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Applicant Resources: Videos, User Guide, Training Content, FAQs and More
Grants 101: An introduction to the key phases of the federal grant lifecycle

Grant Policies: Summaries and tables explaining how federal grant policies are formed

Grant Terminology: Essential terms and definitions from the Common Data Element Repository Library (CDER Library)

Grant Events: Upcoming grant trainings, conferences, and webinars
Navigating Grants.gov

Subscriptions and Email Notifications

Manage Subscriptions
- Manage Subscriptions
- Social Media

Custom Email Notifications
When you create a Grants.gov account, you can customize the type of email notifications you receive. Log in and click the links below to subscribe to news updates about system enhancements, notifications about saved searches and new funding opportunities, and more.

- Subscribe to Grants.gov News
  Receive Alerts and Newsletters containing updates about system enhancements and training resources
- Subscribe to all new grant opportunities
  Receive a daily email listing all new grant opportunities
- Subscribe to opportunities
  Receive notifications when changes are made to a specific opportunity's forecast, synopsis and other packages
- Subscribe to saved searches for grant opportunities
  Receive notifications for new opportunities matching saved search criteria

Unsubscribe from Email Notifications
Log in and unsubscribe from one (or more) of your Grants.gov email notifications. We strongly recommend that you stay subscribed to Grants.gov Alerts so that you will receive time-sensitive updates about the Grants.gov system.

- Unsubscribe from Grants.gov email notifications
Registration
Registration Overview

• Organizations need these before using Grants.gov to apply for federal grants:
  – Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number, also called Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
  – System for Award Management (SAM) registration

• **Grants.gov Account**: You only need one. Uses unique email, username & password.

• **Profile(s)**: Can have multiple within one Grants.gov account. Corresponds to applicant organization you represent (i.e., an applicant), individual applicant, or a federal agency (i.e., a grantor).
Register with DNB at [https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform](https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform)

- Requires TIN from IRS and organization information
- You will be issued a **DUNS Number**
- ~1 – 2 business days

Use DUNS to register with SAM at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)

- Establish E-Business Point of Contact (**EBiz POC**): Individual who oversees all activities for organization within Grants.gov and approves the AOR
- ~7-10 business days after completely registering, including submitting notarized letter to SAM
Organization data and EBiz POC information are transferred from SAM to Grants.gov

People within the organization are able to register with Grants.gov and then add a profile to associate with organization

**SAM registration must be renewed annually.** Click here to learn more: [https://sam.gov/content/home](https://sam.gov/content/home)

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**

By April of 2022, the federal government will stop using the DUNS number to uniquely identify entities registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). At that point, entities doing business with the federal government will use a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) assigned by SAM.gov.

Active SAM registrants can now see their assigned UEI assigned within SAM.gov; there is no action for registered entities to take at this time. Grants.gov users with a UEI may begin using the UEI in UEI fields.

To learn more about SAM’s rollout of the UEI, please visit [https://gsa.gov/entityid](https://gsa.gov/entityid).
Registration: Grants.gov Account
Accounts enable subscription management
Registration: Add Profile, Get Roles
Profile associates you with organization. EBiz POC assigns roles to your profile.

Note: Users who select “Continue - Skip adding a profile at this time” can add an Applicant Profile at a later time. A user without an Applicant Profile can be added to a Workspace to help fill out forms, but the user will not be able to Create or Submit a Workspace.

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Each organization has one EBiz POC
EBiz POCs assigned in SAM.gov

EBiz Point of Contact, AOR role, Workspace Manager role

Users with **Standard AOR role** can submit applications
One organization can have many users with AOR role

Users with **Workspace Manager role** can create workspaces

**EBIZ**

**AOR**

**WM**

**Registration: Grants.gov Roles**

**EBiz POC assigns roles:**
- AOR or Workspace Manager

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Search Grants
Searching for Funding Opportunities

Using the Grants.gov Search Fields
Searching for Funding Opportunities
Find - Basic Search

Search for grants and forecasts by entering a keyword.

In Search Grants tab, search by:

• Keyword
• Opportunity Number
• CFDA Number or Title
Select the Opportunity Status to find what you are looking for:

- **Forecasted** - Potential grants in the near future
- **Posted** - Currently open grants
- **Closed** - Recently ended grants
- **Archived** - Past grants available for reference
Searching for Funding Opportunities

Sign In and Save Your Search

Refine your search by selecting criteria options:

- Category
- Eligibility
- Funding Agency
- Opportunity Status
- Date ranges

Click Save Search button to store this set of search criteria to receive emails

Click Manage Searches link to review your saved searches
Search results and criteria are reset when the user clicks the Search button.

Search results are refreshed when criteria options are changed.

Users have ability to export Search Results.
What’s in a Funding Opportunity?
A Forecast is a projection of an estimated funding opportunity. Contains information, such as:

- Estimated Post and Due Dates
- Estimated Program Funding Amount
- Estimated Award Date

A Forecast can become a funding opportunity Synopsis
What’s in a Funding Opportunity?

Synopsis

When agencies receive funding, a Forecast can become a funding opportunity Synopsis.

The Synopsis contains basic information about the funding opportunity, such as:

- Funding Opportunity Number
- Open/Close date
- Program Funding Amount
- Number of Awards
What’s in a Funding Opportunity?

Related Opportunities

Agencies may relate multiple funding opportunities with each other to aid the search process.

Link to the related opportunity
What’s in a Funding Opportunity?

Version History

The Version History displays a table with synopsis modifications.

To display an earlier version, the user clicks on the desired Version Name.

The fields modified are highlighted in gray.
What’s in a Funding Opportunity?

Full Announcement - Under Related Documents Tab

You can retrieve the full Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Request for Applications (RFA), and any supplementary documentation.
What’s in a Funding Opportunity?
Workspace Application and Instructions

Click the Package tab to preview the application package forms.

Log in to create a workspace to apply.

Sign up for emails of changes made to this funding opportunity.

Click Preview link to access read-only forms and application instructions.

*Any Closed packages associated with the FOA will be listed near the bottom of the Package tab, within a separate grid. No “Apply” action will be available.
Applying with Workspace
Workspace Topics

• What is Workspace?
• Add collaborators in Participants tab
• Complete the application in the Forms tab
• Submit when you are done
What Is Grants.gov Workspace?
The online space on where you work on your grant application

Workspace is a shared, online environment where members of a grant team may simultaneously access and fill out forms within an application.
The Participants tab lists the members, or “Participants,” of a workspace who work as a team to complete the required forms for a federal grant.
Adding Participants:
Click the **Add from Workspace Organization** button to search for a user within your organization.

Click the **Add by Username or Email Address** button to add a user from outside your organization.

Removing Participants:
Click the **Remove** link on the Participant record in the workspace.

Reassigning Ownership:
Click the **Make Owner** link in the Actions column.
Workspace: Add Participants

**Core Roles:**
- Standard AOR role
- Expanded AOR role*
- Workspace Manager role

*Expanded AOR role enables a user to view and submit the application for any workspace within the organization. Not all organizations will use this version of the AOR role
Workspace: Add Participants

Account Types:
- E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC)
- Applicant

Access Levels:
- Workspace Owner
- Workspace Participant
Completing Workspace Forms

Key Actions:
- Fill out webforms (if available)
- Download and Upload PDF forms
- Lock/Unlock forms
- Reuse forms from other workspace

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on Forms

If the field label reads “DUNS”, applicants should enter their DUNS Number. If the field label reads “UEI”, applicants should enter their “SAM UEI”. 

Actions

Lock | Download | Upload | Reuse | Webform
Completing Webforms

Webform Basics:

- Complete online forms in web browser
- Navigate by clicking sections
- Tab through form fields
- Required fields have red asterisk
Completing Webforms

- Open text entry
- Drop-down menu
- Dates/calendar
Completing Webforms

- Radio buttons (multiple choice)

- Attach files within online form
Completing Webforms

More Features:

• Hover mouse over form fields for help

• Error messages explain how to fill out form fields
Completing Webforms

More Features:

- Autosave occurs every 5 minutes
- Complete SF-424 first to pre-populate form fields and save time
Completing Webforms

- **Save**: Stores your form data & attachments to Workspace
- **Check for Errors**: Form validation & field-level errors
- **Close**: Exits the online form
Completing PDF Forms

PDF Form Basics:

• Option to download PDF forms to complete in Adobe software

• Upload PDF forms to workspace

• Upon uploading, data shared between online and PDF versions of forms
Completing PDF Forms

PDF Form Basics:

- Tab through form fields
- Required fields have red border and yellow shading
- Hover mouse over form fields for help
- Error messages explain how to fill out form fields
Completing Workspace Forms

Workspace Features:

- Reuse past forms
- Cross-form & up-front validations
Reusing Workspace Forms

• Click Reuse link to import a form from another workspace

• Reusing an old form will overwrite all current form data
Reusing Workspace Forms

- Search through past workspace forms with the same form title
- Click Select to import that form into workspace
Reusing Workspace Forms

- Confirmation message appears
- Update or modify the reused form using the Webform or Download links
View Application & Attachments Tabs

**View Application Tab**
Download entire application or forms with PDF attachments

**Attachments Tab**
Download the PDF attachments added to application forms
Workspace: Submit Application

Process:
- Workspace Owner notifies users with AOR role
- User with AOR role submits
- Workspace Owner or user with AOR role may choose to Reopen Workspace
- Related this submission with a past submission, if applicable
Tracking Your Application Submission
After Submitting Your Application

• Make sure you receive an on-screen confirmation receipt

• Document your Grants.gov Tracking Number

• The date/time stamp is the official time of submission

• You will also receive email confirmations
Submission Confirmation Messages

Grants.gov Submission Receipt Email
- Your application has been received by Grants.gov
- Grants.gov E-mail Verifying Receipt (with Track My Application URL)

Grants.gov Submission Validation or Rejection Email
- Grants.gov E-mail Verifying Successful Submission
- **OR** Rejection Due to Errors with a description of issue

Transmission to Agency
- The Agency has received the Agency Retrieval Email from Grants.gov

Agency Emails
- The Agency may also send you an agency tracking number, notes, or other confirmation emails
Track your application status and information by accessing the **Details tab** of the submitted Workspace.

Click on the **Details** link to view the Submission Details.
Tracking Your Application
Submission Details of Submitted Workspace

Download ZIP provides a zip file of the submission

Download Full PDF provides a single PDF file of the submission

Recommendation: Download a copy of the submitted application for offline record-keeping and to verify the contents of each file in the zip. To download the zip file or full PDF, the submitted application must be in one of the following statuses: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned.

Note: For opportunities that provide the Grantor Image service, applicants will need to Request Grantor Image from the View Application tab to download the full PDF (with attachments).
May also track application status by entering Grant Tracking Number.

Status information:
- Received
- Validated
- Rejected with Errors
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Applicant Management
Applicant Management

Key Actions
- Users with Expanded AOR role can perform workspace actions at organization level
- EBiz POC cannot submit a workspace
Manage a User’s Roles

Key Actions
- Users with Expanded AOR role can assign/reassign roles
Manage a User’s Workspace Access

**Key Actions**

- Users with Expanded AOR role can manage workspace access
Grants.gov Mobile App
Download the Mobile App

**Key Actions**

- Search for grants on the go
- Add and edit Saved Search queries
- Receive Notifications about new opportunities and submitted applications
- Submit completed applications within the app
- Available on Google Play and Apple’s App Store
Tips for Applicants
Tips for Applicants
Crafting Grant Proposals and Submitting Applications

- Register and submit early
- Thoroughly read and follow all of the instructions provided by the agency
- Fill out SF-424 forms first
- Include sufficient program and budget details
- Recommend completing the optional forms in the application
- Limit application file size / file name characters (50 characters or less)
- Use only UTF-8 characters in file names
- Use correct DUNS number (Unique Entity Identifier or UEI) when creating a workspace
- Make sure you have Grants.gov compatible PDF software (Adobe Reader)
Connect with Grants.gov

Applicant Support Center available 24/7 (closed on Federal holidays)

support@grants.gov | 1-800-518-4726 (toll-free) | 1-606-545-5035 (international)

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