FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

A Guide to Completing the Fiscal Accountability Section in Egrants
INFORMATION GUIDE

This walkthrough provides a detailed, step-by-step process of how to complete the Fiscal Accountability section of PCCD’s Egrants system.

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Completing the Fiscal Accountability Section

The Fiscal Accountability section consists of four parts. Applicants are required to carefully read each part and respond “Yes” to each question.

PCCD stresses the importance of being accountable for all grant funds. The procedures outlined in the Fiscal Accountability section are in place across all of PCCD’s funding streams to ensure fiscal accountability with PCCD’s grant funds.
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Quarterly Reports
All subgrantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal and program reports.

Line Item Detail
PCCD’s fiscal report allows grantees to include line item expenditure detail instead of just the overall budget category expenditures. Grantees are required to provide line item expenditure detail consistent with the line items included in their approved budget.
On-site monitoring
PCCD completes on-site fiscal monitoring of grants across all funding streams (state and federally funded projects).

Grantee risk classification
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Respond to this question by clicking on the down arrow.
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1.1. Does the applicant acknowledge that they have read, understand and will abide by PCCD’s fiscal accountability procedures?

Select “Yes” from the drop-down list to acknowledge the PCCD fiscal accountability procedures as described in Part 1 of this section have been read, are understood, and will be followed throughout the life of the grant project.
Time and effort reports (timesheets) are required for all personnel funded with PCCD grant dollars regardless of the funding stream.

The following slides indicate the minimum standards and recommended best practices for time and effort reporting.

We realize that there are a number of different systems that can be used to satisfy these requirements and we encourage you to email PCCD’s Grants Management with any questions you may have regarding time and effort reporting requirements.
EMPLOYEE TIME AND EFFORT REPORTING (TIMESHEETS)

Minimum standards for employees working on multiple activities or cost objectives

- Must be an after-the-fact determination of the employees actual effort. Using a budget estimate instead of reporting the actual time the employee spent working on the project does not qualify as support for charges to awards.

- Must account for total activity for which employees are compensated and which is required in fulfillment of their obligations to the organization.

- Must be signed by the employee and a supervisor with first-hand knowledge of the activities performed by the employee. Signature on the timesheets is affirmation that the report is an accurate accounting of the actual time the employee spent on the project.

- Must be prepared at least monthly to correspond to one or more pay periods.

* The above standards are based on the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200) and the Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide.

** Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) may follow their own established policies for documenting personnel expenses provided that the IHE’s policies are in compliance with the Standards for Documentation of Personnel Expenses referred to at 2 CFR 200.430.
Minimum standards for employees working solely on a single activity or cost objective

- Must be an after-the-fact certification that the employee worked 100 percent of their time on activities eligible for reimbursement under the grant project.
- Must be prepared no less frequently than every six months.
- Must be signed by the employee and supervisory official having first-hand knowledge of the work performed.
- Applies to full-time and part-time employees.

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Recommended Best Practices

• Employees record time on a daily basis.

• Project codes/names are provided to the employee in advance. This could include information such as grant number, name of fund, number of hours to be dedicated to the grant and/or any internal identifiers that will help the employee efficiently and accurately account for time worked.

Sample Forms
The following sample forms are available on the Grant Procedures and Forms page of our website:

• Example of a completed timesheet.

• An Excel timesheet template that you may modify to suit your needs.

• A sample time certification for employees working 100% of their time on a grant-funded project.
Employee Time and Effort Reporting

2. Employee Time and Effort Reporting (Timesheets)

Time and effort reports (timesheets) are required for all personnel funded with PCCD grant dollars regardless of the funding stream. Below are the minimum standards and recommended best practices for time and effort reporting. We realize that there are a number of different systems that can be used to satisfy these requirements and we encourage you to email PCCD’s Grants Management with any questions you may have regarding time and effort reporting requirements.

Minimum standards for employees working on multiple activities or cost objectives:

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- Must be signed by the employee and a supervisor with first-hand knowledge of the activities performed by the employee. Signature on the timesheets is affirmation that the report is an accurate accounting of the actual time the employee spent on the project.
- Must be prepared at least monthly to correspond to one or more pay periods
- Volunteer time and personnel costs being used as match must be accounted for in the same manner as personnel being charged to the grant

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- Must be an after-the-fact determination of the employees actual effort
- Must be prepared for the employee
- Must be signed by the employee
- Applies to full-time employees

Recommended Best practices:

Time and effort reports (timesheets) are required for all personnel funded with PCCD grant dollars, regardless of the funding stream.

Part 2 of this section describes the minimum standards that must be followed throughout the project period, as well as recommended best practices.
By responding “Yes” to question 2.1, applicants agree to follow PCCD’s employee time and effort reporting standards.

Examples of a completed timesheet, a customizable Excel timesheet template, and a sample time certification for employees working 100% of their time on a grant-funded project can be found on PCCD’s Grant Procedures and Forms page.

2.1. Does the applicant acknowledge that they have read, understand and will abide by PCCD’s employee time and effort reporting standards?

Respond to this question by clicking on the down arrow.
Select “Yes” from the drop-down list to acknowledge the PCCD employee time and effort reporting procedures as described in Part 2 have been read, are understood, and will be followed throughout the life of the grant project.
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Part 3 of this section requires a “Yes” response.
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Select “Yes” from the drop-down list to acknowledge the PCCD time and effort reporting procedures as described in Part 2 have been read, are understood, and will be followed throughout the life of the grant project for any individual consultant charged to the grant.
PAYMENT TERMS

Payments will not be released until all applicable special conditions on the grant award have been satisfied.

All grantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal reports.

All funds (Federal, State, match and project income) must be obligated by the end of the project period and expended within 60 days from that date.
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All payments of federal funds will comply with the federal Cash Management Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. 6503. Subgrantees must maintain a minimum amount of Federal cash on hand. Failure to adhere to this requirement will be a violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or default.

All funds (Federal, State, match and subgrantee) are to be spent in accordance with the approved grant costs. Unexpended funds are subject to the terms of the grant agreement. The grantee is responsible for the expenditure of those funds on or before the expiration date of that agreement.

4.1. Does the applicant acknowledge the PCCD Payment Terms (which may vary depending upon the type of fund and/or grant) as described in Part 4 have been read, are understood, and will be followed throughout the life of the grant project.

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When responses to the four parts are complete, scroll up to Completion Status and click on the down arrow.
Completing the Fiscal Accountability Section

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   - The following procedures have been implemented to ensure transparency and accountability regarding the use of PCCD grant funds.

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