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6112 - CASH MANAGEMENT OF GRANTS

In order to provide reasonable assurance that all assets, including Federal, State, and local funds, are safeguarded against waste, loss, unauthorized use, or misappropriation, the Superintendent shall implement internal controls in the area of cash management.

The School Corporation's ~~payments~~ **payment** methods shall minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the ~~United States Treasury~~ **Federal agency** or the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) (pass-through entity) and disbursement by the Corporation, regardless of whether the payment is made by electronic fund transfer, or issuance or redemption of checks, warrants, or payment by other means.

The Corporation shall use forms and procedures required by the grantor agency or pass-through entity to request payment. The Corporation shall request grant funds payments in accordance with the provisions of the grant. Additionally, the Corporation's financial management systems shall meet the standards for fund control and accountability as established by the awarding agency.

The Superintendent is authorized to submit ~~requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as deemed appropriate when electronic fund transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the~~ **payment requests as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used or at least monthly when electronic transfers are not used. See** Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

When the Corporation uses a **cash advance** payment method, the following standards shall apply:

- A. The timing and amount of the advance payment requested ~~shall~~ **must** be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursement **by the Corporation** for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.
- B. The Corporation shall make timely ~~payment~~ **payments** to contractors in accordance with contract provisions.
- C. **Whenever possible, advance payment requests by the Corporation must be consolidated to cover anticipated cash needs for all Federal awards received by the recipient from the awarding Federal agency.**
- D. ~~To the extent~~ **If** available, the Corporation shall disburse funds available from program income (including repayments to a revolving fund), rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, and interest earned on ~~such~~ **Federal** funds before requesting additional cash payments.
- E. The Corporation shall account for the receipt, obligation and expenditure of funds.
- F. Advance payments shall be deposited and maintained in insured accounts whenever possible.
- G. Advance payments shall be maintained in interest bearing accounts unless the following apply:
 1. The Corporation receives less than ~~\$120,000~~ **\$250,000** in Federal ~~awards~~ **funding** per year.
 2. The best ~~reasonably~~ available interest-bearing account would not **reasonably** be expected to earn interest in excess of \$500 per year on Federal cash balances.
 3. The depository would require an average or minimum balance so high that it would not be feasible within the expected Federal and non-Federal cash resources.

4. A foreign government or banking system prohibits or precludes interest bearing accounts.
 5. An interest-bearing account is not readily accessible (for example, due to public or political unrest in a foreign country).
- H. Pursuant to Federal law and regulations, the Corporation may retain interest earned in an amount up to \$500 per year for administrative costs. Any additional interest earned on Federal ~~advance payments deposited in interest-bearing accounts must be remitted~~ funds must be returned annually to the Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (PMS) through an electronic medium using either Automated Clearing House (ACH) network or a Fedwire Funds Service payment. ~~Remittances shall include pertinent information of the payee and nature of payment in the memo area (often referred to as "addenda records" by Financial Institutions) as that will assist in the timely posting of interest earned on Federal funds. Pertinent details include the Payee Account Number (PAN) if the payment originated from PMS, or Agency information if the payment originated from Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP), National Science Foundation (NSF) or another Federal agency payment system.~~
- I. All interest in excess of \$500 per year must be returned to PMS regardless of whether the Corporation was paid through PMS. Instructions for returning interest can be found at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/returning-funds-interest.html>.
- J. All other Federal funds must be returned to the payment system of the Federal agency. Returns should follow the instructions provided by the Federal agency. All returns to PMS should follow the instructions provided at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/returning-funds-interest.html>.

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