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## CPB Compliance Alert: Penalties

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### CSG Non-compliance Policy

Recent station audits indicate that a significant number of Community Service Grant (CSG) recipients do not fully comply with grant requirements under the Communications Act and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's General Conditions and Eligibility Criteria. Non-compliance can result in loss of eligibility or a range of lesser penalties which CPB has assessed in the past.

In an effort to improve compliance with mandatory grant requirements, CPB has adopted a schedule of minimum penalties as set forth in the attached CSG Non-compliance Policy, effective January 1, 2016. Under the Policy, stations may be assessed a penalty ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per infraction. Please ensure that your station officials who are responsible for CSG compliance are aware of the new policy and that they make every effort to avoid unnecessary penalties in the future.

CPB will periodically issue Compliance Alerts that address important compliance issues. Please forward questions to: [jlivesay@cpb.org](mailto:jlivesay@cpb.org).