The Award Cash Management Service (ACM$)

What is ACM$?
The new project reporting service in Research.gov meets the federal government's requirement that research agencies implement a new reporting format for research and research-related projects called the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). The RPPR is the result of a government-wide effort to create greater consistency in the administration of federal research awards by streamlining and standardizing reporting formats.

Why Transition to ACM$?
- NSF is placing an increased focus on transparency and accountability in the stewardship of Federal funds
- Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and other stakeholders are requiring more up-to-date information on how tax dollars are being spent
- NSF must comply with new standardized financial reporting requirements

How Does ACM$ Work and What are the Benefits?
ACM$ allows awardee institutions to submit cash requests and adjustments to open and closed awards, as well as access award-level information on payments and award balances. Other benefits include:
- Better and timelier access to financial data, funds status monitoring, and expenditure reports
- Reduced need for manual accounting processes including reconciliations and adjustments
- More transparent data, leading to faster identification of awardees that need technical assistance

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