**Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grants**

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| **Comment Number** | **Name of Commenter** | **Comment** | **Department Response** |
| ED-2025-SCC-0012 | Anonymous | “I recommend to not stream line clearance for ‘discretionary’ grants, to better prevent corruption. Discretionary grants should be prohibited because it puts the decision making into the hands of just a few people, limiting checks and balances to fight corruption. Take for example the tariff ‘negotiations’ supposedly going on. The negotiations are being led by a select few, supervised by a convicted criminal known for frauds, cons, and lies.” | The streamlined clearance process is meant to reduce the time needed to open a grant competition; it does not establish whether particular programs are discretionary, which is determined by a program’s statute.  The Department follows its procedures outlined in part 75 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations when implementing a discretionary grant program. As such, no changes are necessary. |