



Action Plan: Protecting Community Services from Proposed Federal Grant Changes

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has proposed changes to how federal grants are administered (Docket No. OMB-2026-0034). These changes could allow federal funding to be abruptly suspended or terminated, putting essential community services, like food banks, health clinics, housing assistance, and disaster recovery, at risk.

If you are an individual who benefits from services provided by a nonprofit, your voice is incredibly powerful. Government agencies are required to read public comments, and personal stories of how programs impact real lives are often the most persuasive.

Here is a recommended course of action to ensure your voice is heard before the **July 13, 2026** deadline.

Step 1: Identify the Services at Risk

Before you write your comment, take a moment to think about the nonprofits and federally funded programs you or your family rely on.

- Do you receive housing assistance, job training, or healthcare from a local organization?
- Does your child attend an after-school program or receive educational support?
- Has your community benefited from local disaster recovery efforts?

Step 2: Draft Your Personal Comment

Agency officials receive thousands of form letters. To make your comment stand out, it needs to be personal. You do not need to be a legal expert; you just need to explain how the proposed rule change would affect *you*.

Tips for your comment:

- **Be specific:** Name the organization and the program that helps you.
- **Share your story:** Briefly explain where you would be without this program.
- **Keep it respectful:** A polite, firm, and personal comment is taken most seriously.

Template for Individuals / Community Members

You can copy and paste this template, filling in the bracketed information with your own story.

To: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) **Re:** OMB-2026-0034, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance.

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal to revise the OMB Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance (OMB-2026-0034).

My name is [Your Name], and I am a resident of [Your City, State]. I am writing to you today not as a government official or a legal expert, but as a community member whose everyday life would be

directly harmed by these proposed changes.

I rely on the services provided by [Name of Local Nonprofit or Program]. Specifically, they have helped me by [Briefly explain what the organization does for you—e.g., providing affordable housing, helping me find employment, supplying weekly groceries for my family, etc.].

Without this program, [Explain the personal impact—e.g., I would struggle to feed my children, I would not have access to essential medical care, etc.].

I am deeply concerned about the proposed changes to the Uniform Guidance that would allow federal grants to be abruptly terminated, suspended, or altered mid-performance. Nonprofits like [Name of Local Nonprofit] cannot provide reliable, life-saving services to people like me if their funding is constantly at risk of being revoked without cause or subjected to shifting political priorities. If they lose their funding, it is the people in the community who suffer the consequences.

Please do not implement these proposed changes. Our communities rely on the stability of these federal programs, and putting them at risk puts our livelihoods at risk.

Thank you for considering my input and for protecting the services my community needs.

Sincerely,

[Your Name] [Your City, State]

Step 3: Submit Your Comment

1. Go to www.regulations.gov.
2. In the search bar, type the docket number: **OMB-2026-0034**.
3. Click the "**Comment**" button on the correct listing.
4. Paste your personalized letter into the text box (or upload it as a document).
5. Submit your comment before the **July 13, 2026** deadline.

Step 4: Amplify Your Voice (Optional but Encouraged)

- **Tell your network:** Share the link to www.regulations.gov with friends, family, and neighbors who also use these services. Encourage them to share their own stories.
- **Contact your representatives:** Call or email your local Members of Congress. Let them know you submitted a comment opposing OMB-2026-0034 and ask them to protect funding for your local nonprofits.