

Resources on Pandemic-Related Ethics Issues (Fundraising)

OGE recently issued [PA-20-01](#), which provided suggestions for maintaining ethics program continuity during the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In [PA 20-01](#), OGE suggested that ethics officials explore online resources to help meet education and communication needs. To assist you, OGE plans to distribute compilations of resources that address ethics issues that agencies may face when responding to COVID-19 and/or managing the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

If there are topics that would be helpful to have compiled, please contact your desk officer.

The first in the series is a compilation of resources related to fundraising. See below:

- **Crowdsourcing: Pointers and Pitfalls** (slides only; this training was not broadcast online). This 2020 National Government Ethics Summit session discussed ethics concerns surrounding the increasingly popular use of crowdsourced fundraising websites. It addressed ethics challenges such as screening online donations for prohibited sources and referencing an employee's official position on a fundraising website. It also discussed how to apply ethics rules to various common crowdsourcing situations, such as fundraisers established by family members and crowdsourcing within the Federal workplace.
<https://extapps2.oge.gov/Training/OGETraining.nsf/xsp/.ibmmodres/domino/OpenAttachment/training/ogetraining.nsf/F455DEF24CF16F2F85258513006EBD23/Body/Slides%20-%20Crowdsourcing%20Pointers%20and%20Pitfalls.pptx>
- **Fundraising: Navigating Fundraising and Other Solicitations**. In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, OGE convened a Working Group on the Ethical Implications of Emergency Response. One of the products that came out of that working group was a document intended to be used as a tool to navigate the main authorities that may apply to various fundraising and other solicitation events, including the Combined Federal Campaign regulations, various provisions of the Standards of Ethical Conduct, and/or the Federal Management Regulations. In this 30-minute broadcast OGE instructors discuss an updated version of that document, titled *Fundraising and Other Solicitations: An Overview of Key Authorities* and how it can assist you in determining which authorities to consult when facing a variety of fundraising and other solicitation events.
<https://extapps2.oge.gov/Training/OGETraining.nsf/OGECourse.xsp?action=openDocument&documentId=610DAB95B7FE2205852584120069E79C>
- **Fundraising and Other Solicitations: An Overview of Key Authorities**. This document is an updated version of one that was first developed by the Ethical Implications of Emergency Response Working Group in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. It provides an informal overview of the main authorities that may apply to various fundraising and other solicitation events.
<https://extapps2.oge.gov/Training/OGETraining.nsf/xsp/.ibmmodres/domino/OpenAttachment/training/ogetraining.nsf/610DAB95B7FE2205852584120069E79C/Body/Final%20Fundraising%20and%20Other%20Solicitations%202019.pdf>