



Corporation
for Public
Broadcasting

FY2010 Television Distance Service Grant General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

Only stations meeting at least the minimum eligibility criteria for a Television Community Service Grant (as itemized in the Certification of Eligibility for CSGs) and operating three or more digital transmitters or transmitter-equivalents are eligible for the Television Distance Service Grant (TV-DSG) program.

The grant level will be based on the number of digital transmitters and digital and analog translators (that do not duplicate coverage) a grantee operates, with 10 translators considered the equivalent of one transmitter.

SECTION 2. AMOUNT OF GRANT

The grant amount will be calculated based on a percentage of the standard amount for a television CSG base grant, with a maximum grant equal to 80 percent for those stations operating 12 or more digital transmitters.

The grant calculations will be as follows:

3 digital transmitters	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 or more
5% of standard CSG base grant	7.5%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%

SECTION 3. USE OF GRANTS - RESTRICTIONS

- A. No TV-DSG funds shall be used for purposes of conducting any reception, or providing any other entertainment, for any officer or employee of the federal government or any state or local government.
- B. No TV-DSG funds shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriation before Congress or any state legislature.
- C. TV-DSG funds must be used by the recipient only in accordance with the terms of these General Provisions, the TV-DSG Grant Agreement, and all related documents and forms.
- D. Recipients of the TV-DSG must agree to use the funds in support of local services to multiple communities and distant service such as educational outreach activities or educational programs (as defined in the FY 2010 Television Community Service Grant General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria), or local content and production.
- E. TV-DSG funds shall not be used by the recipient for personnel services, programming, or technical facilities in excess of standard amounts usually paid, charged or otherwise applied by the recipient for the same services and facilities under similar circumstances.
- F. The station's licensee may not impound or otherwise withhold or inappropriately restrict the use of TV-DSG funds by the stations. TV-DSG funds may not be used to supplant funds or other support already being provided to the stations by the licensee, nor to offset budgeting cutbacks by the licensee. For purposes of these General Provisions, "supplant" means "to reduce the amount of funds or other support already being provided by the licensee in proportion to, or because of, funding through the TV-DSG."
- G. TV-DSG funds may not be used to offset an institutional licensee's overhead or expenses.
- H. TV-DSG funds or proceeds from the liquidation of assets acquired with the TV-DSG funds must be used solely for the benefit of the public broadcast stations.
- I. Full-time station personnel whose salaries are paid by TV-DSG Grant funds must exercise full-time responsibilities in broadcast station operations. Such personnel shall not be required by the licensee to perform duties unrelated to the operation of the broadcast stations.
- J. Each station will be responsible for identifying and tracking its expenditures of the TV-DSG funds. At the end of each grant-reporting period, the station must certify on the next year's TV-DSG Grant Agreement that the funds were expended in accordance with the TV-DSG General Provisions.
- K. Grantee agrees that if, at any time, during the grant period covered by this agreement, it should cease to provide the public broadcasting services for which this grant is made, it shall, upon request of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, return any or all of the grant funds to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

SECTION 4. RECORD KEEPING AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

All recipients of TV-DSG funds must satisfy the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 396(1)(3)(B, C, and D). This federal law mandates record-keeping and auditing and requires that CPB or its representatives have access to eligibility and financial records. Consult the web site <http://www.cpb.org/stations/certification/cert2.html> for more information.

Furthermore, discrete accounting and proper documentation shall be maintained to support all FY 2010 TV-DSG revenues and expenditures. All TV-DSG expenditures must meet the test of allowability as stated throughout this document and as provided by all other CSG related documents and policies. TV-DSG funds that cannot be accounted for because of recipient's failure to comply with this requirement may be subject to repayment to CPB. The recipient shall maintain such other records that CPB may be required to facilitate an effective audit. TV-DSG records must be retained for no less than three years after the end of the expenditure period.

SECTION 5. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS

- A. TV-DSG funds will be disbursed to recipients in one installment, which will be coincident with the first CSG payment.
- B. All other provisions in the FY2010 Television Community Service Grant General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria apply to recipients of the FY2010 TV-DSG.