

# Presidential Executive Order 12372

## What is the Executive Order 12372?

The objective of the Executive Order 12372, is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for State and local coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

Applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. Applicants proposing to perform activities in more than one State should immediately contact the Single Point of Contact for each of those States and follow the procedure established in each of those States under the Executive Order.

Usually within three business work days after receiving a project, the Clearinghouse will have assigned to it a State Application Identifier (SAI) number, logged the project into the database, distributed copies of the project to selected reviewers (if necessary), and mailed a notification to the applicant or sponsor. Eligible reviewers include state agencies, regional development centers, planning commissions, etc.

The majority of the time, a project will indicate in its application instructions if it is subject to intergovernmental (or E.O. 12372) review. Also, at the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) website, [www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov), there is a listing of the catalog numbers and titles of specific federal assistance programs that are subject to review.

Note that, under the Executive Order, any state clearinghouse has the right to not select a particular program for intergovernmental review, should it so decide.

If there is any uncertainty about whether or not a specific project must be submitted to the Clearinghouse, the applicant or sponsor should immediately contact this office for assistance.

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## Federal SF 424: Executive Order 12372

The federal application Standard Form 424 (SF 424) includes the question "Is application subject to review by State Executive Order 12372 process?"

Executive Order 12372 (E.O. 12372), "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," structures the federal government's system of consultation with state and local governments on its decisions involving grants, other forms of financial assistance, and direct development. Under E.O. 12372, states, in consultation with their local governments, design their own review processes and select those federal financial assistance and direct development activities they wish to review. Since October 1, 1983, most states, including the State of California, have acted to establish a review and comment system in response to E.O. 12372. In such cases, applicants for grants will need to meet the requirements of the intergovernmental consultation process established by a particular state and its local governments before Federal agencies take action on the application.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance lists the federal programs subject to review at [http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.EXE\\_12372\\_RPT.show](http://12.46.245.173/pls/portal30/CATALOG.EXE_12372_RPT.show).

The State of California office for E.O. 12372 review is the State Clearinghouse for federal grant review in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. The State Clearinghouse web site, <http://www.opr.ca.gov/index.php?a=sch/grants.html>, lists the programs that require State of California review. If a grant program appears on this list, one copy of the application cover form (Standard Form 424) must be sent to the State Clearinghouse. The State accepts fax copies of the SF 424 and does not require a copy of the full application package.

Principal investigators and department staff preparing proposals to federal agency grant programs need to check the State of California list (<http://www.opr.ca.gov/index.php?a=sch/grant.html>) to see if the program is on it, and mark the SF 424 form correctly: "Yes" on the SF 424 form if the program is, and "No" if it is not. SPO staff will take care of faxing the SF 424 to the State Clearinghouse.

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