the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200. OMB states that the purpose of the proposal is to improve transparency, accountability, oversight, and consistency across federal awards. Comments are currently due by July 13, 2026.

Because the proposal would revise the government-wide rules governing federal grants, cooperative agreements, and other forms of federal financial assistance, it may have significant implications for the scientific enterprise, including AGI member societies, universities, state agencies, research institutions, and partner organizations that receive federal funds or work closely with federally funded programs.

Concerns being raised across the science community include potential effects on merit review, agency discretion, international collaboration, allowable costs, indirect cost treatment, publication support, and the administration of federally funded research and education activities. Critics are concerned that the proposed rules could politicize research and alter key aspects of federal science funding, including peer review and international collaboration.

At this stage, AGI is not asking members to take a specific substantive position on every element of the proposal. However, given the scope and complexity of the rule, we believe it is important for scientific organizations and federal grant recipients to review the proposal carefully and consider submitting comments. Even if the rule is ultimately finalized, the comments submitted during this process are critically important. They help create the administrative record, identify practical impacts, document sector-specific concerns, and may be highly relevant in any future legal or administrative challenge to the final rule.

We encourage AGI member societies and affiliates to consider requesting that OMB extend the public comment period by 60 days. The current comment window is short relative to the breadth of the proposed changes and the number of organizations, institutions, and programs that may be affected. Additional time would allow the scientific community to provide more careful, specific, and constructive feedback.

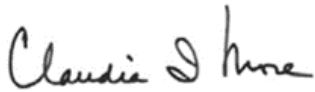
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For reference, we include links to the Federal Register notice and comment page, and recent coverage from Science and Nature. For those who wish to contact elected representatives, the official House and Senate websites provide links to member offices and contact forms.

- Federal Register [notice](#) and [comment submission](#)
- [Science article](#)
- [Nature article](#)
- Contact U.S. House offices: "[Find Your Representative](#)"
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Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Best regards,



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President



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