

# Increasing Government Accountability by Connecting Federal Spending and Performance Data

**CHALLENGE:** Develop public facing tools that link federal spending and performance (or outcome) data to provide comprehensive insight into the use of federal taxpayer dollars across programs.

**VISION:** Connect Federal financial and performance data in high impact areas such as disaster relief, infrastructure, and financial assistance, allowing the American public to track progress in key areas, unlock economic opportunities, and expand research capabilities.

**PROBLEM:** The Federal government has extensive data that currently exists in silos. Agencies maintain data about their programs, open data sources maintain various elements of meta data, and government-wide systems like Performance.gov and USASpending.gov hold data about specific areas of Federal operations. Although the Federal government has made strides with improving accountability and transparency, linking these data sets together would tell a holistic story of federal financial management.

**WHY IS THE PROBLEM IMPORTANT:** In 2017, the Federal government spent over \$3 trillion dollars in financial assistance. While USASpending.gov provides access to federal spending data at lower levels of granularity, there is still an opportunity to enhance transparency and show the American public how programs are performing with tax payer dollars. With an increase in spending in high impact areas such as disaster relief, there is public interest in more accountability and transparency into federal spending. Linking federal spending and performance in high impact areas using government open data can enhance data transparency, promote economic growth and research, and improve services to the American public. The President's Management Agenda also places a priority on leveraging data as a strategic asset to grow the economy, increase the effectiveness of the Federal Government, facilitate oversight, and promote transparency.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Engaged citizens seeking clear information

## POTENTIAL DATASETS:

- USASpending.gov
- Performance.gov
- DisasterAssistance.gov
- Sam.Gov
- Grants.gov
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
- Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)
- GPS data
- Data.gov
- Census data
- FedBizOps