

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FEDERAL GRANT SUPPORT

(Stevens Amendment)

Originating Statute

The Defense Appropriations Act of 1986 (P. L. 100-463, Section 8136); Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts of 1990 and 1991 (P.L. 101-166 and 101-517, Section 511).

Background

This legislation was enacted to ensure that appropriate acknowledgment of Federal support was given by grantees. It is commonly referred to as the "Stevens Amendment" as the proponent was Senator Stevens of Alaska who was concerned that construction information signs for major highway projects did not note the source of funds.

Applicability

The requirements are applicable to all grants. PHS has also extended allowability to cooperative agreements. No flow-down provision is indicated.

Requirements

"When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, all grantees receiving Federal funds, including but not limited to State and local governments, shall clearly state (1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money, (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program, and (3) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources."

Sanctions for Non-Compliance

While no sanctions are listed, noncompliance could be considered a breach of responsibilities and result in termination, suspension, or debarment.

Minimum Compliance Action

Any press releases, requests for proposals or bids involving Federal funds should indicate the total project costs and the amount and percentage funded by the Federal government.