Grant vs Cooperative Agreement Vs Contract

	Grant	Cooperative Agreement	Contract
Award Activity	Financial assistance	Financial assistance	Procurement of goods/services
CFDA Number	Yes	Yes	No
FAR Clauses	No	Sometimes	Yes
Sponsor Involvement	Awarding office has little or no programmatic involvement, supports a public interest	Awarding office has substantial programmatic involvement in the research activities, supports a public interest	Greater performance expectations: milestones, detailed deliverables, outcome is designed to benefit the Sponsor
University's Flexibility	SOW and Budget are flexible	SOW and Budget are flexible	SOW and Budget are relatively, if not completely, inflexible
Reporting Requirements	Annual	Annual and other as detailed in agreement	Frequent reporting, prescribed by contract
Typical Award Format	Grant	Contract or Grant coversheet	Contract, Purchase Order
Payments	Up front, annual	Up front, annual or project milestone	Cost reimburseable post-accrual, or payment upon acceptance of deliverable.