

2026 Grants Manual Crosswalk: Key Changes for Grantees

Major Changes at a Glance

For grantees, the most significant changes in the 2026 Grants Manual are:

- **Risk Assessment:** Shared risk calculation details and automatic elevated-risk designation for first-time grantees.
- **Risk-Based Monitoring:** Clarification on desk monitoring and other oversight activities; As determined by a grantee's risk status.
- **Monthly Reporting:** Reimbursement requests and program performance reports are monthly; Grant Related Income retains quarterly references.
- **Expanded Evaluation:** Clarified outcome measurement, data collection, data quality, participant follow-up, IRB review, and evaluation reporting.
- **Accessibility:** Updated requirements for accessible documents, websites, digital content, and multimedia.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** New standards establish grantee responsibility for reviewing, verifying, and appropriately using AI-assisted work.

Key Changes by Chapter

Chapter	Key Changes	What This Means for Grantees
1. About TCDD	Updated TCDD mission, DD Act authority, ACL funding, State Plan activities, non-supplanting, and timely obligation requirements.	Explains how projects support advocacy, capacity building, and systems change, align with the RFA and State Plan, and use funds within the grant period.
2. Federal Regulations, Definitions, and Resources	Updated federal requirements to reference 2 CFR Parts 200 and 300, HHS and ACL terms, and grant administration resources.	Clarifies grantee responsibility for compliance and identifies staff support, the eCFR, match calculator, and poverty-county resources.

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3. Administrative Requirements and Grantee Responsibilities	Updated documentation, conflict-of-interest, disclosure, accessibility, procurement, social media acknowledgment, and AI governance requirements.	Grantees must ensure accessible products, acknowledge funding, tag TCDD on social media, obtain product approval, and substantially review and edit AI-assisted materials.
4. Grant Agreement	Clarified project revisions, organizational updates, key-personnel separation of duties, and no-cost extension approvals.	Processes and procedures provided for requesting changes to an approved project workplan and budget.
5. Assurances, Grant Terms and Conditions	Updated assurances, eligibility information, application documentation requirements, certifications, and federal terms and conditions.	Provides details on required documentation and assurances consistent with current requirements. Updated links to current federal requirements to ensure compliance with anti-lobbying, product citations, and other conditions. See the Appendix for additional information on assurances.
6. Project Advisory Committee	Clarified that PACs are optional and updated membership, meeting, reimbursement, and documentation guidance.	Grantees using a PAC should document membership and meetings and support any related reimbursement or match.

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7. Grant Budget	Clarified cost principles, procurement, match, allocation, and revisions; updated equipment and indirect-cost thresholds and added leveraged resource guidance.	Apply the \$10,000 equipment threshold or lower capitalization limit and eligible de minimis rate up to 15% of MTDC. Document costs and match; keep program income and leveraged resources separate from required match.
8. Audit Requirements	Expanded guidance on audit compliance, including updated thresholds, audit types, exemptions, risk assessments, and submission requirements.	Provides updated guidance on audits, including who must obtain an audit, when exemptions apply, and how audit information must be submitted to TCDD.
9. Required Reporting	Updated monitoring and performance oversight requirements and changes to reporting schedule.	Grantees will submit required program and performance information monthly rather than quarterly.
10. Grant Monitoring and Oversight	Additional detail provided on risk assessment requirements and established monitoring activities based on grantee risk status, including desk monitoring. Clarified special grant conditions and monitoring documentation.	Processes and procedures provided for calculating risk assessment and additional documentation needed for monitoring based on level of risk status.
11. Data Collection and Evaluation	Clarification on project evaluation framework, including outcome measurement, data quality, confidentiality, and evaluation reporting requirements.	Processes and procedures for data collection, evaluation, and submission are provided in compliance with new federal direction.