Q8. Which awards receive an Unobligated Balances Report and when?

Often, sponsors require Grant Holders to report on their estimated unobligated balance; that is, the estimated amount of unspent funds at the end of the current budget year (BY). These requests are often received 45-60 days prior to the end of the budget period, which requires Grant Holders to project their spending for the next two months based on their current budget and spending burn rate.

Awards that receive an Unobligated Balance Report are primarily federal awards that require a RPPR (Research Performance Progress Report) or NCE (No-Cost Extension). Federal flow-through awards that require a NCE may also receive an Unobligated Balance Report.