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12.1 Financial Assistance Authority. Financial assistance authority is delegated to the following officials in the Department of the Interior (Department).

A. Secretary of the Interior. Authority is vested in the Secretary of the Interior to issue and modify agreements.

B. Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget/Chief Financial Assistance Officer (AS – PMB/CFAO). The authority of the Secretary is delegated to the AS – PMB who is also the CFAO and the senior accountable official for the Department’s financial assistance program.

C. Deputy Assistant Secretary – Budget, Finance, Grants, and Acquisition (DAS – BFGA). The authority of the AS – PMB is further delegated through the DAS – BFGA, who provides leadership and oversight for the Office of Grants Management (PGM), to the Director, PGM.

D. Director, PGM. Authority is delegated to the Director, PGM, who also serves as the Senior Financial Assistance Executive (SFAE).

12.2 Redlegation of Financial Assistance Authority to Bureaus/Offices.

A. Authority delegated to the SFAE may be delegated to the Head of the Financial Assistance Activity (HFAA) in Bureaus/Offices.

B. The HFAA may delegate authority to the Bureau Financial Assistance Chief (BFAC). The BFAC is responsible for providing the final assessment and approval or disapproval of the Financial Assistance Certificate of Appointment (FA COA) application. The BFAC may delegate authority only to Bureau personnel who meet the requirements of the Department’s FA COA.

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C. All delegations of authority must be made in writing and a copy provided to the PGM.

12.3 Authority to Issue Financial Assistance Policy and Guidance.

A. The AS – PMB/CFAO is delegated authority to issue amendments of, and additions to, the Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR) at 2 CFR Part 1402.

B. The SFAE is authorized to issue the following operational guidance:

- 1) Grants System Operational Guidance,
- 2) Policy Advisory Notes,
- 3) Financial Assistance Memorandums, and
- 4) DOI-PGM-POL policy documents.

C. The HFAA may issue Bureau/Office guidance that does not conflict or supersede the Department's financial assistance regulations and policies.

12.4 Authority to Amend, Suspend, or Revoke Financial Assistance Authority.

Individuals authorized to delegate or re-delegate authority under this chapter may amend, limit, suspend, or revoke that authority.

12.5 Limitations. Authorities delegated in this chapter do not limit the authority delegated to the AS – PMB/CFAO as provided in 209 DM 4.