

## Norcross, Frank

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**From:** Randy ROGERS [RANDYR@cityofws.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2010 10:09 AM  
**To:** Norcross, Frank  
**Subject:** Proposed Monthly Reporting of DOE EECBG formula funds

Dear Mr. Norcross,

The City of Winston-Salem would like for the DOE to reconsider the requirement for monthly reporting for the use of EECBG funds. In this time of severe cutbacks in city operating budgets and position freezes, many local government staff are already overloaded from redistribution of duties and the added burden of grant administration. Increasing the reporting requirement to monthly will add to that burden. At this time, because of position freezes, the City of Winston-Salem cannot add staff or contract for the additional duties that would be required under the increased requirements. Changing the rules midstream will cause issues at the implementation level for local governments.

Like others have already said, I believe your efforts could be better spent on streamlining the existing reporting process so the one report can be used by all agencies that need the information. I also believe that most local governments are intent on being as transparent, diligent, and forthright with the use of the EECBG funds as federal requirements dictate.

I am formally requesting that the monthly reporting requirement be rescinded, quarterly reporting be reinstated. I also request that an explanation and justification be issued to all grantees if DOE decides to proceed with the quarterly reporting requirement.

Sincerely,

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