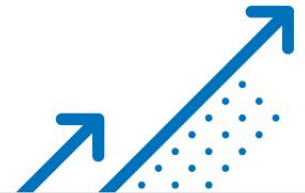


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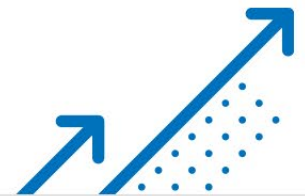
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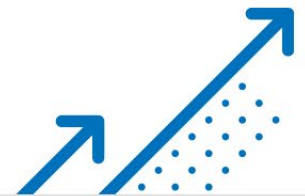
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Executive Order 14222

Implementing the Presidents “Department of Government Efficiency” Cost Efficiency Initiative (5 Sections)

- Section 1. Purpose:
 - Transformation in Federal spending on contracts, grants, and loans to ensure Government spending is transparent and Government employees are accountable to the American public
- Section 2. Definitions: Administrator, Agency, Agency Head, Covered contracts and grants, Department of Government Efficiency Team Lead

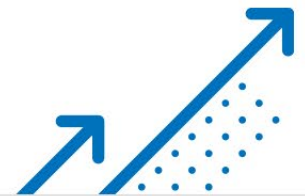


- Section 3. Cutting Costs to Save Taxpayers Money:
 - (a) *Contract and Grant Justification*: The Awarding Agency must seamlessly record every payment issued to each contract and grant along with a brief, written justification for each payment submitted.
 - (b) *Review of Covered Contracts and Grants*: Each Agency Head, in consultation with the agency's DOGE Team Lead, shall review all existing covered contracts and grants and, where appropriate and consistent with applicable law, terminate or modify (including through renegotiation) such covered contracts and grants to reduce overall Federal spending or reallocate spending to promote efficiency and advance the policies of the Administration.
 - (c) *Contract and Grant Process Review*: Each Agency Head, in consultation with the agency's DOGE Team Lead, shall conduct a comprehensive review of each agency's contracting policies, procedures, and personnel.

- Section 3. Cutting Costs to Save Taxpayers Money:

- *(d) Covered Contract and Grant Approval:*

- Each Agency Head shall, in consultation with the agency's DOGE Team Lead, issue guidance on signing new contracts or modifying existing contracts to promote Government efficiency and the policies of my Administration. The Agency Head may approve new contracts prior to the issuance of such guidance on a case-by-case basis.
 - Each Department of Government Efficiency Team Lead shall provide the Administrator with a monthly informational report on contracting activities.

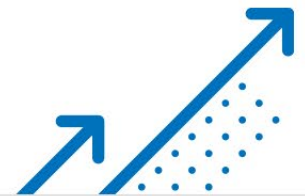


- Section 3. Cutting Costs to Save Taxpayers Money:
 - *(e) Non-Essential Travel Justification*
 - *(f) Credit Card Freeze*
 - *(g) Real Property Disposition*
- Section 4. General Exclusions:
 - Law enforcement officers, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security; the Uniformed Services; any other covered grant or contract, agency component, or real property that the relevant Agency Head exempts in writing from all or part of this order, classified information or classified information systems.



- Section 5. General Provisions:

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 26, 2025.



- **Payment Management System (PMS)**

- A shared service provider and a leader in processing grant payments for the federal government. PMS offers the awarding agency and the grant recipients with cash management services, centralized payment services, personal grant accounting support, and Financial Reporting Support. PMS promotes financial integrity and operational efficiencies within the federal government through exceptional accounting practices.

- **Defend the Spend** Executive Order aims to strengthen transparency and fiscal accountability in the use of federal funds. PMS has introduced a new Justification box feature. This field is now required when submitting payment requests.

SUBACCOUNTS

The following list of Subaccounts are associated with the account above. Enter the requested amount for each Subaccount you want included in the request. Click the Continue button to proceed to the next screen.

ⓘ Expired Funds
🚚 In Transit Funds
🚫 No Active Banking
💰 Pending Payment Requests
🏠 Medicaid
🚫 Non-discretionary


Subaccount Number	Bank Account Number	Status	Unexpired Funds (A)	Expired Funds (B)	Pending Requests (C)	In-Transit Payments (D)	Total Available Funds (A+B-C-D)	Subaccount Amount Requested (\$)	Payment Justification (Maximum 1000 characters)
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- The **Justification box** is a brief, mandatory field where to explain the purpose of each drawdown/payment request.
 - This is the opportunity to “**defend the spend**” by clearly demonstrating how the requested funds align with the **approved budget** and support the **project’s objectives or deliverables**.
 - The justification should be **concise—ideally one sentence**
 - Additional justification/clarification may be requested by the Agency via email before the funds are disbursed.

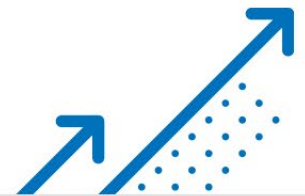
Additional clarification required for your recent payment request from PMS



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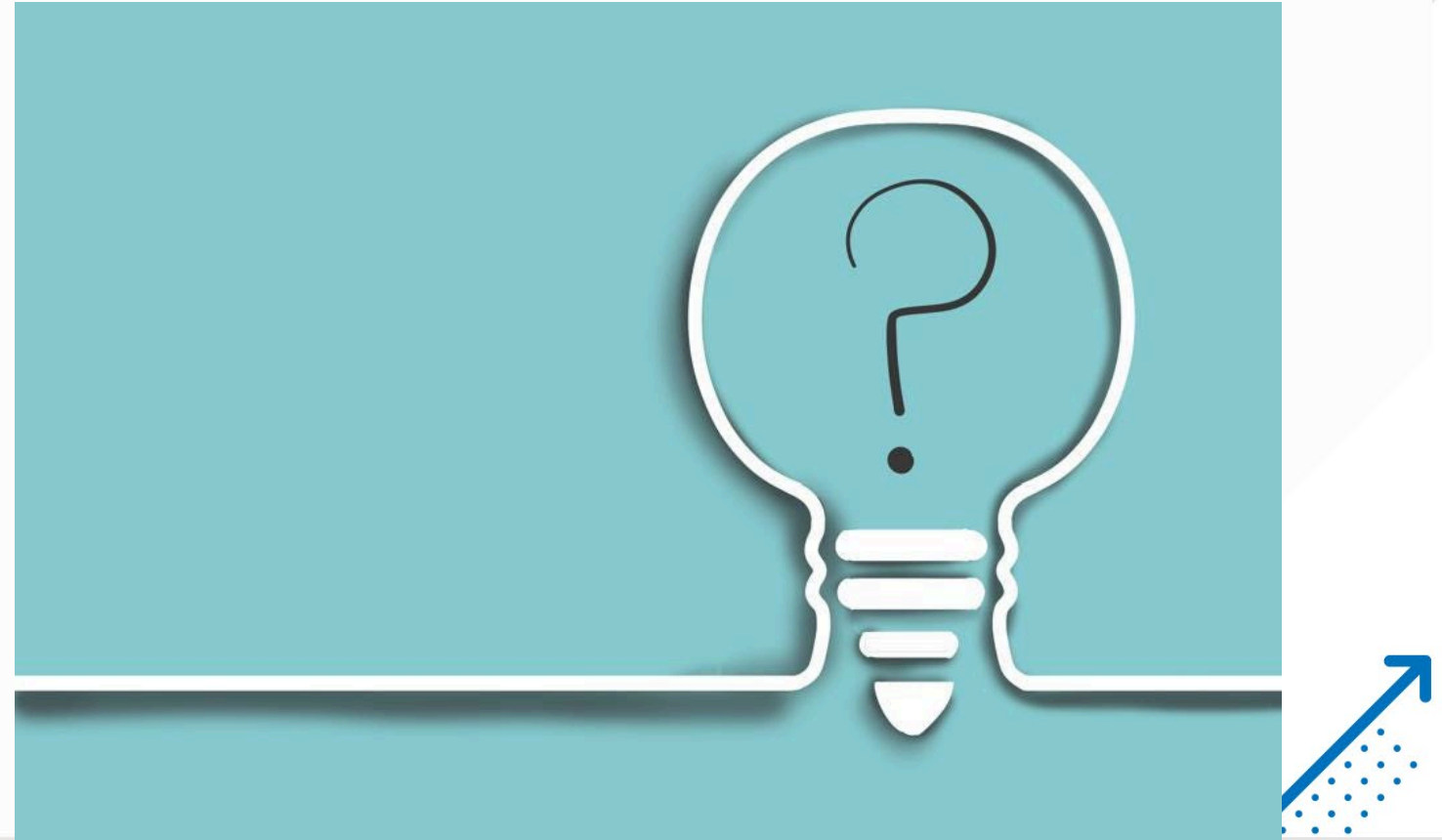


- An ideal payment justification includes the following:
 - Breakdown of the payment request/costs by line-item
 - Reference to the program the funds are requested
 - Why the funds are necessary, and
 - How the costs are aligned with the award
- Additional information that might be requested:
 - *What the award is for?*
 - *Why it is necessary?*
 - What will or were the funds used for?



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Questions?



Thank you!



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