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§ 61.62 Program changes.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section, a recipient may not make any significant changes to a project for which a grant has been awarded without prior written approval from the VA National Grant and Per Diem Program Office. Significant changes include, but are not limited to, a change in the recipient, a change in the project site (including relocating, adding an annex, a branch, or other expansion), additions or deletions of activities, shifts of funds from actions include actions in accordance with the VA common grant rules at 38 CFR parts 43 and 49 and the OMB Circulars, including those cited in §61.66.

(b) Obligating funds. Upon execution of the agreement, VA will obligate funds to cover the amount of the approved grant/per diem, subject to the availability of funding. Payments will be for services rendered, contingent on submission of documentation in the form of invoices or purchase agreements and inspections, as VA deems necessary. VA will make payments on its own schedule to reimburse for amounts expended. Except for increases in the rate of per diem, VA will not increase the amount obligated for assistance under this part after the initial obligation of funds.

(c) Deobligating funds. VA may deobligate all or parts of funds obligated under this part:

1. If the actual total cost for assistance is less than the total cost stated in the application; or
2. If the recipient fails to comply with the requirements of this part.

(d) Deobligation procedure. Before deobligating funds under this section, VA will have 30 days to submit documentation demonstrating why payments should not be terminated. After review of any such documentation, VA will issue a final decision concerning termination of payment.

(e) Other government funds. No funds provided under this part may be used to replace Federal, state or local funds previously used, or designated for use, to assist homeless veterans.