

CERTIFICATIONS

The certifications set out below are material representations upon which the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will rely when it determines to award a grant. False certification, or violation of the certification, may be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of grants, or government-wide suspension or debarment (see 2 CFR Part 180, Subparts G and H).

Certification – Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

This certification is required by OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 CFR Part 180, Section 180.335, *What information must I provide before entering into a covered transaction with a Federal agency?*

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that neither the applicant nor its principals:

- Is presently excluded or disqualified;
- Has been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in 2 CFR § 180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against it for one of those offenses within that time period;
- Is presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with, commission or any of the offenses listed in 2 CFR § 180.800(a); or
- Has had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated within the preceding three years for cause or default.

Certification – Drug Free Workplace

This certification is required by section 184 of the NCSA (42 U.S.C. 12644), sections 5150-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 8101-8106), and CNCS's implementing regulations at 2 CFR Part 2245, Subpart B. Under these authorities, grantees must certify, prior to award, that they will make a good faith effort, on a continuing basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the applicant will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- A. Publishing a drug-free workplace statement that:
 1. Notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace;
 2. Specifies the actions that the grantee will take against employees for violating that prohibition; and
 3. Informs employees that, as a condition of employment under any award, each employee will abide by the terms of the statement and notify the grantee in writing if the employee is convicted for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace within five days of the conviction;
- B. Requiring that a copy of the statement described in paragraph (A) be given to each employee who will be engaged in the performance of any federal award;
- C. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 2. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 4. The penalties that the grantee may impose upon them for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- D. Providing CNCS, as well as any other federal agency on whose award a convicted employee was working, with written notification within 10 calendar days of learning that an employee has been convicted of a drug violation in the workplace;
- E. Taking one of the following actions within 30 calendar days of learning that an employee has been convicted of a drug violation in the workplace:
 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination; or
 2. Requiring that the employee participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for these purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

- F. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (A) through (E).

Certification – Lobbying Activities

As required by 31 U.S.C. 1352, as the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that:

- No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the applicant will submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
- The applicant will require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients will certify and disclose accordingly.

Certification - Grant Review Process (State Commissions Only)

I certify that in conducting our review process, we have ensured compliance with the National and Community Service Act of 1990, and all state laws and conflict of interest rules.

Certification – Federal Tax Liability

I certify that, if the applicant is a corporation,

- A. The corporation does not have any unpaid federal tax liability—
 1. That has been assessed,
 2. For which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and
 3. That is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or
- B. A federal agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation based on the unpaid tax liability and has made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the government.

Certification – Felony Criminal Conviction under Federal Law

I certify that, if the applicant is a corporation,

- A. The corporation has not been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any federal law within the preceding 24 months, or
- B. A federal agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation based on that conviction and has made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the government

Certifications – Subgrants and Lower Tiered Nonprocurement Transactions with Excluded or Disqualified Persons (NCSA Subtitle C and Social Innovation Fund applicants only)

Definitions

The terms “debarment,” “suspension,” “excluded,” “disqualified,” “ineligible,” “participant,” “person,” “principal,” “proposal,” and “voluntarily excluded” as used in this document have the meanings set out in 2 CFR Part 180, Subpart I, “Definitions.” A transaction shall be considered a “covered transaction” if it meets the definition in 2 CFR Part 180 Subpart B, “What Is a covered transaction?”

Assurance requirement for subgrant and other lower tier nonprocurement agreements

You agree by submitting this proposal that, if we approve your application, in accordance with 2 CFR Part 180 Subpart C, you shall not enter into any lower tier nonprocurement covered transaction with a person without verifying that the person is not excluded or disqualified unless authorized by CNCS.

Assurance inclusion in subgrant agreements

You agree by submitting this proposal that you will obtain an assurance from prospective participants in all lower tier covered nonprocurement transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered nonprocurement transactions that the participants will comply with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 180 subparts A, B, C and I.

Notice of error in certification or assurance

You must provide immediate written notice to us if at any time you learn that a certification or assurance was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous because of changed circumstances.