

Improving Access to and Management of Federal Grants

CHALLENGE: Develop tools that expand on existing systems to help grant recipients manage the entire grants lifecycle, helping grant managers and recipients search for opportunities, streamline reporting, and assess risks.

VISION: Grant recipients and agencies spend less time on administrative compliance and can redirect resources to achieving program results.

PROBLEM: Grant managers—including those that administer funds from inside the Federal Government and those from external organizations that receive Federal funds—report spending 40% of their time using antiquated processes to monitor compliance instead of data and analytics to monitor results. The organizations that receive Federal grant funds—from states, localities, and tribes to schools and non-profits—report that the current process is overly burdensome and takes away from the missions they are working to deliver. Furthermore, local governments struggle to plan for future opportunities while balancing reporting requirements and managing overall risks.

WHY IS THE PROBLEM IMPORTANT: Approximately \$700 billion is invested annually through more than 1,800 diverse Federal grant programs listed on CFDA.gov. These funds support activities that touch every American, such as medical research, education, transportation infrastructure, workforce initiatives, economic development, and services for veterans. Streamlining access to grants opportunities, with reporting requirements and risk assessments, will reduce burdensome compliance activities and fuel economic growth, focusing more on results for the American taxpayer (a Priority of the President's Management Agenda).

TARGET AUDIENCE: Grant managers and recipients

POTENTIAL DATASETS:

- USASpending.gov
- SAM.gov, including CFDA.gov
- Federal Audit Clearing House
- Grants.gov
- Benefits.gov
- USA.gov
- FSRS.gov
- Tracking Accountability in Government Grants Systems (TAGGS)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Grants and Loans
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Office of Finance
- Fish and Wildlife (TRACS)
- USDA NIFA Data Gateway
- Performance.gov