

Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grants
Response to Comments from Vol. 90. No. 85, page 18972-18973

Comment Number	Name of Commenter	Comment	Department Response
ED-2025-SCC-0012	Anonymous	<p>“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.”</p>	<p>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.</p>