

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

Beginning with NEA FY 2011 Partnership Agreements (for SAA/RAO FY 2012 programs and activities) federal subawards (i.e., grants that state/regional arts agencies award that contain federal funds) will be required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). The FFATA specifies data on federal awards that must be made available to the general public.

Who does this affect?

State/regional arts agency grantees being awarded \$25,000 or more in federal funds in a single grant. (Note: multiple grants – i.e., separate award numbers - that are each less than \$25,000 but total more than \$25,000 are exempt.)

What is required of state/regional arts agencies?

The specifics of how federal grantees will need to report their subawards are still being determined. The process will likely resemble Recovery Act reporting to a degree, although it will be a one-time report on an obligation/award—not when the actual funds are paid out.

What is required of SAA/RAO grantees receiving \$25,000 or more in federal funds?

1. A Dun & Bradstreet DUNS number. This unique nine-digit identifier is free to obtain through Dun & Bradstreet. Grantees may request a DUNS number by going to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>.
2. Registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system. Grantees can register into the system by going to <http://www.ccr.gov>.

What will be done with this information?

Information on federal contracting dollars and grant awards collected through the FFATA is posted to <http://www.usaspending.gov>. You can currently see what the NEA reports every month.

Where can I go for more information?

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