

2021 WSFR National Virtual Federal Aid Coordinators Meeting

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

Topic/Speaker: Program Income: Common Audit Findings and Solutions, Training Materials Available - Ryan Oster, WSFR Training Branch

1. **Dana Lagarde: Where can we get a copy of the income determination diagram?**

<https://wsfrtraining.fws.gov/mod/book/view.php?id=277>

2. **Bob Longcor: The partnership is tasked with maintaining WSFR program integrity in a regulatory environment that seems to be changing at a rate that is difficult for state partners to absorb. Would WSFR consider development of an advanced training course that places greater focus on regulation, compliance and emerging audit risks and can be delivered by both the training branch and regional staff? AGM like but more targeted?**

Bob you're so right. WSFR is taking a look at our current offerings and evaluating how we can best meet the evolving needs of State and WSFR staff. One factor we are looking closely at is how we get training offerings to the folks that need it in a timely manner. A weakness we are trying to address is the continuing education needs of staff beyond the BGM and AGM. I think you'll see us trying to address that in a couple different formats.

3. **Keren Dil: what if we subgrant funding to construct a CVA pumpout, or a BIG transient dock, but there's no ongoing management grant for either. the subgrantee is allowed to collect nominal fees to offset operational costs after the federal grant is closed. would those nominal fees be considered "program income?"**

If the fees are collected after the award is closed, the income most likely does not meet the definition of program income. For the CVA program, fees collected are required to be used for maintenance for the life of the federally-funded pumpout per the CVA regulation, so they are not considered program income.

4. **Jennifer Gihring: Can we modify a grant during the POP to increase the anticipated PI and avoid the need to treat excess PI via the deductive method?**

Yes, you can engage with your WSFR Regional Office and modify your estimated PI to avoid reverting back to deductive method after you exceed your original estimated additive amount.

5. **Dana Lagarde: Can you speak about how we handle fees collected to use a boat ramp or target range that was constructed with federal funds but is closed?**

Dana do you mean the construction grant is closed? Is the site part of an ongoing O&M grant? If the construction/development grant is closed and the site is not part of an open O&M grant then fees collected would not be program income. If the

construction/development grant is closed but the site is part of an ongoing O&M grant the fees would be program income. Even though the fees may not be considered program income, they still may be considered protected hunting and fishing license revenue if the boat ramp or target range was constructed with matching funds a State FW agencies license revenue account.

- 6. Lisa Nelson: Also, if no O&M grant, construction grant, acquisition grant, etc. is active then no need to report program income. The revenue gets recorded per your state's laws.**

Lisa, please contact your WSFR regional office staff to discuss your specific scenario. You may also reach out to the WSFR Training Branch as well. We would need more information to ensure that we provide an adequate response.