

EMPOWERING STATES & LOCALITIES: MAKING FEDERAL FUNDS WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITIES



CONNECTING LOCAL BENEFITS TO FEDERAL SPENDING

Across the country, cities and states are working hard to strengthen communities and ensure that we have the sustainable infrastructure and family-sustaining jobs needed to build resilient and equitable communities. Many cities and states utilize federal funding to advance these efforts. However, outdated federal grant rules are impeding local and state governments from maximizing the outcomes of federal investments in their communities.

HOW CAN WE DO THIS

This set of decades-old federal grant rules--known as the Uniform Guidance--impede cities and states from using innovative programs in their procurement of goods and services that can amplify the benefits of federal funds for communities and workers. The procurement process has the potential to be a powerful tool in addressing historic racial and gender inequities and uplifting millions of struggling people, but the Uniform Guidance currently inhibits this ability.

With trillions of dollars set to be invested on infrastructure projects over the next few years, we have a critical opportunity to update and clarify these rules so cities and states can connect good jobs and community benefits with federally-funded projects happening in local communities.

The Local Opportunities Coalition, a coalition of advocates from across the country, has been working hard to ensure these updates happen.

The Biden Administration has put forth powerful new regulations to update these rules that make it simpler and easier for states and localities to access federal spending. They need our support. We can make this change happen by encouraging the Biden Administration to follow through with these updates.



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Coalition**
Federal Investment, Community Solutions

OUR SOLUTION

The Local Opportunities Coalition encourages the Biden Administration to move forward with the proposed updates to the Uniform Guidance that would allow cities & states to attach innovative, community-centered policies in federally-funded projects that:

✓ ADDRESS RACIAL & GENDER EQUITY, AND EXPAND LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES BY:

- Removing the ban on local hire policies
- Explicitly allowing targeted hire policies, PLAs, and other pre-hire agreements
- Expanding opportunities for local small businesses

✓ SUPPORT THE CREATION OF FAMILY-SUSTAINING & QUALITY JOBS BY:

- Requiring contractors properly classify employees
- Allowing cities & states to incentivize contractors to pay better wages & benefits, and invest in equitable hiring & training practices
- Permitting worker retention policies when contracts change hands

✓ ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BY:

- Allowing community benefits requirements in contracts
- Ensuring projects are developed in consultation with communities
- Encouraging recipients & subrecipients of federal funds to use sustainable products and services in their projects

TAKE ACTION

The Office of Management and Budget is soliciting public comments now to change the Uniform Guidance.

Take action & learn more [here!](#)

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