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1. **AUTHORITY.** To take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements (hereinafter financial assistance), and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.

2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Director, Mission Support Division.

3. **LIMITATIONS.** This authority is limited to those financial assistance programs for which the region has been delegated approval authority.

4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**

   a. This authority may be redelegated, through intervening supervisory levels, to the section chief level, Grants Management and Administration Section.

   b. The authority to take administrative/non-monetary actions may be redelegated, through intervening supervisory levels, to grant specialists and no further.

   c. This authority may not be redelegated to a regional official who also has the authority to approve financial assistance under a redelegation of authority that would allow that official to act as both the award official and the approval official for the same financial assistance agreement(s).

   d. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**

   a. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, which provides EPA's regulations on Grants and Other Federal Assistance.

   b. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and 2 C.F.R. Part 1500, EPA's adoption and supplementation of the OMB uniform award requirements.

   c. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §6301 et seq., and other applicable assistance statutes.

   d. EPA Order series 5700, which provides EPA policies regarding assistance agreements.

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e. Other delegations of authority in this manual relating to approval of fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements.

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