

*SAM.gov* registration is required under the OMB Uniform Guidance.

To comply with the OMB Uniform Guidance performance and financial monitoring and reporting requirements, 2 *CFR* 200.328–200.330, Treasury intends to require a quarterly performance and annual financial report from grant recipients. SIPPPRA requires that recipients submit progress reports prepared by an independent evaluator on a periodic basis and before the scheduled time of outcome payments. 42 *U.S.C.* 1397n–4(d). SIPPPRA also requires that recipients submit a final report prepared by an independent evaluator within six months of a project's completion. 42 *U.S.C.* 1397n–4(e). Per the statute, Treasury will use these reports to determine if outcome payments are warranted.

Treasury intends to require recipients under this NOFA to comply with the OMB Uniform Guidance's record retention requirement, 2 *CFR* 200.334, which requires them to maintain records for three years after grant close-out.

SIPPPRA establishes a Commission on Social Impact Partnerships (Commission) whose principal obligation is to make recommendations to Treasury regarding the funding of SIPPPRA projects and feasibility studies. 42 *U.S.C.* 1397n–6. The Commission is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which generally requires that documents made available to the Commission be made available to the public inspection and copying. 5 *U.S.C.* app. section 10(b). Treasury may provide to the Commission all complete applications received under this NOFA from eligible applicants and would make all such applications available for public inspection and copying. However, FACA also provides that trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential (confidential business information) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) need not be made publicly available. 5 *U.S.C.* 552(b)(4). To assist Treasury in complying with FACA's public disclosure requirements while protecting confidential business information in accordance with FOIA, Treasury expects to request applicants to propose redactions of confidential business information. An applicant may omit pages for which it does not propose any redactions. Treasury expects to review the redactions proposed by each applicant.

Also, applicants must provide qualifications of key project personnel and partners. Applicants may voluntarily provide curriculum vitae for

key project personnel and partners, but the application will not require that personally identifiable information (PII) is collected.

#### **Planned Revisions to the Data Collection**

For several reasons, Treasury expects to make a number of changes in the second SIPPPRA NOFA relative to the first SIPPPRA NOFA. Treasury understands that Congress intended for SIPPPRA to be a demonstration program, which suggests that trying different strategies and approaches in the second NOFA and comparing them to those used in the first NOFA may be consistent with congressional intent. Treasury also believes that the revisions it plans may increase the number of applications it receives, reduce the burden on applicants and stakeholders, reduce application review time, and enhance the success of projects. Treasury is interested in receiving comments on applicants' experiences with the application process under the first NOFA and suggestions on revisions Treasury should consider in the second NOFA to make the application and application review process more user-friendly and efficient. The most salient revisions Treasury plans to make in the second NOFA are addressed below.

Treasury anticipates providing more guidance, expanded FAQs, and additional online resources to prospective applicants for the second NOFA. More specifically, Treasury plans to expand its guidance on evaluation plan design, causal impact measurement requirements, and quasi-experimental design criteria. Treasury anticipates the guidance it plans to provide in the second NOFA will reduce applicants' burden during the application process and recipients' burden throughout the project performance period. Treasury also anticipates this guidance will be one means by which Treasury and the Interagency Council may be able to reduce application review time.

Treasury also plans to replace the outcome valuation methodology, budget impact analysis, required in the first NOFA, with a different methodology, benefit-cost analysis. Treasury is planning on making this change because testing different approaches to value determination may help broaden insights in valuation practices in the pay for success field.

Through its outreach with Federal agencies and external stakeholders, Treasury has identified the need to make the application and the application review process more efficient for all parties. Treasury invites

suggestions and specific strategies and efficiencies that Treasury may incorporate into the second NOFA that will increase administrative efficiencies to the extent permitted under the statute and other federal laws and regulations.

Under the first NOFA, Treasury provided applicants three months from the date of NOFA publication in the **Federal Register** to submit their applications. In the second NOFA, Treasury anticipates providing approximately five months from the date of publication for applicants to submit their applications. Treasury is interested in learning whether prospective applicants favor a shorter window of time to submit their applications, which would leave more time for project implementation, or conversely, if they favor a longer application timeframe (e.g., five or six months), which would give applicants more time to submit their applications, but less time for project implementation. (The statute does not permit Treasury to obligate funds beyond February 2028. Treasury is interested in an approach that provides an applicant sufficient time to submit an application while still providing sufficient project implementation time.)

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* Once; on occasion.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 25.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 359 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8,975 hours.

(Authority: 44 *U.S.C.* 3501 *et seq.*)

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 *U.S.C.* app. 2, that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 in Room 230. The meeting sessions will begin and end as follows:

Dates	Times
September 21, 2022 ..	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).
September 22, 2022 ..	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST.

All sessions will be open to the public. For interested parties who cannot attend in person, this meeting will also be available by videoconference by connecting to Webex at the following URLs:

September 21, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET): <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m7441b2e0482296d1a2d611ed22560028> Or, Join by phone: 1-833-558-0712 Toll-free; Meeting number (access code): 2762 768 4678. Meeting password: 9v3PtpWi8t@

September 22, 2022, 8:30 a.m. to Noon (ET): <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m8d7771d1c15919193c3087618ddfff8a> Or, Join by phone: 1-833-558-0712 Toll-free; Meeting number (access code): 2761 228 0209. Meeting password: TtZUK3fa\$68

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War in 1990–91.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses and updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. This

meeting will focus on 1990–91 military exposures, 4-year committee accomplishments and future directions.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments 30 minutes before the meeting closes each day. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1–2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review or seek additional information by contacting Dr. Karen Block, Designated Federal Officer, at 202-443-5600, or at [Karen.Block@va.gov](mailto:Karen.Block@va.gov).

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