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ACF Edit NOA Screen

BACKGROUND

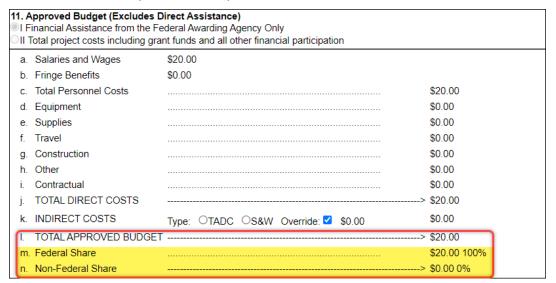
ACF moved from Type 3 Edit Notice of Award screen to Type 1 B. ACF requested updates to ensure they would have the needed data in their Award Computation section.

In the Award Computation section with Type 3, ACF can easily see the percentage of Federal vs. Non-Federal funds. This percentage is a foundational component of the award reviews because certain programs have requirements for grantees to have a 10% minimum of non-federal share. No longer having the percentage breakdown displaying in the edit notice of award screen caused a delay in their review process.

RESOLUTION

On the Edit NOA screen, next to the Amount field, Federal share and non-Federal share will be displayed in percentage.

NOTE: This will be implemented only on the NOA screen and will not affect the NOA PDF.





USAspending Report Special Characters and Character Limits

BACKGROUND

When Partners were uploading the USAspending report to their broker, it was coming back with invalid characters. This prevented the external Partner from uploading the USAspending report without manually fixing or escalating to their Partner Services support team to fix the invalid or special characters.

Under these conditions, the system allowed invalid or special characters to move through GrantSolutions on the Project Abstract.

Additionally, there was a 4000-character limit on the Project Abstract Summary field in GrantSolutions. When users exceeded 4,000 characters, they received an error. However, this field did not show the user how many characters they had entered and forced them to use a character count website to adjust their entry.

RESOLUTION

The Project Abstract Tool Text Editor was updated from Rich Text to Normal Text, eliminating invalid and special characters from the reports.

Additionally, a character Counter was added in the Project Abstract Summary Field, eliminating the need for a third-party character counter.

