



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear RESTORE Act Representatives of Florida Counties:

We are pleased to inform you that today the Department of the Treasury interim final rule implementing the RESTORE Act was published in the Federal Register. David A. Lebryk, the U.S. Treasury's Fiscal Assistant Secretary, and I believe this milestone represents another important step to help the communities, ecosystems, and people of the Gulf Coast as they continue to recover from the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. The regulation can be found at the Treasury website at <http://www.treasury.gov/services/restore-act/Pages/default.aspx> and at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-15/pdf/2014-19324.pdf>. The regulation will be effective 60 days after the date of publication.

The Department of the Treasury is responsible for administering two grant programs under the RESTORE Act: the Direct Component and the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program. Enclosed with this letter please find materials that will help representatives of your county understand the RESTORE Act programmatic requirements and will guide them on how to complete a multiyear implementation plan, application and related forms needed for obtaining grants. These materials also can be found on the Treasury website. We are allowed to receive and review Direct Component grant applications and other required materials before the effective date of the regulation; however, we must wait until after the effective date to approve and award grant funds.

We have already been working with representatives of your county to help them obtain access to the online system for grant applications, i.e., the Department of Health and Human Services GrantSolutions.gov. Enrollment in that system is necessary for completing and submitting grant applications. We have received GrantSolutions.gov enrollment forms from a large percentage of states, counties, and parishes. If representatives of your county have not submitted enrollment forms, they should do so as soon as possible. In addition, we will help representatives of your county obtain access to the automated federal payment system, the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP.gov) system. That is the system the government uses for making grant disbursements after a grant has been awarded.

We will provide training on these systems and on RESTORE Act programmatic requirements during August, September, and October (see enclosed training schedule). We will work with representatives of your county to schedule in-person training at times and locations convenient to them. To provide an initial overview of the process, we are offering a one hour webinar on August 19th and again on August 26th. Please let [Laurie.McGilvray@treasury.gov](mailto:Laurie.McGilvray@treasury.gov) and [Carol.Cole@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:Carol.Cole@fiscal.treasury.gov) know which overview webinar you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

We expect to post funding opportunity announcements for applications on <http://www.grants.gov> the week of September 8th and the GrantSolutions.gov system will be available to begin receiving Direct Component applications on that date.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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