



Tuesday Tips is a new outreach effort by OGCA. The idea behind *Tuesday Tips* is to convey tips, tricks and other helpful information around the area of research administration. Our goal is to post on (almost every) Tuesdays. If there is something you would like to see covered on *Tuesday Tips*, email: UAF-GCReATE@alaska.edu. For more Tips visit [OGCA website](#).

Types of Grant Funding Instruments

The Uniform Guidance defines the types of funding instruments that federal sponsors and non-federal recipients may use to support federally funded activities. Grants can be defined as the following funding instruments; standard grant projects, continuing grant projects, and fixed price awards. This is general guidance and terminology might vary slightly depending on the sponsor.

Standard Grants: are funding instruments in which a federal sponsor agrees to provide a specific level of support for a specified period of time. There is no statement of intent to provide additional future support without submission of another proposal.

Continuing Grants: are funding instruments in which a federal sponsor agrees to provide a specific level of support for an initial specified period of

time, usually a year, with a statement of intent to provide additional support of the project for additional periods, provided funds are available and the results achieved warrant further support.

Subsequent funding is dependent upon funds availability and progress to date (the submission and acceptance of the annual report). The increment funding action will be issued as an amendment to the original award.

Renewal Grants/Competing Continuation Grants: Renewed support is defined as additional funding for a support subsequent to that provided by the original grant. Renewals to grants, if any, will be in the form of a new award. Costs incurred under the old award in force cannot be transferred to the new award. A "traditional" renewal proposal is developed as fully as though the proposer were applying for the first time. It covers all the information required in a proposal for a new project.

Supplemental Support: In unusual circumstances, small amounts of supplemental funding may be requested to assure adequate completion of the original scope of work. Such requests for supplemental funding support must follow the federal sponsors' policies and procedures for submission. Small supplement amounts will not require merit review, however requests for larger supplements may require external merit review. Please access individual federal sponsors' policy and procedural requirements for further guidance.

Fixed Price Awards: The Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200.45... defines a fixed amount award (fixed price award) as a "...type of grant agreement under which the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity provides a specific level of support without regard to actual costs incurred under the Federal award. This type of Federal award reduces some of the administrative burden and record-keeping requirements for both the non-

Federal entity and Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.

Accountability is based primarily on performance and results.” Awards may be identified as Fixed Price Awards or Fixed Amount Awards.

A fixed amount award cannot be used in programs that require mandatory cost sharing or match.

Gifts represent non-reciprocal, unconditional and irrevocable transfers of property or money and have no donor-imposed restrictions, conditions or control. Gifts are not considered sponsored agreements and are not coordinated by OGCA. They are coordinated by the UA Foundation.

In general, a sponsored agreement can be distinguished from a private gift by any one of the following criteria. The sponsor has:

- Control or approval of work scope;
- A requirement for a defined deliverable in terms of a report on results of research, or financial accounting for the expenditure of funds;
- Pre publishing review rights; or
- Licensing rights of products resulting from the research
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