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# **AMIS Training Manual**

SF-425 Federal Financial Report Completion Guidance

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#### 1 Introduction



AE101: Getting Started – Navigating AMIS is a pre-requisite for this training manual.

All Recipients that received a disbursement of award funds from the CDFI Fund and/or have an active CDFI Fund award during **October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, timeframe** (regardless of program round) are required to submit an SF-425 Federal Financial Report via their Awards Management Information System (AMIS) account by **October 15, 2024**. The SF-425 is a post-award reporting form that collects data on the expenditure of federal financial assistance. Organizations will report how much CDFI Fund federal financial assistance was expended during the October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, timeframe, as well as the cumulative amount expended as of the award announcement date through 9/30/2024.

This requirement applies to organizations that obtained a disbursement of funds and/or have an active CDFI Fund award during the CDFI Fund's federal fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024) in connection with any award provided under the Community Development Financial Institutions Program (CDFI Program), Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program), Capital Magnet Fund (CMF)<sup>1</sup>, Small Dollar Loan Program (SDL Program), Community Development Financial Institutions Rapid Response Program (CDFI RRP), as well as the Community Development Financial Institutions Equitable Recovery Program (CDFI ERP). Please note that one (1) SF-425 Federal Financial Report must be submitted per award.

If you are unsure if this requirement applies to your organization, please refer to the Reporting Schedule in your organization's AMIS account. The AMIS Reporting Schedule will indicate if your organization is required to submit an SF-425 Federal Financial Report by October 15, 2024. The SF-425 Report must be submitted every year, by October 15, throughout the award's Period of Performance.

Please note that the SF-425 requirements DOES NOT apply to organizations receiving assistance under the Bank Enterprise Award Program, CDFI Bond Guarantee Program, or New Markets Tax Credit Program.

Please submit a Service Request via your organization's AMIS account with any questions regarding this reporting requirement, or if technical assistance is required.

This training manual provides CDFI Program, NACA Program, CMF, SDL Program, CDFI RRP, and CDFI ERP Recipients with instructions on how to complete and submit the SF-425 Federal Financial Report in AMIS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For CMF, the SF-425 submission requirement applies to those organization that received a disbursement during federal FY 2024 or have active CMF Awards that are in their Investment Period

## 2 Complete the SF-425 Report

The SF-425 report allows the Recipient to report to the CDFI Fund how much of the CDFI Fund award dollars were expended during the October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, timeframe, as well as the cumulative amount expended as of the award announcement date through September 30, 2024. One (1) SF-425 Report must be submitted per award.

1. To complete a SF-425 report, click on the **Awards** tab in the navigation bar to locate the proper report.



Figure 1. Awards Home Page

2. From the **Award Detail** page, click the **SF-425** related list link and click on the appropriate record. You should select the report that corresponds with the federal fiscal year you are reporting on.



Figure 2. Award Detail Page-SF425 Related List

3. On the SF-425 Detail page, click the Edit button to complete the report.

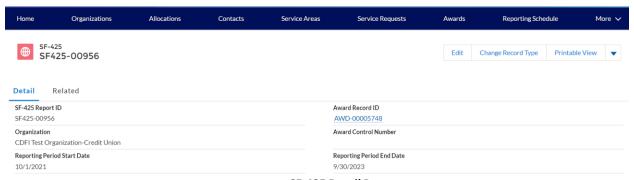


Figure 3. SF-425 Detail Page

- 4. On the edit screen, you will need to enter amounts in the fields below. Please make sure to take into account the amount you reported in last year's report, if applicable. You can access a copy of last year's report via your organization's AMIS account.
  - a. For the "Federal Cash Federal FY Disbursements" data field, you should enter the amount of Federal fund disbursements by the recipient (such as cash or checks) between 10/1/23 through 9/30/24 (can be \$0). This amount should include all award types, including Base-FA, HFFI-FA, PPC-FA, and DF-FA.
    - Disbursements are the sum of actual cash disbursements (of Federally authorized funds) for direct charges.
    - Please note that funds are considered expended (used) once they have been allocated to an eligible category of use as outlined in the Assistance Agreement.
  - b. For the "Federal Cash Cumulative Disbursement" data field, you should enter the cumulative amount of Federal fund disbursements by the recipient (such as cash or checks) as of the award announcement date through 9/30/24. This amount should include all award types, including Base-FA, HFFI-FA, PPC-FA, and DF-FA.
    - Disbursements are the sum of actual cash disbursements (of Federally authorized funds) for direct charges.
    - The Cumulative Disbursements should not exceed the total amount of the award.
    - If this is your last SF-425 Report submission, please make sure

- that you have accounted for ALL award funds. Please note that funds are considered expended (used) once they have been allocated to an eligible category of use as outlined in the Assistance Agreement.
- c. For the "Federal Cash Cumul. HFFI-FA Disb" data field, you should enter the amount of Federal HFFI-FA fund disbursements by the recipient (such as cash or checks) between 10/1/23 through 9/30/24 (can be \$0). This amount should include only the amount of HFFI-FA award funds expended from 10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024.
  - Disbursements are the sum of actual cash disbursements (of Federally authorized funds) for direct charges.
  - Please note that funds are considered expended (used) once they have been allocated to an eligible category of use as outlined in the Assistance Agreement.
- d. For the "Federal Cash Cumul. HFFI-FA Disb.:" data field, you should enter the cumulative amount of Federal HFFI-FA fund disbursements by the recipient (such as cash or checks) as of the award announcement date through 9/30/24. This is how much of the HFFI-FA award that you reported using in the "Federal Cash - Cumulative Disbursements" field above.
  - Disbursements are the sum of actual cash disbursements (of Federally authorized funds) for direct charges.
  - The Cumulative Disbursements should not exceed the total amount of the HFFI-FA award.
  - If this is your last SF-425 Report submission, please make sure that you have accounted for ALL HFFI-FA award funds. Please note that funds are considered expended (used) once they have been allocated to an eligible category.
- e. Example of How to Report HFFI-FA Award Funds: As an example, a Recipient receives \$500,000 in an FA award and \$100,000 for HFFI-FA for a total award of \$600,000. During the first reporting period, the Recipient used \$100,000 of the FA award and \$50,000 for HFFI-FA. In the second reporting period, the Recipient used the remaining \$400,000 of the FA award and \$50,000 of the HFFI-FA.

Reporting Year	Base FA Amount Expended	HFFI-FA Amount Expended	Federal Cash - Federal FY Disbursements (Amount to Report)	Federal Cash - Cumulative Disbursements (Amount to Report)	Federal Cash – Fed. HFFI-FA FY Disbursements (Amount to Report)	Federal Cash - Cumul. HFFI-FA Disbursement (Amoun to Report)
1	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
2	\$400,000	\$50,000	450,000	\$600,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600,000	\$0.00	\$100,000

f. If you are uncertain what information to enter, please refer to the help icon for more information.

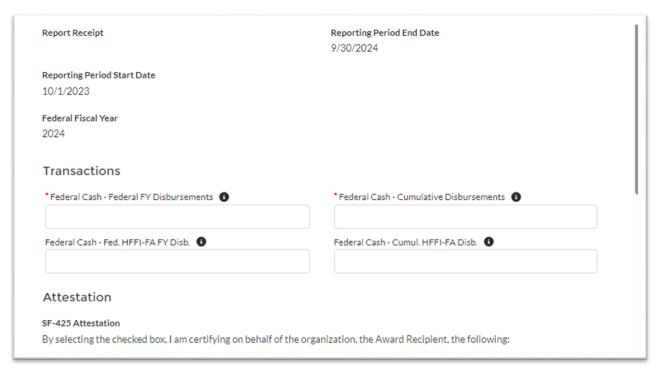


Figure 4. SF-425 Edit Page

- 5. Once the information has been entered, and the Recipient acknowledges the attestations by selecting the check box, select the **Save** button. You will be sent to the **SF-425 Detail** page.
- 6. Scroll up to the top of the page and select the SF-425 Related page. On the SF-425 Related page, use the **Notes and Attachments** section to attach the Project Cost Ledger that corresponds with the Federal Fiscal Year disbursements reported on this SF-425 report. To attach a document, navigate to the **Notes and Attachments** section on the **SF-425 Related** page.
  - a. The Project Cost Ledger should equal the amount you reported in **Federal Cash-Federal FY Disbursements** and show the detail of the funds spent. If you did NOT spend any of the award between 10/1/2023 and 9/30/2024 then you would report \$0 and there would be no project cost ledger to upload.
  - b. There is no template for the project cost ledger. The project cost ledger may vary by accounting systems, but the purpose of it is to account for where the award funds were expended. It should include things like date of transaction, payee, description of transactions, amount, etc. The project cost ledger should include all transactions that took place from 10/1/2023-9/30/2024. The project cost ledger data must be compiled using data from your organizations audited financial statements or Schedule of Federal Expenditures, if applicable.

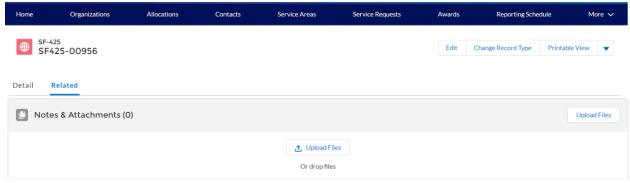


Figure 5. SF-425 Related Page

- c. Click the Upload File button.
- d. Browse to select a file.

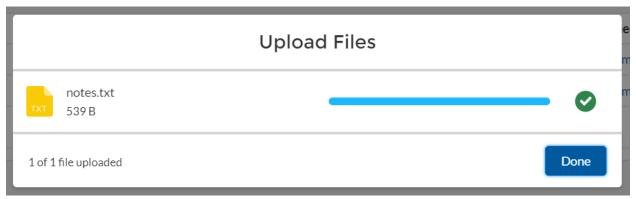


Figure 6. Attach File Edit Page

- e. Click the Open file button.
- f. Click the **Done** button.
- g. The attached file should be displayed under Notes & Attachments.
- 7. Once you have completed the SF-425, select Submit for Approval beside Printable View.



Figure 7. Submit for Approval Page

8. Once the SF-425 Report has been reviewed by the CDFI Fund, they will contact you if additional information is needed.