

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget is privileged to share, for public comment and review, the DRAFT Proposed Rule Recommendations of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA).

Several years ago, the Grantee Community started an initiative to remove redundancies and streamline the grant process for the State's human service agencies. As a result, the Legislature passed Public Act 96-1141 requiring recommendations to address inefficiencies and redundancies, and to limit fraud and abuse. The recommendations were the basis of additional legislation, P.A. 97-0558, that created the Management Improvement Initiative Committee (MIIC) effective August 25, 2011. The MIIC recommended that the State follow the Federal grant rules, since the majority of grants issued in the State were Federally-funded or were used as matching, in-kind or maintenance-of-effort as a condition of Federal funding.

Following the MIIC recommendations, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act has overarching goals of eliminating duplicative grant requirements and reducing administrative burdens while increasing accountability and transparency. To this end, the draft rule recommendations, the result of Phase 1 – Rule Making of the implementation of the GATA, are guided by the following principles:

- ❖ **Uniformity.** Every effort is being made to maintain a uniform process throughout the entire grant life cycle by leveraging the new Federal guidance in 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Requirements). This will help eliminate redundant grant requirements and reduce administrative burden. Keep in mind that the proposed rules
  - Can be more, but not less, stringent than 2 CFR 200, so we need to determine if additional requirements need to be added;
  - Need to be flexible so that they can be modified in the future, as part of the on-going monitoring and assessment;
  - Should build in flexibility to recognize the unique requirement of individual grant programs.
  
- ❖ **Optimization of resources.** Coordination of grant-monitoring activities will increase the efficient and effective use of scarce resources.

The Notice of Adoption for Administrative Rules based on 2 CFR 200 that are applicable to Federal, Federal pass-through and State awards that do not allow for flexibility was published in the August 7, 2015 issue of the Illinois Register. Over the last several months, these rules have been reviewed and analyzed by more than 200 volunteers from the Grantee Community and State agencies, that staff 7 GATA subcommittees and 15 Workgroups. We are now requesting your review and input on the work that resulted from these Subcommittees and Workgroups.

Keeping the GATA's goals and guiding principles in mind, please review the following Draft Proposed Rules and share with your comments or questions with us. You can submit comments and question to [OMB.GATA@Illinois.gov](mailto:OMB.GATA@Illinois.gov). Please submit all comments and question by **October 7, 2015**. Your questions will be added to GATA's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and be posted on GATA's webpage so that everyone can stay up-to-date on the draft rule recommendations.

Thank you for your participation in this effort.