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## Who's Who in the Federal Grant Policy-Making Community

The Federal policies that determine your application workflow - from eligibility and applying to winning an award and reporting on your program outcomes - didn't just materialize in a book full of rules and regulations.

Below, you will find a table breaking down every main body involved in the Federal grant policy-making process - who they are, what they do and what role they play in contributing to grant policy.

### Federal Bodies Involved in Grant Policy Formation

Body	Description	Activities	Role in Grant Community
Congress	Senate and House of Representatives	Passes statutes and regulations that are signed into law by the President	Lays the foundation for Federal grant policy through legislation  Appropriates funds to Federal agencies
The White House	Executive Office of the President	Ensures that laws are implemented	Appoints heads of Federal agencies that

(President of United States of America)		and enforced	award grants to applicants
		President serves as head-of-state and commander-in-chief	Issues Executive Orders relevant to grant policy formation and legislation
		President signs or vetoes legislation from Congress	
Office of Management and Budget (OMB)	Largest component of the Executive Office of the President	Manages the budget development and execution of Federal government departments and agencies	Issues circulars with guidance for grant-making agencies, such as the "Uniform Guidance" that was implemented in 2014
		Guides their implementation of laws and regulations	Receives recommendations from the Council on Financial Assistance Reform (COFAR)
Grant-making Federal departments and agencies	Bodies that serve and protect the public and receive funding from Congress	Run programs that serve the public  Assist Congress in the drafting of regulations	Award grants with funds from congressional appropriations under the direction of the agency head  Create agency-specific, grant-related policies (internal and external) based on guidance from OMB
Government Accountability Office (GAO)	Investigative organization that reports to Congress	Audits and generates reports on work done across the Federal government  Ensures that taxpayer dollars are being spent	Publishes occasional reports on Fed

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Reference: Grants.gov <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants/grant-policies/whos-who-in-federal-grant-policy.html>