

Kane County Financial Policies	Grant Administration
	Amended by the County Board:

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

For the purpose of this policy, a grant is an award of financial assistance for which the County is subject to requirements imposed by the awarding agency. It is the intent of the County to seek and accept only those grants which will fund programs, projects and services that are in alignment with the County's mission. If a grant requires matching funds from the County, the source of funding must be authorized by the County Board prior to acceptance of the grant. If a grant obligates the County to maintain a program, service or property beyond the period funded by the grant, the source of funding for such ongoing maintenance must be identified and authorized by the County Board prior to acceptance of the grant.

The Finance Department shall be responsible for facilitating County-wide compliance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (UGG) issued in December 2013 by the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB). It is the intent of the County that these requirements shall apply to all grants administered by the County. Such requirements should be incorporated into the County's financial policies, procurement ordinance and ethics ordinance as appropriate. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the Finance Department must be provided with copies of all grant agreements prior to acceptance, along with a plan for how the revenue and expenditures will be accounted for. All transactions involving grants must be recorded in the County's financial system in the appropriate fund: General Fund, special revenue fund, or proprietary fund. Under no circumstances may transactions for grants received by the County be recorded in an agency fund or off-balance sheet account. In order to facilitate compliance with accounting, financial reporting and audit requirements, financial data related to a grant must be provided to the Finance Department upon request. The Finance Director shall notify the responsible department or office of any instances of non-compliance with this grant administration policy, and the office or department shall make the necessary adjustments required to achieve compliance.

All departments and offices receiving a grant shall submit a request for a budget amendment increasing the budget for revenue and expenditures in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement. The Finance Department shall review the request before it is submitted to the department's or office's parent committee for approval.

All departments and offices receiving grants involving sub-recipients must adhere to the County's sub-recipient monitoring policy and sub-recipient risk assessment checklist as established by the Finance Department in accordance with UGG requirements.

The office or department receiving a grant to fund the purchase of property or equipment is responsible for maintaining records for the property and equipment purchased. Property and equipment (excluding computer equipment) purchased with grant dollars must be tracked, maintained and disposed of in a proper manner. A record of property purchased with grant funds must include the description of the property, serial number (or other identifying number), source of the funding, title holder, acquisition date, purchase cost, percentage of grant funded participation, location, use and condition. At a minimum, the County must provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property and equipment that is acquired or improved with grant funds as provided to other property. A physical inventory is required to be taken annually of all grant funded property by the department having custody of the property. The disposition date and sales price (if applicable) must be recorded at time of disposal.

All departments and offices receiving grant funding for reimbursement of payroll expenses must adhere to the County's grant-related time and effort reporting policy as established by the Finance Department in accordance with UGG requirements and in coordination with the Payroll Department. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that adequate internal controls over time and effort reporting are in place so as to provide reasonable assurance that payroll expense charged to various grants match where actual time is spent. Finance will facilitate compliance with this requirement by providing standardized forms to document time and effort that includes the specific information required to link the time and effort reported to specific grants.

It is the intent of the County for grant applications to include a request for reimbursement of indirect cost utilizing the de minimus indirect cost rate of 10% even if the reimbursement of indirect cost does reduce the reimbursement for direct cost that otherwise would have been received.

Any decrease in grant funding of personnel expense must be accompanied by a corresponding decrease in headcount unless an alternative source of funding has been approved by the County Board.

Under the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR 200.113, any violations of law, fraud, or bribery in any federally funded grant program must be reported to the federal grantor agency or pass through entity. Be it known that failure to report such violations may result in remedies against the county, including suspension and debarment.