

NSF's Implementation of OMB Memorandum M-20-20: Repurposing Existing Federal Financial Assistance Programs and Awards to Support the Emergency Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Dear Colleagues:

The Foundation has issued [guidance on NSF's implementation](#) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum ([M-20-20](#)), entitled, *Repurposing Existing Federal Financial Assistance Programs and Awards to Support the Emergency Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)*.

NSF remains committed to working with the Administration, other federal agencies, and the research community to effectively respond to the COVID-19 national emergency.

This guidance is to implement the flexibility class exception authorized by OMB Memorandum [M-20-20](#) that allows Federal awarding agencies to repurpose their Federal assistance awards (in whole or part) to support the COVID-19 response, as consistent with applicable laws.

This will certainly help address questions that recipients may have regarding the donation of items/resources from NSF awards.

Any questions about the policies described in the NSF Guidance should be directed to policy@nsf.gov. Questions specific to a particular award should be directed to the cognizant NSF Program Officer.

NSF is working to update existing FAQs and other resources to reflect NSF's new guidance and will keep you informed on our website at: [nsf.gov/coronavirus](https://www.nsf.gov/coronavirus).

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