1. The State Clearinghouse (SCH) reviews applications for federally funded grants mandated by Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Appendix I of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Any state, independent, or local agency applying or planning to apply for federal funds should contact the SCH or consult OPR’s website (www.opr.ca.gov/s_federalgrantreview.php) to determine if their Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA Number) is one of the grants subjected to state review. The SCH requires that a federal Standard Form 424 (the front application cover page) be submitted to SCH and their appropriate Area wide Clearinghouse at least 30 to 60 days prior to the final deadline set by the federal agency. The SCH does not set nor know the final deadlines for grants and will accept a federal Standard Form 424 at any time. The applicant is responsible for submitting their grant application in sufficient time to meet all deadlines. State agencies and departments who apply for federal funds are responsible for including a provision for recovery of indirect costs as described in Government Code sections 13332.01 and 13332.02 and reiterated in SAM section 8755.1.

2. In addition, the SCH does not have information on federally funded grants. Information can be obtained by calling the federal agency funding the grant or by looking in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

3. The SCH will send a letter to the applicant at the end of the review period. If the SCH does not receive comments on a grant, the review will close 30 days after submittal. If comments are received, then the review period will close 60 days after submittal. All grant applications are sent out for review in the State Clearinghouse Newsletter. Federal agencies who require this letter will contact the SCH.

4. The SCH does not deal with form CA-189, only the federal Standard Form 424 and those grants mandated for review by E.O. 12372.

5. General Review. Once a federal Standard Form 424 (see Appendix C) has been submitted to the SCH and assigned a number, it is put out for review in the State Clearinghouse Newsletter. This newsletter is sent to all state agencies, area clearinghouses, local libraries, university libraries, and private citizens (at their request). The SCH requires that a federal Standard Form 424 (usually the front application cover page) be submitted at least 30 to 60 days prior to the final deadline set by the federal agency. If the SCH does not receive comments on a grant, the review will close 30 days after submittal. If comments are received, then the review period will close 60 days after submittal. All comments will be forwarded to the applicant.

6. This review process is standard for all grants that are listed under E.O. 12372. A grant that does not fall under the E.O. 12372 should not be submitted to the SCH. Not all federally funded grants fall under E.O. 12372 for state review.

7. This is the only role of the SCH in relation to federally funded grants. The SCH does not play a role in the review, awarding, or funding of state grants. Click here for a current copy of the State Clearinghouse Handbook.