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# 2026 Grants Policy Checkup

## 2026 Healthy Grants Workshop

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# Agenda

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- ✓ **Grants Policy Updates**
- ✓ **Demo of HRSA's Manage Your Grant Website**
- ✓ **NOFO Application Guide**



# Poll Question - Getting to Know You

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**Are you representing the fiscal side or the programmatic side of your organization?**

- Fiscal
- Programmatic
- Other

**How many years of experience do you have in your grant role?**

- 0-1 year
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11 or more years



# HHS Adopted 2 CFR Part 200

- **December 2014** – HHS codified 2 CFR part 200 at 45 CFR part 75.
- **2020, 2024** – OMB updated 2 CFR part 200.
- **October 1, 2024** – HHS adopted eight flexibilities from 2 CFR part 200 and continued using 45 CFR part 75.
- **October 1, 2025** – HHS rescinded 45 CFR part 75, adopted 2 CFR 200 entirely, and retained 12 HHS-specific modifications at 2 CFR part 300.
- **Spring 2026** – OMB is revising 2 CFR 200 again.



# Poll Question - 2 CFR 200

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## When did HRSA fully adopt 2 CFR 200?

- October 1, 2025
- January 1, 2013
- Not sure



# HHS Grants Policy Statement (GPS)

- **Role:** Outlines the essential legal and regulatory rules governing all HHS awards.
- **Most recent version effective date:** October 1, 2025; planned update: 2026
- **Key Changes & Updates:**
  - 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 300 (replaced 45 CFR 75); plain language
  - Updated salary rate limitations (both direct and indirect costs).
  - Revised language requiring certification of compliance with all federal non-discrimination laws.
  - Added Appendix D to align administrative and national policy requirements with current administration priorities.



# HRSA Terms and Conditions

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- **HRSA General Terms and Conditions:**
  - Standard rules that apply to almost all HRSA discretionary awards
  - Included in every notice of award.
- **Revised:**
  - Last update March 2026
  - See [HRSA's Manage Your Grant Website](#)



# HHS Legislative Mandates

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- **Statutory Limitations:**
  - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (P.L. 119-75) – restrictions on lobbying, salary cap, the use of funds for specific medical procedures, acknowledgement of funding, and more.
- **Comprehensive List:**
  - [HRSA's Manage Your Grant Website](#)
- **Any substantive change from last version (FY 2024)?**
  - New section: Restriction on Disseminating False or Misleading Information (Section 515(b))



# Poll Question - General Terms and Conditions

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## HRSA General Terms and Conditions apply to almost:

- All awards
- Only research awards
- Only MCHB awards
- Not sure



# HHS Salary Rate Limitation

- **Statutory Salary Limitation:**

- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (P.L. 119-75) – restricts the amount of direct and indirect salary chargeable to HHS grants and contracts to the Executive Level II of the Federal Executive Pay Scale.

- **Amount:**

- \$228,000 effective 1/1/26

- **Application:**

- Applies to all individuals including contractors and consultants



# Acquisition Threshold Changes

- **Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT)**
  - From \$250,000 to \$350,000
- **Micro-Purchase Threshold (MPT)**
  - From \$10,000 to \$15,000, unless self-certify to \$50,000 as provided under 2 CFR 200.320
- **Effective October 1, 2025 (see [FAR 2.101](#))**
  - Update your procurement policies and procedures to reflect change



# Poll Question - Acquisition Threshold

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## What is the new Simplified Acquisition Threshold?

- \$250,000
- \$500,000
- \$350,000

# Assistance Listing Updates

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- **One Program Per Assistance Listing:**
  - OMB now requires one program per assistance listings
  - Therefore, HRSA created 19 new assistance listing numbers
- **New numbering**
  - To accommodate the additional assistance listing numbers, starting late 2025, OMB changed the numbering from only numbers to alphanumeric characters
  - For example: 93.527→93.14A

# Poll Question - Sam.gov & Grants.gov

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- **Do you review assistance listings on Sam.gov?**
  - Yes
  - No
- **When looking for an award to apply for, do you search by assistance listing on grants.gov?**
  - Yes
  - No



# Website Demo

## HRSA's Manage Your Grant Website

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Become a Grant Reviewer

Policies, Regulations, and Guidance

Learn more about the important [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) updates](#) that went into effect on October 1, 2024.

Policies, regulations, and guidance provide a consistent standard for HRSA grant recipients. Follow these when applying for, and managing, a grant.

General terms and conditions

Review the [March updates to the FY26 General Terms and Conditions](#) (PDF - 602 KB) and the [March summary of changes](#) (PDF - 139 KB) – Posted March 11, 2026

Review the [January updates to the FY26 General Terms and Conditions](#) (PDF - 78 KB) and the [January summary of changes](#) (PDF - 24 KB) – Posted January 15, 2026

Review the [FY26 General Terms and Conditions](#) (PDF - 216 KB) and a [summary of the changes](#) (PDF - 166 KB).

Review the [July updates to the FY25 General Terms and Conditions](#) (PDF - 407 KB) and the [July summary of the changes](#) (PDF - 194 KB). – Posted July 25, 2025

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# HRSA Application Guide - Poll Questions

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**Have you previously used or reviewed the HRSA Application Guide to apply for an award?**

- Yes
- No

**Was it easy to navigate and understand?**

- Yes
- No

**Did it help you bridge the gap between the NOFO requirements and your application preparations?**

- Yes
- No



# New: How to Apply - HRSA Application Guide

**Announcing** the May 2026 release of the redesigned HRSA Application Guide, now referred to as the ***How to Apply – Application Guide!***

The Application Guide serves as a companion document to HRSA notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs).

This major update replaces the existing HRSA Standard and Research & Related (R&R) Application Guides, merging them into one, easy-to-navigate document.



# On the Road to a New Application Guide

## Why develop a new HRSA Application Guide?

Here's what our applicants asked for:

**Clearer  
Steps**

**Less  
repetition**

**Easier access  
to critical  
information**

**Intuitive  
structure**



# On the Road to a New Application Guide cont'd.

Here's how HRSA responded:

**Strengthened  
Clarity**

**Simpler  
Design**

**Consolidated  
Content**



# How to Apply - Application Guide Redesigned

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## New 6-Step Process:

The guide is now organized into a clear 6-step process aligned with the NOFO.

- ☐ Step 1: Review the Opportunity
- ☐ Step 2: Get Ready to Apply
- ☐ Step 3: Build Your Application
- ☐ Step 4: Understand Review, Selection, and Award
- ☐ Step 5: Submit your Application
- ☐ Step 6: Learn What Happens After Award



# How to Apply - Application Guide Improvements



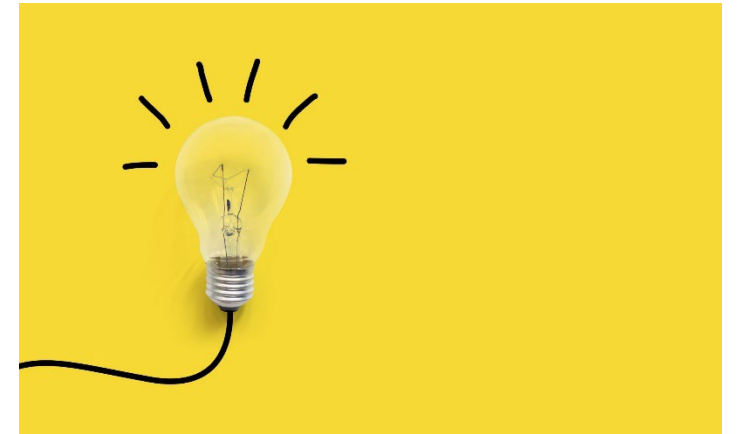
## ■ Key Improvements

- ✓ Plain, simpler language
- ✓ Reduced footprint – more than **50% reduction in length**
- ✓ Streamlined content, reducing duplication
- ✓ Easier access to critical information
- ✓ Improved navigation and information flow
- ✓ Faster for applicants to review
- ✓ Succinctly supplements the NOFO Template

# How to Apply - Application Guide Updates

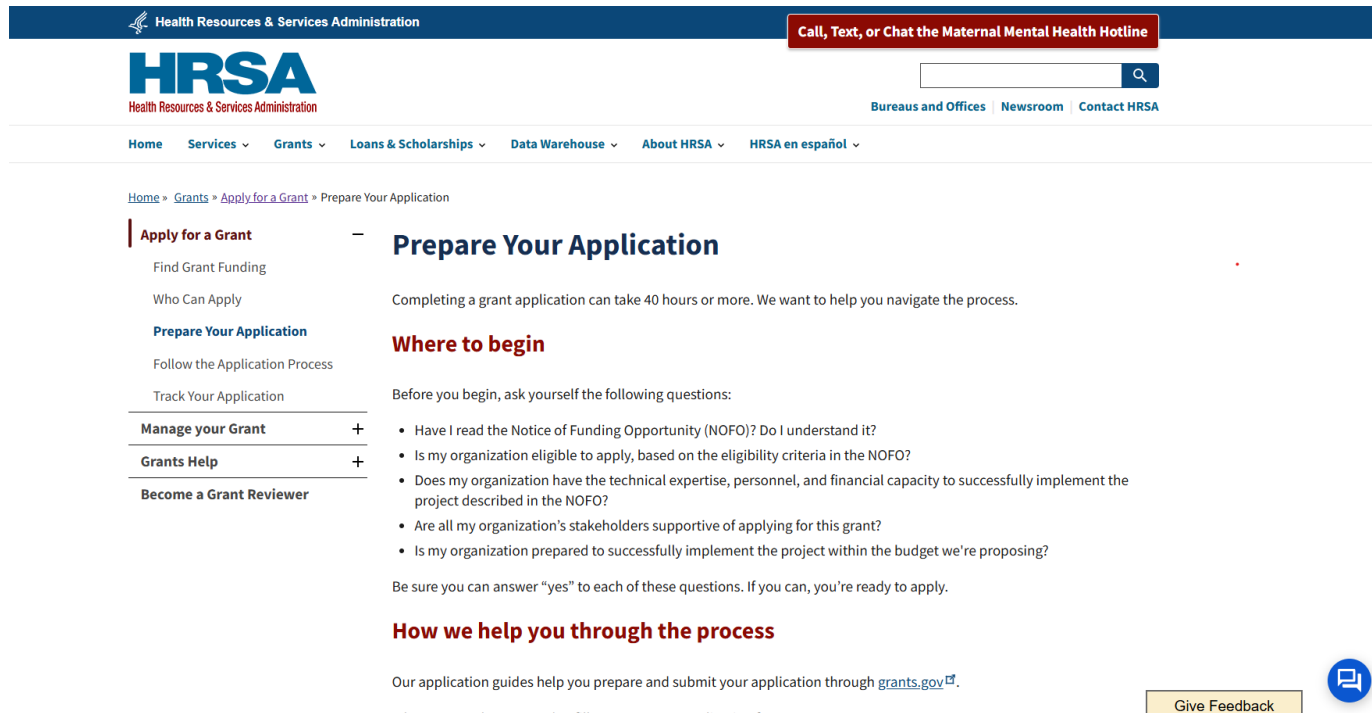
## ■ Key Updates

- ❖ New Appendix with R&R specific instructions
- ❖ Adoption of 2 CFR 200
- ❖ Updated Salary Rate Limitation
- ❖ Updated link to the HHS Grants Policy Statement
- ❖ Instructions and links to Grants.gov forms



# Find the How to Apply - HRSA Application Guide

The How to Apply - Application Guide is directly hyperlinked within your NOFOs and available on [HRSA's Prepare Your Application webpage](#).



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- Prepare Your Application**
- Follow the Application Process
- Track Your Application

**Manage your Grant** +

**Grants Help** +

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## Prepare Your Application

Completing a grant application can take 40 hours or more. We want to help you navigate the process.

### Where to begin

Before you begin, ask yourself the following questions:

- Have I read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)? Do I understand it?
- Is my organization eligible to apply, based on the eligibility criteria in the NOFO?
- Does my organization have the technical expertise, personnel, and financial capacity to successfully implement the project described in the NOFO?
- Are all my organization's stakeholders supportive of applying for this grant?
- Is my organization prepared to successfully implement the project within the budget we're proposing?

Be sure you can answer "yes" to each of these questions. If you can, you're ready to apply.

### How we help you through the process

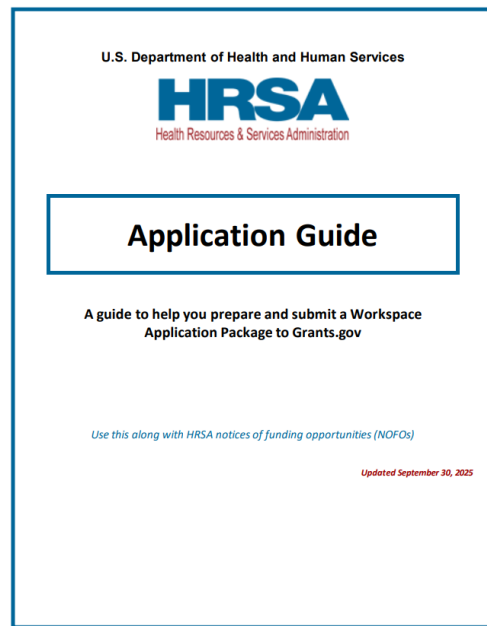
Our application guides help you prepare and submit your application through [grants.gov](#).

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# How to Apply - Application Guide Demo

## OLD HRSA Standard Application Guide



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## NEW HRSA Combined Application Guide



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