



Corporation for Public Broadcasting

What is NFFS?

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Introductions



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Training Objectives



For radio and TV grantees:

- understand the definition of non-Federal financial support (NFFS)
- know the purpose and importance of reporting NFFS
- learn how to determine NFFS eligibility
- know where to find help
- meet your annual training requirement

Agenda



- Overview of Financial Reporting to CPB
- Overview of NFFS
- NFFS Exclusions
- NFFS Decision Charts

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- Overview of Financial Reporting to CPB
 - Financial reporting and compliance
 - Important documents
 - Where to find resources
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Why report?

- Communications Act requirement
- The non-federal financial support (NFFS) you report is used to calculate your CSG.
- Required before CPB releases your second CSG payment.

What financial reports?

- AFR: Annual Financial Report or
- FSR: Financial Summary Report
- AFS: audited financial statement
or unaudited financial statement, if allowed

AFR or FSR & AFS?



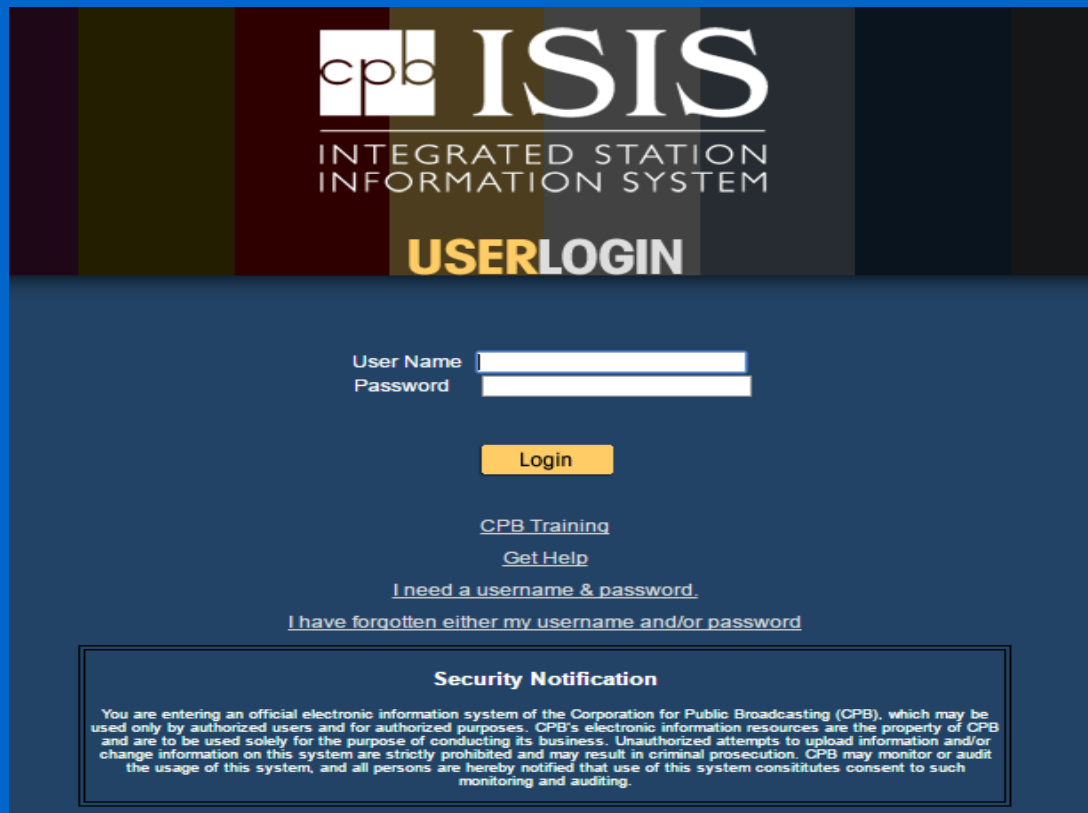
- All TV grantees are required to file AFR and submit AFS
- Radio grantees:

Financial Form	Total Revenue	Financial Statements Required
FSR	< \$300,000	Audited or Unaudited
FSR	≥ \$300,000	Audited
AFR	N/A	Audited

Integrated Station Information System

Where do you report?

- isis.cpb.org



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AFR/FSR Filing Deadlines



When?

- Due 5 months after the end of your fiscal year
- Two extensions available:
 - 1st extension is for 45 days
 - 2nd extension is for 30 days
- Penalties apply for late filing.

Important Documents



Financial Reporting Guidelines

- Reporting requirements and independent accountant attestation, NFFS definition, line item instructions, updated annually

Principles of Accounting

- Guidance on CPB's requirement to submit audited financial statements

Important Documents



Discrete Accounting

- Communications Act Requirement
- Included in the terms and conditions of your grant award for all CSG revenues *and* expenditures.

Discrete Accounting Defined

Grantees must use unique accounting codes for CSG revenues and expenses. Specifically, Grantee's accounting systems must be able to generate a report showing CSG revenues and how they were expended, using unique accounting codes. These accounts may not include non-CSG revenues and expenses.

CSG Resources



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Resource documents

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CSG General Provisions, station guidelines and resources



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Question 1



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Question 2



Which of the following is not found on the CPB.org website?

- A. Financial Reporting Guidelines
- B. Discrete Accounting Requirements
- C. Grantee's AFR/FSR
- D. TV and Radio CSG General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria

Question 2 - Answer



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Question 3



Which of the following is correct regarding the AFR/FSR filing due date?

- A. The AFR/FSR is due by May 31.
- B. Penalties do not apply.
- C. 1st extension requires justification & approval by CPB.
- D. 2nd extension requires justification & approval by CPB.

Question 3 - Answer



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Question 4



A radio station is required to submit an FSR and has total revenue of \$500K and NFFS of \$275K. What financial statements are required?

- A. Audited Financial Statements since NFFS is below \$300K.
- B. Audited or Unaudited Financial Statements since NFFS is below \$300K.
- C. Audited Financial Statements since revenue is above \$300K.

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What is NFFS?



NFFS is the total of direct revenue and the fair value of property and services received as either a **contribution** or a **payment**, which meets specific criteria as to: **recipient, form, source, and purpose.**

Purpose of NFFS



- Determine Grantee's CSG program eligibility
- Factor in calculating incentive portion of CSG
- Part of the legal justification for CPB's federal appropriation

NFFS Criteria



- Recipient
- Form
- Source
- Purpose

NFFS: The Recipient Criterion



- Public broadcasting entity, or an organization that receives the revenue on its behalf
- Same for both contributions and payments

NFFS: The Form Criterion



- **Contributions**

- Grants
- Gifts or donations of cash, property, or services
- Bequests
- Appropriations from licensee (institutional stations)

- **Payments**

- Cash, property, or services in exchange for materials and services related to public broadcasting services

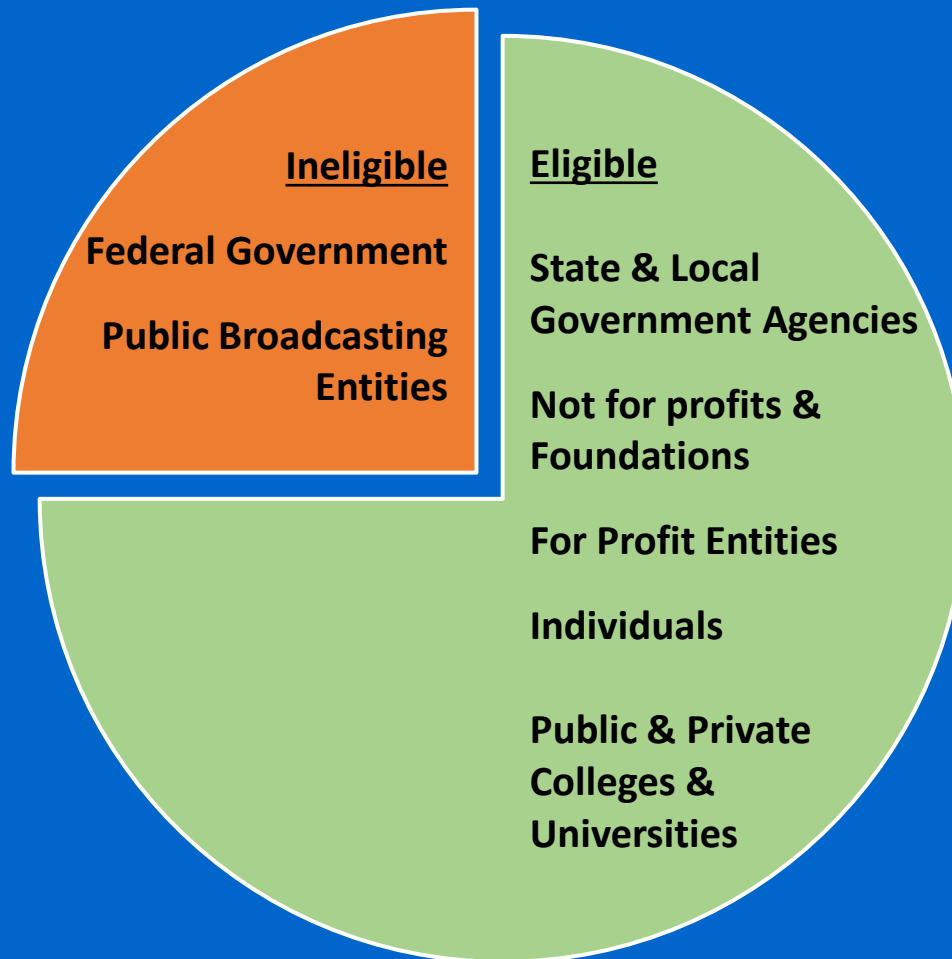
NFFS: The Source Criterion



- **Contributions** may be from any source except:
 - The federal government or
 - Public broadcasting entities.
- **Payments** must be from:
 - State and local government agencies or
 - Educational institutions.

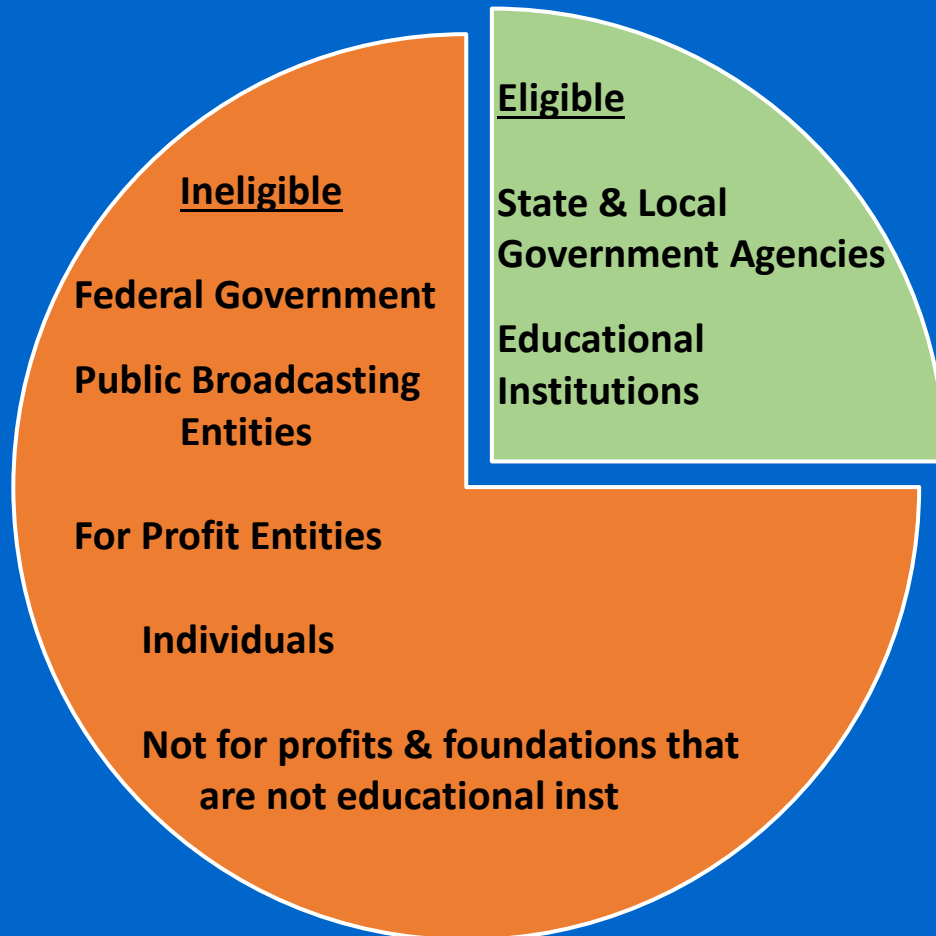
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Contributions



NFFS: The Source Criterion

Payments



NFFS: PPP Funds



- **Paycheck Protections Program (PPP)** funds from Federal Government are excluded from NFFS
 - AFR filers report:
 - Funds recognized as revenue in Schedule A, Line 1F
 - Funds expended as “all non-CPB funds” in Schedule E
 - FSR Filers report:
 - Funds recognized as revenue in Part 1, Line 1
 - Funds expended as “all non-CPB funds” in Part 2 Expenses

NFFS: Stabilization Grants



- **Stabilization Grants** for public media distributed by CPB from CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act funding are excluded from NFFS
 - AFR filers report:
 - Funds recognized as revenue in Schedule A, Line 2B
 - Funds expended as “other CPB funds” in Schedule E
 - FSR filers report:
 - Funds recognized as revenue in Part 1, Line 2
 - Funds expended as “other CPB funds” in Part 2 Expenses

NFFS: The Purpose Criterion



- **Contributions** must be for:
 - Construction or operation of a non-commercial, educational broadcast station, or
 - Production, acquisition, distribution, or dissemination of educational television or radio programs and related activities.
- **Payments** must be in exchange for:
 - Cash, goods and/or services the CSG recipient received, in exchange for services or materials with respect to the provision, of educational or instructional television or radio programs.

NFFS Criteria Summary



	Contributions	Payments & Exchange Transactions
Recipient	Public broadcasting entity or an organization that receives the revenue on its behalf ¹⁷ .	Public broadcasting entity or an organization that receives the revenue on its behalf.
Form	Gifts, grants, bequests, donations, and appropriations.	An appropriation or contract payment.
Source	Any source except the federal government or a public broadcasting entity.	State (including local governments or agency thereof), or an educational institution.
Purpose	Construction or operation of a noncommercial, educational broadcast station; or the production, acquisition, distribution, or dissemination of educational television or radio programs.	Cash, goods and/or services the CSG recipient received, in exchange for services or materials with respect to the provision, of educational or instructional television or radio programs.

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Question 5



Which of the following statements are true?

- A. All revenues in a station's AFS qualify as NFFS.
- B. The four NFFS criteria are Recipient, Form, Source and Purpose.
- C. Revenue needs to meet only one NFFS criteria to be eligible as NFFS.
- D. CPB can add additional restrictions to NFFS.

Question 5 - Answer



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Question 6



A TV station received grants from USDOE, a state gov't agency, for-profit entity, foundation, and PBE for the production and distribution of educational television. Which statements are correct?

- A. All contributions for the purpose of production and distribution of educational television are NFFS eligible.
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A Radio station received payments for rental of excess tower capacity to the local government and to a private business. Which statements are correct?

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 - In-Kind Contributions Exclusions
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NFFS Exclusions: Direct Revenues



- Federal funds (e.g. **CARES ACT, ARPA and PPP funds**)
- Funds from CPB (e.g. **Stabilization funds**) and other PBEs
- Quid Pro Quo contributions – high-end premiums
- Funds derived from subsidiary enterprises unrelated to public broadcasting
- Spectrum auction/FCC repack related revenues
- Presenting station fees

NFFS Exclusions: Direct Revenues



- Capital Funds (TV CSG grantees only)
- Gains from sale of property & equipment
- Realized & unrealized investment gains & losses
- Rental revenues
- Advertising
- Refunds and rebates
- Unrelated Business Income (UBI)

NFFS Eligibility: In-Kind Contributions



- To be eligible as NFFS, in-kind contributions must:
 - be reported as revenues in your financial statements
 - meet the 4 NFFS criteria
 - meet CPB's valuation & documentation criteria
 - not be excluded by policy

NFFS Exclusions: In-kind Contributions

- Certain in-kind contributions are NFFS-ineligible:
 - Third party production payments
 - Contributions in quid pro quo transactions
 - Non-professional donated services
 - Miscellaneous Electronic Items-prerecorded compact discs, records, tapes, cassettes, and film libraries
 - Fundraising related in-kind contributions

NFFS Exclusions: In-kind Contributions

- Certain in-kind contributions are NFFS-ineligible:
 - Promotional items
 - Local productions
 - Nationally distributed programs
 - Program supplements
 - ITV or educational radio outside the allowable scope of approved activities
 - **TV CSG grantees only** – in-kind contributions of capital assets

Source Criterion Exception & Exclusion: Institutional Stations



- **In-kind contributions from your licensee are ineligible as NFFS.**
- However, an **institutional station** can include as NFFS the following:
 - Direct revenues
 - Appropriations from your licensee
 - Expenses incurred or absorbed by your licensee specifically for your station
 - Indirect administrative support (IAS)

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Question 8

Which of the following in-kind contributions received are eligible as NFFS? (Assume the 4 NFFS criteria are all met)

- A. Fundraising related in-kind contributions
- B. Local Advertising
- C. Promotional items
- D. Program supplements

Question 8 - Answer



Answer (B): Local Advertising.

For list of policy exclusions please refer to the Financial Reporting Guidelines.

Question 9



A TV station received in-kind contribution of a new equipment from a business with FMV of \$10,000. Is this in-kind contribution NFFS eligible?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. It depends

Question 9 - Answer



- Answer (B)-No it is not NFFS eligible
- **For TV stations** -donated equipment is NFFS ineligible (per the **Financial Reporting Guidelines**).
- **For Radio stations** -donated equipment is NFFS eligible.

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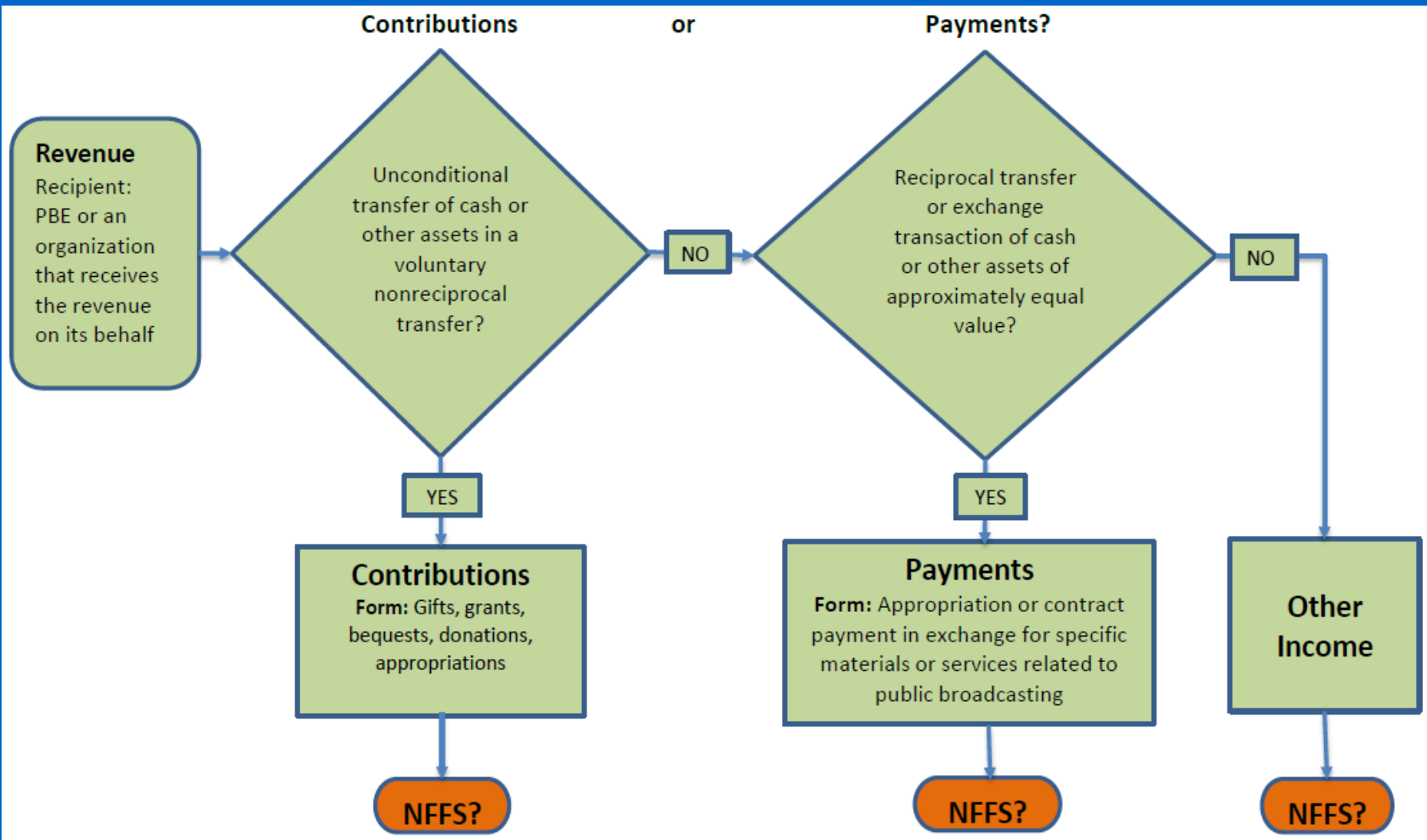
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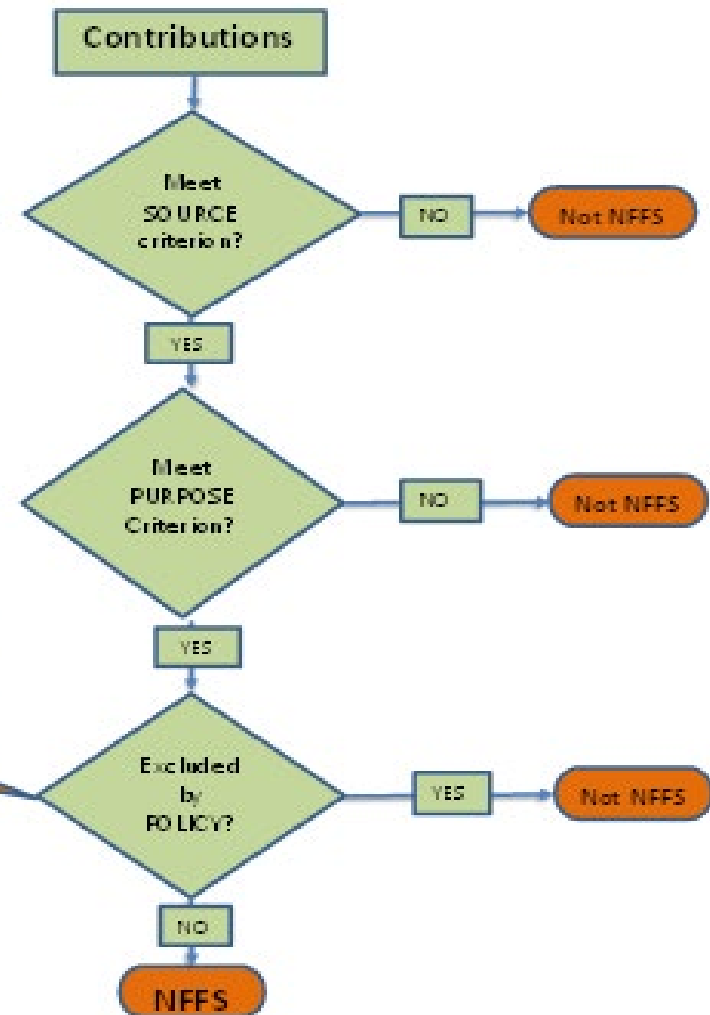
NFFS Revenue Decision



Contributions Decision Chart

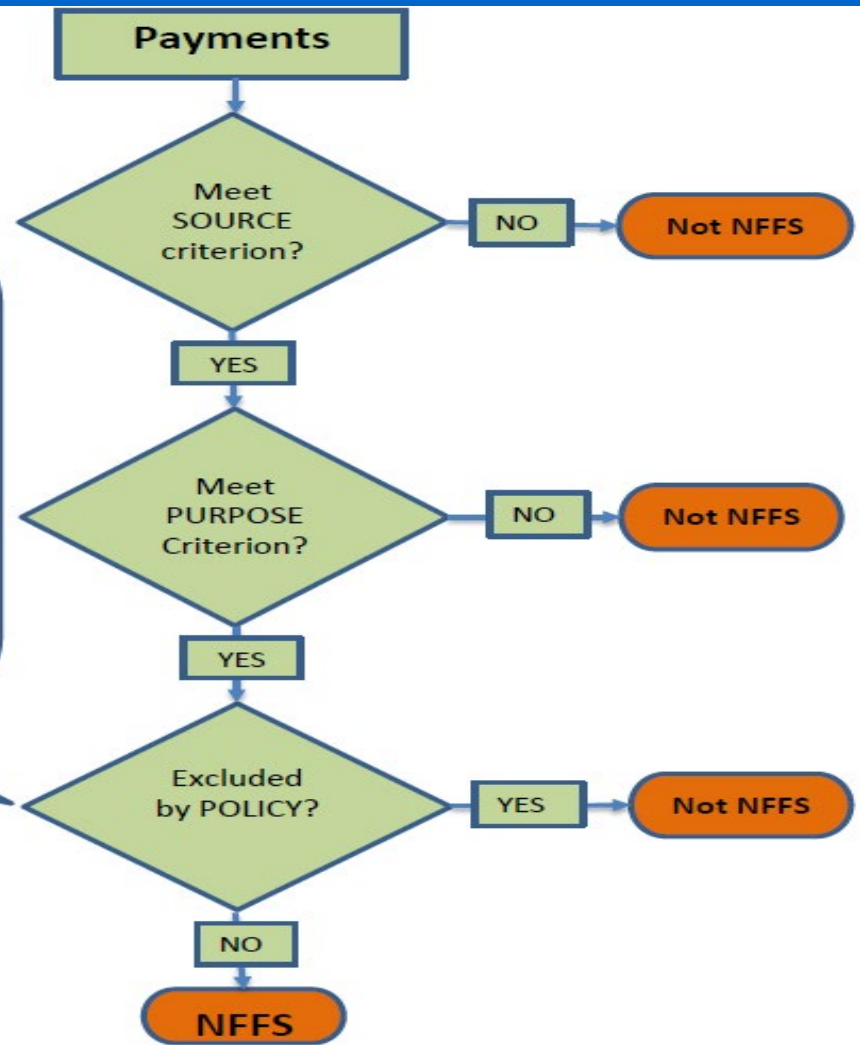
In-kind Contributions Excluded from NFFS

- Quid pro quo exchange transactions
- Non-professional volunteer services
- Pre-recorded compact discs, records, tapes and cassettes
- Fundraising related activities
- TV or educational radio outside the allowable scope of approved activities
- Local Productions
- Program supplements
- Programs that are nationally distributed
- Promotional items
- Regional Organization allocations of program services
- TV Grantees -Direct and in-kind contributions of capital assets
- Direct Revenues
- FMV of High-end premiums

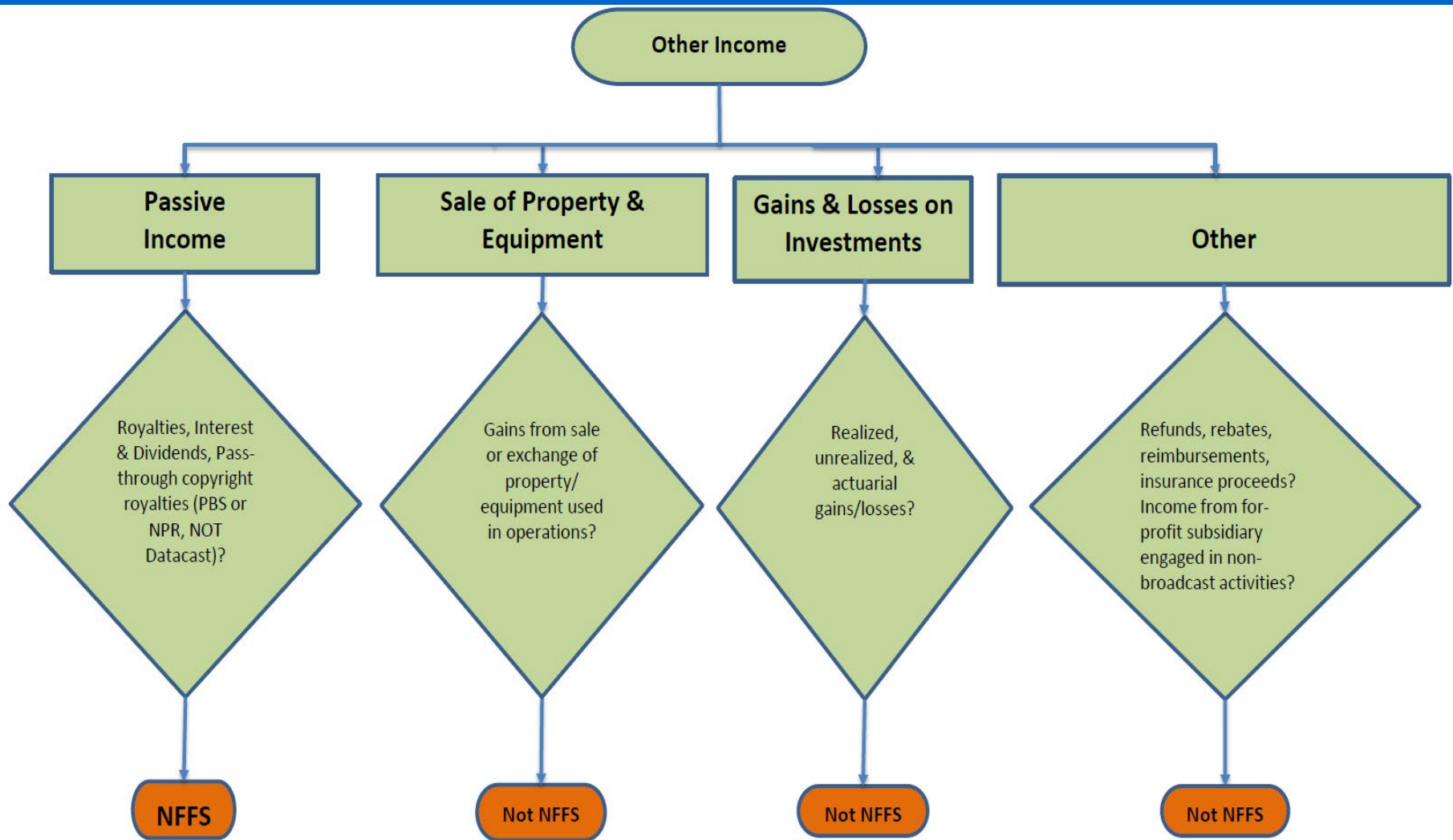


Payments Criteria

- Payments Excluded from NFFS**
- Sales of premiums
 - Sales of program guides
 - Unrelated business income as reported on federal form 990T
 - Revenue from ITV or educational radio outside the allowable scope of approved activities
 - Spectrum auction revenues including interest & dividends earned and/or received
 - Presenting Station fees



Other Income Criteria



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Questions & Answers



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Question 10



A TV station received revenue from an insurance reimbursement and sale of various station logo products. Which statements are correct?

- A. The revenue from the insurance reimbursement is NFFS eligible since it was for replacement of damaged broadcast equipment.
- B. The revenue from sale of various station logo products are NFFS eligible.
- C. Both are NFFS ineligible.

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- B. The revenues from sale of various station logo products are NFFS eligible.
- C. Both are NFFS ineligible.

Question 11



A TV station received a membership donation of \$750 and the station gave the donor tickets to a local theatre performance with a FMV of \$150, a high-end premium. Which statements are correct?

- A. Donation of \$750 is membership revenue and the entire amount is NFFS eligible.
- B. Donation of \$750 is membership revenue, but only \$600 is NFFS eligible.
- C. Only the net donation of \$600 is membership revenue and NFFS eligible.

Question 11 - Answer



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Question 12



A TV station received the following revenue:

- CPB CSG grant of \$100,000
- Interest and dividends of \$50,000 (\$10,000 from spectrum auction proceeds invested)
- underwriting of \$65,000
- gifts for facilities and equipment of \$150,000
- In-kind contributions for local production of \$25,000.
- fundraising revenue of \$25,000 (direct expenses of \$10,000)

What is the correct total NFFS?

- A. \$305,000
- B. \$105,000
- C. \$120,000
- D. \$295,000

Question 12 - Answer



Answer (C) – Total NFFS is \$120,000.

NFFS Eligible:

- interest and dividends of \$40,000 (excluding amount earned on invested spectrum auction proceeds)
- underwriting of \$65,000
- net fundraising revenue of \$15,000 (net of direct expenses)

NFFS Ineligible:

- CPB CSG grant of \$100,000
- Interest and dividends of \$10,000 (earned on invested spectrum auction proceeds)
- gifts for facilities and equipment of \$150,000
- In-kind contributions for local productions of \$25,000

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Completed Agenda



- Overview of Financial Reporting to CPB
- Overview of NFFS
- NFFS Exclusions
- NFFS Decision Charts

Completed Training Objectives



- understand the definition of non-Federal financial support (NFFS)
- know the purpose and importance of reporting NFFS
- learn how to determine NFFS eligibility
- know where to find help
- meet your annual training requirement

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Reporting Requirements

- [Financial Reporting Guidelines for CSG \(AFR and FSR\)](#)
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- [Principles of Accounting and Financial Reporting](#)
- [In-Kind Donations](#)
- [Station Activity Survey \(SAS\)](#)
- [Station Activities Benchmarking Survey \(SABS\)](#)
- [Local Content and Service Report](#)
- [NFFS Decision Charts PDF 110KB](#)
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Additional Documents and Resources

- [CPB's responses to IG Audits](#)
- [Estimating Your FY 2022 TV CSG PDF 111KB](#)
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- **IAS Standard Method:**
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