



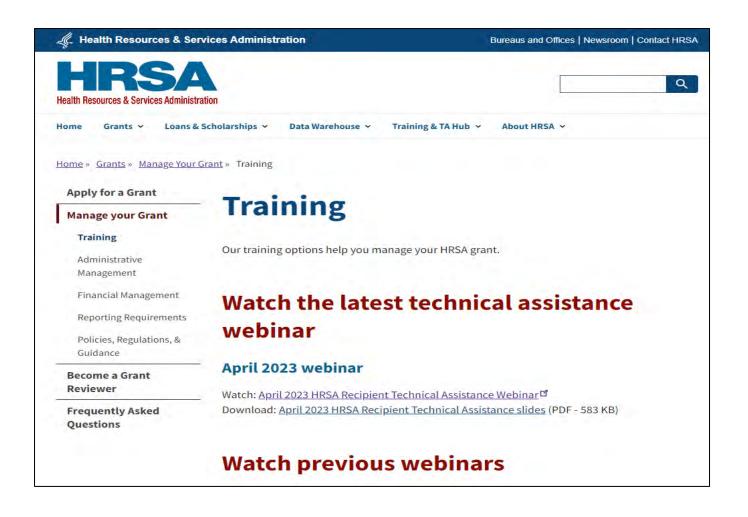
# OFAM Recipient Technical Assistance October 18, 2023

Office of Federal Assistance Management (OFAM)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



# **Today's Presentation Location**



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HRSA public
website





# **Agenda**

- Recap Responsibilities
- Noncompeting Continuation (NCC)
   New Key Contact/Principal Form
- NOFO Simplification
- Closeout
- Helpful Hints
- Resources
- Questions & Answers







## **Applicant Responsibilities**

- Understand Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and HHS Grant Policies
- Develop applicant policies compliant with Federal Requirements
- Review Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for HRSA program requirements
- Fully complete all required forms





### **The Certification Process**

21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)



\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:





### Recipient Responsibilities

- Develop and implement policies compliant with Federal Regulations
- Ensure organizational policies are updated, employee training and knowledge of Federal and organizational policies, identify best practices
- Use resources (SAM.gov)
- Provide complete information and respond timely to HRSA requests for information
- Read and understand Notice of Award
- Communicate with Grants Management Specialist/Program Officer





# **Critical Recipient Responsibility**

#### **Managing Recipient Information:**

- Provide Complete and up to date contacts
- Always provide as much information as possible
- Respond timely to HRSA requests for information

#### **Electronic Hand Book (EHB) Access:**

Assign, monitor, and update EHB users

#### 3 Roles:

- Authorizing Official
- Project Director
- Business Official

#### **Determine who receives Notice of Awards**





# **Updating and Managing EHB Users**

Managing Profile Information:
 Visit HRSA.gov Help

Interactive Videos:
 Visit HRSA.gov Help Interactive
 Videos







# Suspension and Debarment Overview

# 2 CFR 180 and HHS 2 CFR Part 376

Safeguard federal funds, prevent poor performance, fraud, waste and abuse

Ensures federal government does business with responsible entities and individuals

An organization and/or an individual designated as a principal may be excluded from receiving or participating in federal government transactions

Government Transaction: Grants, cooperative agreements, scholarships, fellowships, loans, insurance programs and contracts.





# **Key Contact Principal Form**

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### **Important Terms**

#### **Principal** 2 CFR § 180.995

- A person with management or supervisory responsibilities; or
- A consultant or other person, who is in a position to:
  - handle federal funds;
  - influence or control the use of those funds; or
  - occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction

Per 2 CFR § 376.995

Individuals who participate in HHS covered transactions, including:

- Providers of federally required audit services; and
- Researchers





# **Important Terms (Cont.)**

#### **Key personnel:**

- Principal Investigator/Project Director (PI/PD) and
- Other Individuals:
  - who contribute to the programmatic development or
  - execution of a project or program

in a substantive, measurable way, whether or not they receive salaries or compensation under the award.

#### **Additional personnel:**

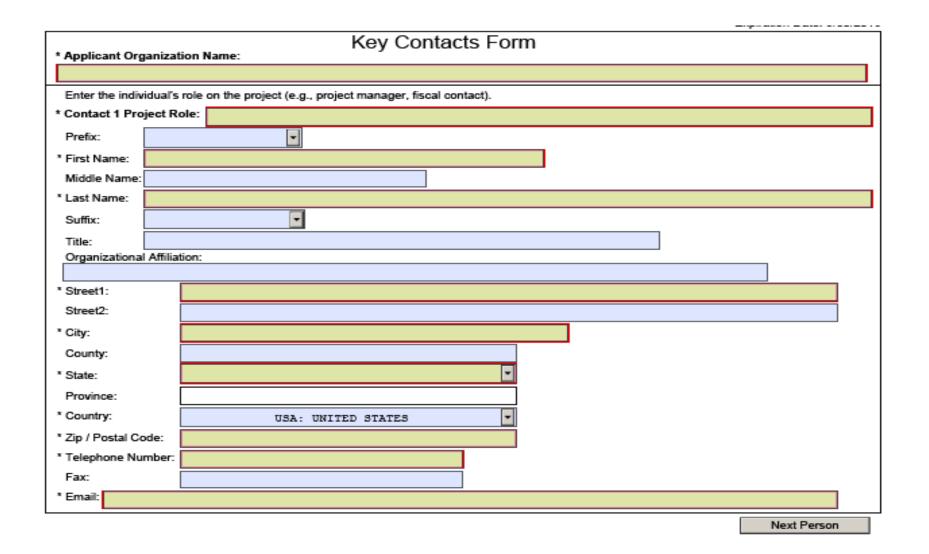
- Critical to the project
- their removal or absence from the project would have a significant impact

Identified by HRSA in a Term on the Notice of Award

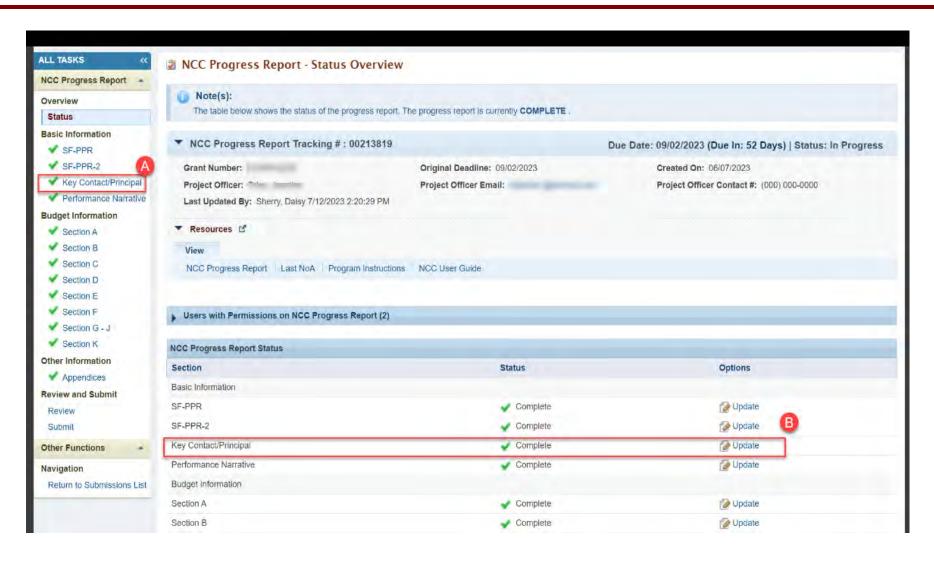




# **Key Contact Form Required**



# Noncompeting Continuation Progress Report (NCC-PR) Key Contact/Principal Form



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- NCC Progress Reports (NCC-PR) available after 8/24/2023
- Now Part of the Basic Information Section of the NCC-PR submission
- Principals will be pre-populated
- Project Director/Principal Investigator must always be on Key/Contact Form

#### **Action Needed:**

- Recognize the different Roles: Principals and Key Personnel
- Read NCC-PR Instructions
- Review list of Names Add; Delete or Edit the Key Contact/Principal Form
- Include ALL Principals involved in the Project
- Provide as much information on the form as possible
- Review SAM.gov for any Principal personnel
- Certify or explain non-certification in "Other Relevant Documents" attachment
- <u>Visit HRSA's public web site</u> for resources





# Noncompeting Continuation Progress Report (NCC-PR) and Prior Approval Request for Key Personnel

- NCC-PR may not be used to report required Prior Approval items
- Change in Key Personnel requires
  - A Prior Approval Request (PAR) submitted in EHB
  - HRSA review and approval
  - HRSA reply -- Revised Notice of Award or email









# Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Simplification Initiative

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# HHS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Simplification Process

**Foundation:** 1/20/21 Executive Order 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities

- Whole-of-government equity agenda that matches the scale of opportunities and challenges.
- Systematic approach to embedding fairness in decision-making processes by readdressing inequities in current policies and programs that serve as barriers to equal opportunities.
- Create opportunities for the improvement of communities that have been historically underserved.

#### **Advancing Equity:** Visit <u>Advancing Equity at HHS</u>

#### **NOFO** Initiative:

- Opportunities more accessible, readable
- Develop a NOFO prototype
- Reduce applicant burden
- Improve Grants.gov





# HRSA's New Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Format

**Supports HHS's Efforts to Increase Equity** 

Addresses HHS priority areas and advances HRSA's mission

#### **HRSA streamlined NOFO**

- Focus on plain language Uses first person = "We" instead of "HRSA"
- Simple Headings Shorter sentences Bulleted or numbered lists

#### Reduces applicant burden





# **HRSA's Equity in Grants**

#### **Means:**

- Making the opportunity for Federal Financial Assistance equally available to:
  - All eligible applicants
  - Diversify the successful applicant pool
  - Encourage new ideas
  - Enter hard to reach communities

Ultimately equity in grants will help us achieve health equity





#### **HRSA's NOFOs**

#### **Expect more than 90 NOFO's for FY2024**

As of 9/22/2023 - Total of 79 Forecasted: 9 are posted and currently accepting applications



#### **HHS Priority Areas:**

- COVID-19
- Environment as it relates to climate change and health disparities/equity
- Equity in HHS Service Delivery (racial, LGBTQ)
- New Tribal Communities
- Reproductive Health/Family Planning/teen pregnancy initiatives
- Refugee/Immigration/unaccompanied children
- Maternal Health
- Mental Health
- SUD/Opioids





# Closeout

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#### 2 CFR 200.344 Closeout

#### 9/15/2023 Federal Register Notice – Change in Federal Award Closeout Provisions

- Timeline Changes:
  - Increase the number of days from 90 to 120 calendar days after the end of the period of performance
    - ✓ For recipients to liquidate all financial obligations and
    - ✓ submit closeout reports
  - HRSA must close within 1 year of the period of performance end date

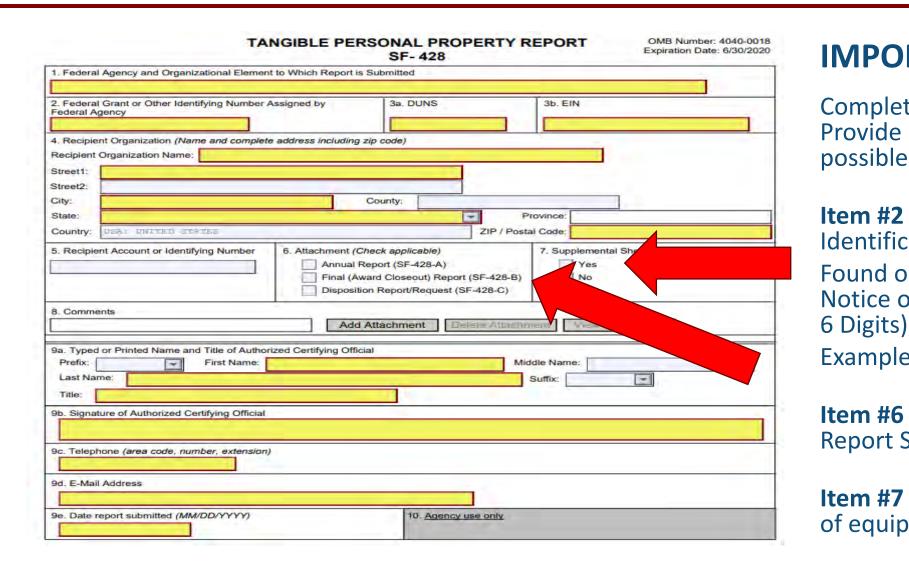
#### **IMPACT:**

**Recipient:** Benefit of more time to comply with closeout requirement; Increased responsibility for time reporting

**HRSA:** Required to close within a year; close using available information and report non-compliant recipients to FAPIIS

Visit Federal Register Notice

# **SF-428 Tangible Personal Property Report**



#### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

Complete all required boxes – Provide as much information as possible

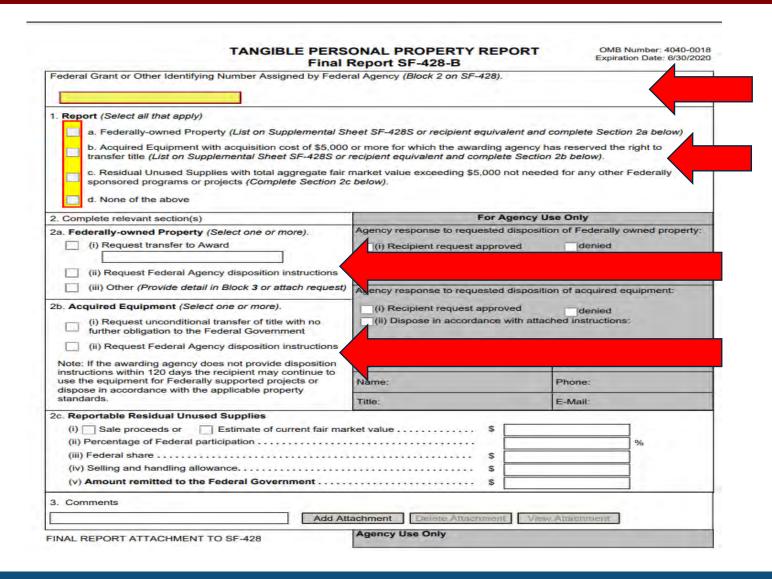
Item #2 – Use Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) Found on the Top Right of your Notice of Award (2 Letters and

Example: PO123456

**Item #6** – Final Award Closeout Report SF-428-B

**Item #7** – Yes, if providing a listing of equipment

# **Tangible Personal Property Report Final Report SF-428-B**



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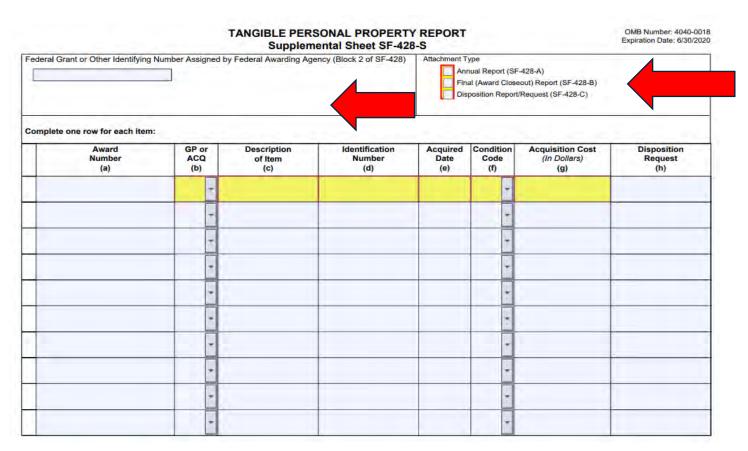
**USE FAIN** 

**#1.** At least 1 box must be checked If a. is selected, SF-428S must be completed and 2a below. If b. is selected, SF-428S must be completed and 2b below If d. is selected; no additional forms are necessary.

#2a. At least 1 box must be checked.

**#2b.** Only ii can be selected. HRSA need not response. See Note: Recipient may continue to use equipment for federal projects. Grey Agency Box is for HRSA.

# Tangible Personal Property Report Supplemental Sheet SF-428-S



You may include a statement addressing supplies. Example: We have no unused supplies exceeding \$5,000.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

**USE FAIN** 

Select Final Award Closeout Report

**Equipment:** Nonexpendable personal property whose original acquisition cost exceeded \$5,000) purchased with these awards funds. Final inventory must list all purchased equipment >\$5,000.

**Supplies**: Aggregate value over \$5,000.

List any unused supplies that have an aggregate value over \$5,000.





# **Reminders and Helpful Hints**

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# Help Us Help You

- Provide as much information as possible
  - Following Instructions for Required Forms
  - Grant Number
  - Full Contact information Name and email
- Monitor grant funds
  - The Payment Management Services is not part of HRSA.
    PMS User Guide: <u>Visit the PMS public site</u>
  - Obligate funds as soon as possible; paying attention to the projects budget period end dates
  - Timely and Accurate FFRs
- Keep EHB Contact Information Current
- Stay Informed
  - Review your Notice of Award timely
  - Resources





## **Topic Ideas**

Do you have a topic you would like to see presented during an upcoming TA call?

Email us your ideas!







### **Contact and Technical Assistance Information**

- HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHB) Call (877) 464-4772, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST
- Visit the EHBs Help and Ticketing System
- Grants Management Specialist or Program Officer listed on your Notice of Award (NOA)
- Visit Bureau of Primary Health Care or call 1-877-974-2742
- <u>Visit Payment Management Services (PMS)</u> or call 877-614-5533



# Resources, EHB Help and Knowledge Base

- Visit Manage Your Grant
- Watch Interactive EHBVideos







### **HRSA Grants Training Webinars**



Visit the Healthy Grants Workshop page to see presentation slides and recordings of past sessions.





### **Questions and Answers**

If your question cannot be answered, during this session, your contact information will be gathered for follow-up response after the session.











# **Survey**





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