



# Research, Grants and Contracts



Using Subcontractors – The Process at Proposal and Award Stages

**Subrecipient vs. Contractor** 

**Subrecipient** is a non-Federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-thru entity for the purpose of carrying out programmatic activities under a Federal award.

**Contract** is for the purpose of obtaining goods or services for the non-Federal entity's own use and creates a procurement relationship with the contractor.

Under 2 CFR 200.92, the Uniform Guidance, *Subaward* means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of an award.

Following are characteristics of a subaward. The subrecipient:

- has responsibility for programmatic decision making
- contributes to the scholarly/scientific conduct of the project as described in the statement of work for the prime award
- uses the funding to carry out a program for a public purpose specified in the authorizing statute, as compared to providing goods or services for the benefit of the pass-through entity

Following are characteristics of a subaward. The subrecipient: (continued)

- requires considerable discretionary judgment and the unique expertise of the subrecipient in the performance of the work
- investigator would be considered as a co-author of publications resulting from the work performed under the prime award
- performs work that involves human subjects or animal studies

RGC Protocol when a subcontractor is involved on a proposed research project:

- Facilitate contact with the subaward entity
- Request a subaward package of documents
  - Scope of Work
  - Detailed Budget
  - Budget Justification
  - Subrecipient Form
  - Commitment Letter
  - Cost Share Letter (if applicable)
  - Faculty Supporting Docs as per sponsor requirements (biosketch, etc)

Subaward docs are applied to the NKU proposal file, as needed, and uploaded to the internal GMS proposal file for future reference.

# Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance §200.514 (formerly Circular A-133)

 Requires NKU to monitor our subrecipients to make sure that they are compliant with Federal requirements.

### **Subrecipient Monitoring**

- Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) templates
- Quickly and effectively conveys critical information in standard format for all parties.
- The process for subrecipient monitoring uses the FDP templates.

## **Subrecipient Contacts**

 Additional financial and contact information about the subrecipient.

	Research Subaward Agreement Subrecipient Contacts
Subreciplent Information for FI Entity's UEI/DUNS Name:	FATA reporting
	Institution Type:
EIN No.:	
JEI / DUNS:	Currently registered in SAM.gov: Yes No
Parent UEI / DUNS:	Exempt from reporting executive compensation: Yes No (If no, complete 38 pg.
Place of Performance Informat Physical Address, City, State (if U.S.	ion for FFATA reporting and Country:
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U.S. Entities only (insert inform Congressional District:	zip Code+4: Zip Code Look-up
Subrecipient Contacts	Zp Cook Look-up
Central Email:	
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Principal Investigator Name:	
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Administrative Contact Name:	
Email:	Telephone Number:
Financial Contact Name:	
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#### **Subrecipient Risk Assessment**

Likelihood that the non-federal entity will fail to achieve the grant's intended purpose because of

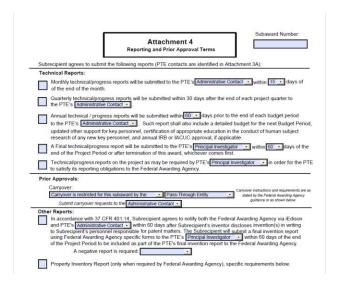
- Financial instability
- Non-compliance with laws, regulations or policies
- Internal control and management issues

#### **Subrecipient Risk Assessment**

- The subrecipient's prior experience with the same or similar subawards.
- The results of previous audits.
- Any changes to the subrecipient's personnel or new substantially changed systems.
- The extent and results of Federal awarding agency monitoring.

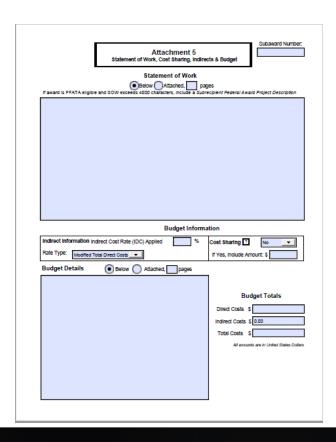
#### **Reporting Requirements**

- PI's input on the timing of technical reports for the subaward
- Unless there are program guidelines dictating the reporting requirements.



## **Statement of Work & Budget**

Confirmed with PI



#### **Types of Subawards**

- Cost reimbursement (CR) agreements are paid as costs are incurred and invoiced, typically monthly or quarterly.
  - Most Sponsored Research Projects
- Fixed price (FP) agreements have fixed payments based on a milestone payment schedule or the submission of deliverables.
  - Used by for-profit sponsors and foreign entities

#### **Subrecipient Agreement Packet**

- RGC drafts Subrecipient Agreement, using FDP template
- Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price Subrecipient
  Agreement Packet is sent electronically to the
  subrecipient contact person for signature.
- RGC fully executes the Packet and sends a copy to Comptroller's Office.

# Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

- Makes the spending of Federal funds more transparent to the public.
- In compliance with FFATA, NKU registers all first —tier subawards over \$30,000 with the Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS).

If you have any questions or need additional information about anything shared within this presentation, please contact the RGC office.

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