



North Carolina Department of Administration

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Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (E.O. 12372)

The State Clearinghouse at times receives inquiries regarding intergovernmental review under Executive Order 12372 (E.O. 12372) for grants local and state governments are pursuing with the Federal government. Effective June 14, 2002, North Carolina withdrew from the federal grant E.O. 12372 intergovernmental review process. This withdrawal was a necessary efficiency matter. The federal agencies were informed of this action by letter to the Office of Management and Budget from then Governor Easley (see attached). The State Clearinghouse is now used for circulation of documents prepared under the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

Nonetheless, for some grant applications, intergovernmental review may still be required. For example, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that applications be submitted to the Council of Governments office responsible for the area(s) affected or that may be affected by the proposed project. For more information, please visit EPA Region 4's website at http://www.epa.gov/region4/grants/how_to_apply.htm.

Furthermore, North Carolina's withdrawal from the E.O. 12372 review does not eliminate or negate any other state/federal pre-application requirements. Should you have any question, call this office at 919-807-2425.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie W. McMillan".

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