

OMB Circulars and Guidance

§ 215.29

Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.”

(b) State and local governments shall be subject to the audit requirements contained in the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501-7507) and revised OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.”

(c) For-profit hospitals not covered by the audit provisions of revised OMB Circular A-133 shall be subject to the audit requirements of the Federal awarding agencies.

(d) Commercial organizations shall be subject to the audit requirements of the Federal awarding agency or the prime recipient as incorporated into the award document.

§ 215.27 Allowable costs.

For each kind of recipient, there is a set of Federal principles for determining allowable costs. Allowability of costs shall be determined in accordance with the cost principles applicable to the entity incurring the costs. Thus, allowability of costs incurred by State, local or federally-recognized Indian tribal governments is determined in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 225, “Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments (OMB Circular A-87).” The allowability of costs incurred by non-profit organizations is determined in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 230, “Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations (OMB Circular A-122).” The allowability of costs incurred by institutions of higher education is determined in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 220, “Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (OMB Circular A-21).” The allowability of costs incurred by hospitals is determined in accordance with the provisions of Appendix E of 45 CFR part 74, “Principles for Determining Costs Applicable to Research and Development Under Grants and Contracts with Hospitals.” The allowability of costs incurred by commercial organizations and those non-profit organizations listed in Attachment C to Circular A-122 is determined in accordance with the provisions

of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) at 48 CFR part 31.

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§ 215.28 Period of availability of funds.

Where a funding period is specified, a recipient may charge to the grant only allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the funding period and any pre-award costs authorized by the Federal awarding agency.

§ 215.29 Conditional exemptions.

(a) OMB authorizes conditional exemption from OMB administrative requirements and cost principles circulars for certain Federal programs with statutorily-authorized consolidated planning and consolidated administrative funding, that are identified by a Federal agency and approved by the head of the Executive department or establishment. A Federal agency shall consult with OMB during its consideration of whether to grant such an exemption.

(b) To promote efficiency in State and local program administration, when Federal non-entitlement programs with common purposes have specific statutorily-authorized consolidated planning and consolidated administrative funding and where most of the State agency’s resources come from non-Federal sources, Federal agencies may exempt these covered State-administered, non-entitlement grant programs from certain OMB grants management requirements. The exemptions would be from:

(1) The requirements in 2 CFR part 225, “Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments (OMB Circular A-87)” other than the allocability of costs provisions that are contained in subsection C.3 of Appendix A to that part;

(2) The requirements in 2 CFR part 220, “Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (OMB Circular A-21)” other than the allocability of costs provisions that are contained in paragraph C.4 in section C of the Appendix to that part;

(3) The requirements in 2 CFR part 230, “Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations (OMB Circular A-122)”