Federal Grants Training

EVENT

Eastern Grants Forum 2023

Start: August 17, 2023 7:45 am

End: August 18, 2023 4:30 pm

Eastern Grants Forum returns for 2023! Stay on top of the latest developments and compliance requirements

affecting your Federal grants when you attend the Eastern Grants Forum 2023 in Baltimore, Maryland, on August 17-18.

The Eastern Grants Forum will journey to historic Baltimore in 2023 with an informative and entertaining line-up. This year's program will feature a diverse group of speakers and more topics than ever before, with a special emphasis on risk, compliance, and fraud prevention. Our new and expanded curriculum will open with an update covering recent developments in grants management, including proposed changes to the Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Grants Guidance. The first day will continue with sessions discussing fraud prevention in infrastructure projects, surviving funder scrutiny, and implementing effective internal controls. The second day of the conference will offer an in-depth look at fraud prevention and the importance of insurance. Then, the discussion will turn to indirect cost recovery before the conference concludes with an explanation of recordkeeping rules for Federal financial assistance recipients. Eastern Grants Forum 2023 will cover the important topics that you need to know to stay in compliance with grant requirements today and prepare for tomorrow.

When you attend the Eastern Grants Forum, you will learn about recent developments and best practices in Federal grants management and how to position your programs to remain compliant while minimizing risks. However, registration opportunities are limited for this year's conference. Make plans now to join your grants management colleagues at Eastern Grants Forum in **Baltimore**, **Maryland**, on **August 17-18, 2023**.

REGISTER

TOPICS

During this special two-day conference, you will learn about the latest challenges facing grant-funded organizations, including satisfying requirements under the Uniform Grants Guidance. This year's agenda has a special focus on reducing risk, preventing fraud, and enhancing compliance. By attending, you will learn about the following:

- Proposed revisions to the Uniform Grants Guidance.
- Upcoming changes to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.
- Recent court decisions affecting grant-funded organizations.
- Fraud prevention for Federal infrastructure projects.

Managing and minimizing fraud risks generally.

- Preparing for funder scrutiny in the post-COVID era.
- Insurance fundamentals and recommendations for grant-funded entities.
- Effective internal controls and common challenges to control activities.
- Cost recovery through cost allocation and indirect cost rates.
- Recordkeeping requirements and best practices.
- Avoiding common grants management mistakes.

The Eastern Grants Forum 2023 will discuss these important topics and more to help ensure that your organization is following current grants management requirements and best practices. In addition, you will be able to ask our speakers your individual grants management questions throughout the conference.

AGENDA

This year's Eastern Grants Forum training conference is scheduled for August 17-18, 2023, in history rich Baltimore, Maryland. We have two full days of educational and entertaining sessions planned. The cancellation deadline for the conference is 5:00 pm EDT on July 18, 2023. Please review our cancellation policy. Our agenda for each day is as follows:

Day One (Thursday, August 17, 2023)

7:45 am - Conference Sign-In	

8:30 am - Federal Grants Management Update	

10:00 am - Break	

10:15 am - Preventing and Detecting Fraud in Infrastructure Projects	

11:45 am - Networking Luncheon (Provided)	

1:15 pm - Prepare Your organization for Major Donor Scrutiny	

2:45 pm - Break	

3:00 pm - Implementing Effective Internal Controls	

4:30 pm - Adjourn (Day One) ☐

Day Two (Friday, August 18, 2023)

7:45 am - Conference Sign-In ☐

8:30 am - Fraud Risk and Prevention ☐

10:00 am - Break ☐

10:15 am - Insurance Fundamentals for Grantees ☐

11:45 am - Lunch Break (On Your Own) ☐

1:15 pm - True Cost for Sustainability and Impact ☐

2:45 pm - Break ☐

3:00 pm - Recordkeeping Requirements and Best Practices ☐

4:30 pm - Adjourn (Conference) ☐

OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

When you attend Eastern Grants Forum 2023, you will learn about major requirements of the OMB's Uniform Grants Guidance, recent developments in Federal grants management, and other important topics for grant-funded entities. After attending the training, you will be able to:
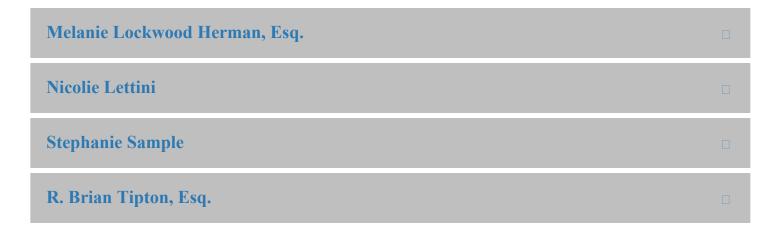
- Describe proposed updates to the Uniform Grants Guidance.
- Outline at least three recent court decisions affecting Federal grants management.
- Identify fraud risk factors for infrastructure projects.
- List the elements of Enterprise Risk Management and describe how to apply them.
- Distinguish common types of commercial insurance products.
- Identify current funder concerns and at least three ways to overcome them.
- List at least five internal controls and describe how to implement them effectively.
- List the factors affecting maximum recovery of indirect costs.

- Outline record retention and access requirements for Federal grant programs.
- Identify at least five common grant compliance problems and strategies to avoid them.

AUDIENCE

Eastern Grants Forum 2023 is intended for all members of the grant-funded community: governing body members, officers, executives, managers, fiscal staff, program staff, and other grants management professionals. This course is recommended for a total of 14 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit in the field of specialized knowledge. The experience level for this training varies. The opening session is an update and other sessions have an experience level of overview. Attendees should have a basic understanding of Federal grants management. No other prerequisites for attendance exist and no specific educational background is necessary. No advance preparation is required.

SPEAKERS

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CONFERENCE HOTEL

Join us in historic Baltimore for the Eastern Grants Forum 2023. The conference will be held at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore, conveniently located on Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor. Rooms are available for special conference rates starting at **just $159 per night** (plus applicable tax). These special rates are available for **August 16 through 18, 2022**, and may be offered for additional days before and after the conference subject to hotel availability. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court directly at **1-410-234-0550**. Please ask the reservations agent for the **special group rate for "The Private Client Law Group"** to receive the discounted rate. The room reservation **cut-off date is July 24, 2023,** or until the block is exhausted. (Please note that the cancellation deadline for this event is before the hotel cut-off; cancellation requests must be received by 5:00 pm EDT on July 18, 2023.) Because of the limited number of rooms available, we advise making your reservations as soon as possible.

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Registration Details

$599 / Early Bird
(By June 30)

$649 / Regular
(After June 30)

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Just click the "**REGISTER**" button to register for the Forum. Please note that the cancellation deadline for the conference is 5:00 pm EST on July 18, 2023.