



# **Top 10 Things You Should Know About Subawards Under A-81**

## 10. DCG has a new subaward Web page!

<https://research.usc.edu/subawards/>



**9. When does A-81 apply?** A-81 applies to all new federal funding (new awards, continuation awards, supplements, etc.).

**8. F&A Rate** – If a subrecipient has a federally negotiated F&A rate agreement, then the negotiated rate must be used. Subrecipients who do not have a federally negotiated rate receive 10% for F&A (aka – de minimis rate).



**7. Fixed Price Subawards** – Prior approval is required for fixed price subawards and they cannot exceed \$150,000.



**6. Subrecipient Invoices** – USC must pay valid subrecipient invoices within 30 days of receipt.



**5. Subrecipient Monitoring** – USC is required to review and approve all required performance and financial reports. Invoices should be reviewed to ensure proper spending. Review and approval should be documented.



**4. Subrecipient vs. Contractor Determination –**  
USC is required to appropriately classify subrecipients vs. contractors based on the guidelines in A-81.





**3. Subrecipient Risk Analysis** – USC is required to perform a risk assessment on each subrecipient to determine the risk of non-compliance with applicable statutes, regulations and the terms of the subaward.

**2. Subaward Closeout** – Subawards must be closed out to ensure USC can meet its obligation to close out its prime award within 90 days. This includes documenting receipt of final reports and deliverables, as well as review and approval of final invoice.



**1. DCG is here to help! Please check out our new subaward Web page and feel free to call anytime. Thank you!**

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