# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TDHCA Governing Board Approved Draft of 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.401 Effective Date and Definitions

#### Disclaimer

Attached is a draft of proposed 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.401 Effective Date and Definitions. This draft was approved by the TDHCA Governing Board on November 6, 2025. This action entails repeal of the current rule and replacement with a new rule. This document, including its preamble, is expected to be published in November 21, 2025, edition of the *Texas Register* and that published version will constitute the official version for purposes of public comment and can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml">https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml</a>.

In compliance with §2001.023, Texas Government Code, a summary of the proposed rule follows:

10 TAC §1.401, Effective Date and Definitions, has been identified by staff as needing revisions. This section of the rule provides for the effective date of when the uniform guidance for recipients of federal and state funds are in effect. That rule also specified that Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) 2.0 was the current version of the state grant standards. However, in October 2025 the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts released the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS), Version 2.1 which replaces TxGMS Version 2.0. Therefore, the Department rule needs to be revised to incorporate those changes. This rule will be released for public comment and returned to the Board for final adoption.

#### **Public Comment**

Public Comment Period: Start: 8:00 a.m. Austin local time on November 21, 2025

End: 5:00 p.m. Austin local time on December 21, 2025

Comments received after 5:00 p.m. Austin local time on December 21, 2025, will not be accepted. Written comments may be submitted electronically within the designated public comment period to: <a href="mailto:brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us">brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us</a>.

Those making public comment are encouraged to reference the specific draft rule, policy, or plan related to their comment as well as a specific reference or cite associated with each comment. Please be aware that all comments submitted to the TDHCA will be considered public information.

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respecto a la sección [§] 1.401 ["Fecha de vigencia y definiciones"] del subcapítulo D ["Directriz uniforme
para receptores de fondos federales y estatales"] del capítulo 1 del título 10 del Código Administrativo de

Texas (TAC)

#### Descargo de responsabilidad

Se adjunta un borrador de la propuesta para la sección [§] 1.401 ["Fecha de vigencia y definiciones"] y para el subcapítulo D ["Directriz uniforme para receptores de fondos federales y estatales"] del capítulo 1 del título 10 del Código Administrativo de Texas (TAC). Este borrador recibió aprobación por parte de la Junta Directiva del TDHCA el 6 de noviembre de 2025. Esta acción implica la derogación de la regla actual y su sustitución por una nueva. Se espera que este documento, incluyendo su preámbulo, se publique en la edición del *Texas Register* del 21 de noviembre de 2025. Esa versión publicada constituirá la versión oficial para fines de comentarios públicos y se puede encontrar en el siguiente enlace: https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml.

<u>De conformidad con la sección [§] 2001.023 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, se incluye a continuación un resumen de la regla propuesta:</u>

El personal ha identificado que la sección [§] 1.401 ["Fecha de vigencia y definiciones"] del título 10 del Código Administrativo de Texas (TAC) necesita modificaciones. Esta sección de la regla establece la fecha de vigencia de la directriz uniforme para receptores de fondos federales y estatales. Esa regla también especificó que la versión 2.0 de las *Normas de gestión de subvenciones de Texas* (TxGMS) fuera la versión actual de las normas de subvenciones estatales. Sin embargo, en octubre de 2025, la Contraloría de Cuentas Públicas de Texas publicó las *Normas de gestión de subvenciones de Texas* (TxGMS), versión 2.1, que sustituyen la versión 2.0 de las TxGMS. Por lo tanto, es necesario modificar la regla del Departamento para incorporar esos cambios. Esta regla se publicará para someterse a comentarios del público y se devolverá a la Junta para su adopción final.

#### Comentarios del público

Periodo de comentarios del público: Inicio: 8:00 a. m., hora local de Austin, del 21 de noviembre de 2025 Finalización: 5:00 p. m., hora local de Austin, del 21 de diciembre de 2025

No se aceptarán los comentarios que se reciban después de las 5:00 p. m., hora local de Austin, del 21 de diciembre de 2025. Los comentarios por escrito pueden enviarse de manera electrónica dentro del período designado de comentarios del público a **brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us**.

Se anima a quienes formulen comentarios públicos a que hagan referencia al borrador de la regla, política o plan específico relacionado con su comentario, así como una referencia o cita específica asociada a cada comentario. Tenga en cuenta que todos los comentarios enviados al TDHCA se considerarán información pública.

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## Attachment 1: Preamble, including required analysis, for proposed repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.401 Effective Date and Definitions

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes the repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.401 Effective Date and Definitions. The purpose of the proposed repeal is to eliminate the outdated rule and replace it simultaneously with a new more germane rule.

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.0045(b) does not apply to the rule proposed for action because it was determined that no costs are associated with this action, and therefore no costs warrant being offset.

The Department has analyzed this proposed rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson has determined that, for the first five years the repeal would be in effect:

- 1. The repeal does not create or eliminate a government program but relates to updates to reflect changes made by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS).
- 2. The repeal does not require a change in work that would require the creation of new employee positions, nor are the rule changes significant enough to reduce work load to a degree that eliminates any existing employee positions.
- 3. The repeal does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
- 4. The repeal will not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
- 5. The repeal is not creating a new regulation, except that it is being replaced by a new rule simultaneously to provide for revisions.
- 6. The repeal will not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation.
- 7. The repeal will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
- 8. The repeal will not negatively or positively affect the state's economy.
- b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002.

The Department has evaluated the repeal and determined that the repeal will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

- c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The repeal does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.
- d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6).

The Department has evaluated the repeal as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the repeal would be in effect there would be no economic effect on local employment; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the rule.

e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Wilkinson has determined that, for each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated

as a result of the changed sections would be a rule in compliance with the newest version of the Texas Grant Management Standards. There will not be economic costs to individuals required to comply with the repealed section.

f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, enforcing or administering the repeal does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION RELATED TO COST, BENEFIT OR EFFECT. The Department requests comments on the proposed repeal and also requests information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed repeal, including any applicable data, research, or analysis from any person required to comply with the repeal or any other interested person. The public comment period will be held November 21, 2025 to December 21, 2025, to receive input on the proposed action. Comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Brooke Boston at brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., Austin local (Central) time, December 21, 2025.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeal is made pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Except as described herein the repeal affects no other code, article, or statute.

Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds §1.401. Effective Date and Definitions

### Attachment 2: Preamble, including required analysis, for proposed new §1.401 Effective Dates and Definitions

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes new 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.401 Effective Date and Definitions. The purpose of the new section is to make updates that relate to the newest version of the Texas Grant Management Standards released in October 2025 by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.0045(b) does not apply to the rule because it was determined that no costs are associated with this action, and therefore no costs warrant being offset.

The Department has analyzed this rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson has determined that, for the first five years the new section would be in effect:

- 1. The new section does not create or eliminate a government program but relates to updates to new changes to the Texas Grant Management Standards.
- 2. The new section does not require a change in work that would require the creation of new employee positions, nor are the rule changes significant enough to reduce work load to a degree that eliminates any existing employee positions.
- 3. The new section does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
- 4. The new section will not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
- 5. The new section is not creating a new regulation, except that it is replacing a section being repealed simultaneously to provide for revisions.
- 6. The new section will not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation.
- 7. The new section will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
- 8. The new section will not negatively or positively affect the state's economy.
- b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002.

The Department has evaluated the new section and determined that it will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

- c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The new section does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.
- d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6).

The Department has evaluated the new section as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the new section would be in effect there would be no economic effect on local employment; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the rule.

- e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Wilkinson has determined that, for each year of the first five years the new section is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the new section would be a clearer rule relating to compliance with Texas Grant Management Standards, version 2.1. There will not be economic costs to individuals required to comply with the new section.
- f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the new section is in effect, enforcing or administering the section does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION RELATED TO COST, BENEFIT OR EFFECT. The Department requests comments on the proposed new section and also requests information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed new section, including any applicable data, research, or analysis from any person required to comply with the repeal or any other interested person. The public comment period will be held November 21, 2025 to December 21, 2025, to receive input on the proposed action. Comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Brooke Boston at brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., Austin local (Central) time, December 21, 2025.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new section is proposed pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Except as described herein the new section affects no other code, article, or statute.

#### §1.401 Effective Dates and Definitions

- (a) Revisions to this Subchapter reflect updates to 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 200, which are generally effective for Contracts executed on or after October 1, 2024. This rule also reflects conformance with the Texas Grant Management Standards Version (TxGMS) 2.0 and 2.1 published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in October 2024 and October 2025, respectively,. TxGMS 2.0 may be incorporated into Contracts executed on or after October 1, 2024 or Contracts with nonprofit organizations that administer state funds where funds are added on or after October 1, 2024. TxGMS 2.1 is effective for Contracts with local governments and block grants subject to Chapter 2105 of the Tex. Gov't Code executed on or after October 1, 2025 or where funds are added on or after October 1, 2025. TxGMS 2.1 will be incorporated into Contracts with nonprofit organizations that administer state funds, that are executed after the effective date of this rule, and may be incorporated into Contracts where funds are added after the effective date of this rule. Previous versions of these rules as memorialized in Contracts will continue to be effective unless the Contract is amended to reflect TxGMS 2.1.
- (b) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Capitalized words used herein have the meaning assigned in the specific Chapters and Rules of this title that govern the program associated with the request, or assigned by federal or state law.
  - (1) Affiliate--Shall have the meaning assigned by the specific program or programs described in this part.
  - (2) Department--The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
  - (3) Equipment--tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year or a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by entity for financial statement purposes, or \$10,000.
  - (4) Professional services--for a unit of government is as defined by state law. For Private Nonprofit Organizations it means services:

(A) within the scope of the practice, as defined by state law, of:
(i) accounting;
(ii) architecture;
(iii) landscape architecture;
(iv) land surveying;

(v) medicine;

(vi) optometry;

(vii) professional engineering;
(viii) real estate appraising;
(ix) professional nursing; or
(x) legal services; or
(B) provided in connection with the professional employment or practice of a person who is licensed or registered as:
(i) a certified public accountant;
(ii) an architect;
(iii) a landscape architect;
(iv) a land surveyor;
(v) a physician, including a surgeon;
(vi) an optometrist;
(vii) a professional engineer;
(viii) a state certified or state licensed real estate appraiser;
(ix) attorney; or
(x) a registered nurse.
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- (5) Single Audit--The audit required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, or Tex. Gov't Code, chapter 783, Uniform Grant and Contract Management, as reflected in an audit report.
- (6) Single Audit Certification Form--A form that lists the source(s) and amount(s) of Federal funds and/or State funds expended by the Subrecipient during their fiscal year along with the outstanding balance of any loans made with federal or state funds if there are continuing compliance requirements other than repayment of the loan.
- (7) Subrecipient--Includes an entity receiving or applying for federal or state funds from the Department under Chapters 6, 7, 20, 23, 24, 25, or 26 as identified by Contract or in this subchapter. Except as otherwise noted in this subchapter or by Contract, the definition does not include Applicants/Owners who have applied for and/or received funds for rental development, except for CHDO Operating funds, NCO Nonprofit Capacity Building, NCO Operating Assistance, a grant made to a unit of government or nonprofit organization, or Affiliate with state funds, or

TCAP-RF grants or loans when made to a unit of government or nonprofit organization or Affiliate. Except as otherwise noted in this subchapter or by Contract, this definition does not include vendors having been procured by the Department for goods or services. A Subrecipient may also be referred to as Administrator.

- (8) Supplies--means tangible personal property other than "Equipment" in this section.
- (9) Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS)--The standardized set of financial management procedures and definitions established by Tex. Gov't Code, chapter 783 regarding Uniform Grant and Contract Management to promote the efficient use of public funds by requiring consistency among grantor agencies in their dealings with grantees, and by ensuring accountability for the expenditure of public funds. This includes TxGMS Version 2.1 published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in October 2025. State agencies are required to adhere to these standards when administering grants and other financial assistance agreements with cities, counties and other political subdivisions of the state. This includes all Public Organizations including public housing and housing finance agencies. In addition, Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2105, regarding Administration of Block Grants, subjects Subrecipients of federal block grants (as defined therein) to TXGMS.
- (10) Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS)--the standardized set of financial management procedures used by the Department in Contracts that began before January 1, 2022.