Federal Grants 101

Grant Basics and Identification

August 24, 2022
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Overview of Federal Funding and IIJA
Federal Grants

- Federal outlays for grants to states and local governments have grown from $16.4 billion in 1940 to $734.9 billion in 2020.

- In January 2022, there were approximately 2,073 federal assistance programs authorized by Congress.
History of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

- August 10th: Passed the Senate 69 – 30, including 19 Rs
- November 5th: Passed the House 228 – 205, including 13 Rs
- November 15th: Signed into law

- Includes authorized and new spending over FIVE years (fiscal years 2022 – 2026)
- Creates more than 50 new programs
IIJA Overall Funding

$227+ billion in new program funding

$614+ billion in existing program funding

Source: White House Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook
IIJA Overall Funding

OVERALL IIJA FUNDING BY CATEGORY IN $BILLIONS

- Roads, Bridges, and Major Projects, $318.86
- Water, $64.25
- Clean Energy and Power, $74.95
- Airports and Federal Aviation Administration Facilities, $25.00
- Public Transportation, $87.75
- Ports and Waterways, $16.68
- Passenger and Freight Rail, $66.00
- Safety, $37.71
- Electric Vehicles, Buses and Ferries, $18.60
- Resilience, $47.89
- Environmental Remediation, $21.60
- Broadband, $64.41
- Other, $8.71

Source: White House Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook
Federal Grants
What are grants and why consider them?
Purpose of Federal Grants

To secure funding for a specific project or to address a specific problem that *directly assists or benefits the public in such areas as education, health, public safety, public welfare, and public works.*
Types of Grants

• **Discretionary or Competitive Grants** ★
  • Request for funding for a fixed period of time for a specific project. The funds are used to carry out goals and activities to support a public purpose.

• **Formula, Entitlement, and Block Grants**
  • Pre-determined amount of funding provided to eligible recipients to offset the local costs incurred when carrying out a federal requirement. These grants are typically non-competitive but do require applications.
  • Often directed to larger units of local government.
What do grants generally fund?

• Capacity Building
• Public Outreach and Engagement
• Conferences
• Construction and Renovation
• Demonstration and Pilot Programs
• General Purpose
• Equipment
• Operating
• Planning Grant
• Research
• Training
Grant Life-Cycle

1. Identify Needs
2. Research and Prepare for Grants
3. Award Decisions and Notification
4. Implementation, Reporting and Closeout

- Award Solicitation Period: 30-90 days
- Grant Life-Cycle: varies by award
- Ongoing: 4-6 months, 30-90 days
Platform Registrations

Plan Ahead – Get Registered!
Register Your Organization

1. Register in System for Awards Management (SAM) and record Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

2. Register in Grants.gov
System For Awards Management (SAM)

- UEI automatically assigned through SAM April 2022
  - DUNS will automatically transition to UEI
- Established E-Business Point of Contact (EBIZ POC): individual who oversees all activities for organization within grants.gov and approves the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)
- Typically takes 14 business days after completely registering, including submitting a notarized letter to SAM
- Must be renewed annually
- Not sure if you are registered in SAM – look it up here: [https://sam.gov/content/status-tracker](https://sam.gov/content/status-tracker)
Register Your Grants.gov Account
Grants.gov Definitions

• **E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC):** A user registered as an organization applicant who is responsible for the administration and management of grant activities for his or her organization.

• **Authorized Organization Representative (AOR):** A member of your organization authorized by the EBiz POC to submit applications in Grants.gov on behalf of the organization.

• **Workspace:** The standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants in Grants.gov. Workspace allows a grant team to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Grants.gov Workspace also allows applicants and organizations to tailor their application workflow.
Grants.gov Organization, Profile, Roles

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

EBiz POC assigns roles: AOR or Workspace Manager

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
Grants.gov Workspace Process

Create your Workspace
- Ebiz POC assigns roles. AORS or Workspace Managers can create workspace for grant

Add Team Members
- Workspace manager can add participants from within and/or outside the organization, assign access

Complete your forms & application attachments
- Fill out your forms in a PDF file or through a webform

Submit your application
- Signing and Submitting – The AOR is responsible for signing and submitting the application
Other Grant Submission Platforms

- FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO)
- DOJ’s Justice Grant System (JustGrants)
- Some USDA Programs
Identify Your Priorities

Know what you need and want!
Plan Ahead – Identify Needs

• On an annual basis identify 2-3 priority projects
  • Focus on medium- to long-term projects
  • Look through your Capital Improvement Budget and Long-Range Plans for Ideas

• Clearly define each project(s) vision and needs
  • What are you trying to accomplish?
  • Why is it needed?
  • What documentation do you have to support the project?
  • How much will it cost?
Grant Search Tools

Know where to look!
Grant Funding Search Tools

- Grants.gov
  - Federal grants only
- Federal Register
  - Federal grants only
- Government/Funding Agency Websites and Listservs
  - All grants
- The Foundation Center
  - Foundation grants only
- Guidestar
  - Foundation funding background only (does not list grants)
- Google
  - All grants
- Paid subscriptions

Sign up for email notifications and subscriptions
Searching Grants.Gov

The most robust federal grant search platform!
Remainder: Federal agencies do not publish personal financial assistance opportunities on Grants.gov. Federal funding opportunities published on Grants.gov are for organizations and entities supporting the development and management of government-funded programs and projects. For more information about personal financial assistance benefits, please visit Benefits.gov.

Convenience Comes to Federal Grants
Download the Grants.gov Mobile App to search and submit on the go.
**Keywords – Without Quotations**

A search for fire prevention on the GRANTS.GOV portal reveals 25 of 583 matching results. The search criteria include:

- **Basic Search Criteria**
  - **Keyword(s):** fire prevention

- **Opportunity Status**
  - Forecasted (60)
  - Posted (523)
  - Closed (1,256)
  - Archived (14,752)

- **Funding Instrument Type**
  - All Funding Instruments

- **Eligibility**
  - All Eligibilities

The results display information such as Opportunity Number, Opportunity Title, Agency, Opportunity Status, Posted Date, and Close Date.
Customize Eligibility

- ELIGIBILITY: [X] Others (see text field entitled 'Additional Information on Eligibility' for clarification), [X] Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled 'Additional Information on Eligibility', [X] City or township governments, [X] Special district governments

1 - 25 of 543 matching results
Current Opportunities – Without Quotations

GRANTS.GOV Search Grants

Search Grants

Basic Search Criteria:
Keyword(s): fire prevention
Opportunity Number:
CFDA:

Search

Opportunity Status:
☐ Forecasted (5)
☑ Posted (485)
☐ Closed (1,096)
☐ Archived (12,685)

Funding Instrument Type:
☐ All Funding Instruments
☐ Cooperative Agreement (249)
☐ Grant (308)
☐ Other (30)
☐ Procurement Contract (18)

Eligibility:
☐ Independent school districts (192)
☐ Individuals (6)
☐ Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) (217)
☐ Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) (206)

1 - 25 of 485 Matching Results:

1. L2AS00101
   Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance
   DOI-BLM
   Posted 01/22/2022
   Close Date 04/26/2022

2. L2AS00205
   Bureau of Land Management Colorado Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance
   DOI-BLM
   Posted 02/03/2022
   Close Date 07/03/2022

3. L2AS00155
   Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance
   DOI-BLM
   Posted 01/10/2022
   Close Date 06/15/2022

4. PO-20-1407
   Combustion and Fire Systems
   NSF
   Posted 09/11/2019

5. PA-20-144
   Innovations in HIV Prevention, Testing, Adherence and Retention to Optimize HIV Prevention and Care Continuum Outcomes (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
   HHS-NIH11
   Posted 03/23/2020
   Close Date 01/07/2023

6. PA-20-145
   Innovations in HIV Prevention, Testing, Adherence and Retention to Optimize HIV Prevention and Care Continuum Outcomes (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
   HHS-NIH11
   Posted 03/23/2020
   Close Date 01/07/2023

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Forecasted Opportunities
Closed and Archived Opportunities

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View Specific Grant Opportunity
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Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Private institutions of higher education
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility: Fire Departments

Additional Information

Agency Name: Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Description:
The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Programs. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhancethe safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas.

Grant applications are processed in FEMA GO, not Grants.gov; refer to the NOFO document in the "Related Documents" section of this posting for details on how to apply.

Link to Additional Information: Program Guidance

Grantor Contact Information: If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:
 Systems and Business Support Branch
 GMD-Systems-Branch@fema.gov
View Specific Grant Opportunity

DHS-21-GPD-044-00-97
Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Fire Prevention and Safety Grants
Department of Homeland Security
Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

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Further Refining Search

AGENCY:

- [x] All Department of Agriculture, [x] All Department of Commerce, [x] All Department of Defense, [x] All Department of the Interior
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Position Priority Projects
Match the grant with your project.
Dissecting the Grant Solicitation

1. Eligibility
2. Agency Priorities
3. Eligible Use of Grant Funds
4. Project Readiness
5. Amount of Funding Available
6. Matching Requirements
7. Reporting Requirements
8. Project Period
Consult with Funding Agency

Ask if the agency has any priorities or directives for projects funded through the program.

- Discuss project ahead of solicitation period
- Discuss project after an unsuccessful application
- Allows for time to modify project and address agency feedback ahead of solicitation period
- Creates a relationship with the funding agency
Create a Grant Outlook Calendar

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<td>Hiring new officers, rehiring officers already laid off, and rehiring officers scheduled to be laid off</td>
<td>$4.03 million</td>
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<td>Law enforcement personnel</td>
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<td>Funds specific projects related to officer safety and wellness, school safety, staffing and allocation studies, violent crime, hate crimes, and recruitment, hiring and wellness, among others</td>
<td>$2.3 million</td>
<td>Not Required</td>
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<td>COPS: Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program</td>
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<td>Improves the delivery of, and access to, mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, and implementation of practices.</td>
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<td>Law enforcement programs, profession and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, technology improvement, mental health programs, and others</td>
<td>Awards of up to $24.999</td>
<td>Not Required</td>
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<td>Enhances law enforcement agencies' investigative and prosecutorial resources needed to improve their ability to hold violent gun offenders accountable for violent crime</td>
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<td>Establishes or expands comprehensive body-worn camera programs</td>
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<td>Purchase of bullet-resistant body armor</td>
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<td>Improving security at schools and on school grounds through evidence-based school safety programs</td>
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<td>25%</td>
<td>Law enforcement security</td>
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Gather Documents and Formalize Partnerships

Grant solicitation period is generally 30-90 days

Preparation in advance allows for effective writing!
Thank you!

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