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AT-A-GLANCE

WHY APPLY FOR A GRANT AT GRANTS.GOV?
Highlights the many grant applications available and features the step-by-step instructions to Get Started applying for a grant through Grants.gov. Plus, tips to make your "apply" experience easy the first time around.

GRANTS.GOV "SPREAD THE WORD" WEBCAST – A HUGE SUCCESS
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WHY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AT GRANTS.GOV?

Grants.gov is THE site to find and apply for more than $360 billion in competitive Federal grants across all 26 Federal Grant making agencies. Currently there are more than 2,050 active grant opportunities posted on the site spanning 20+ diverse grant categories ranging from Agriculture to Technology. Over 70 active electronic grant application packages are available on Grants.gov to apply today from Federal agencies, including the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, and Health and Human Services, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Social Security Administration, and the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities.

Through Grants.gov, the grant community has online access to grant application packages to find and meet the nation's most essential public needs, including:

- An Education grant to reduce alcohol abuse,
- A Health and Human Services state planning grant,
- A USDA scientific cooperation research program.

Key benefits to using Grants.gov

Grant application submission online through Grants.gov can provide significant benefits and savings for your organization, by reducing the cost and time required to:

- Navigate complex processes to find and apply for Federal grants
- Develop and maintain systems interfaces with multiple grantors
- Train and learn multiple disparate grants application processes
- Respond to redundant information requests and data collection efforts
- Operate, store, and submit inefficient paper-based grant applications

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GET STARTED WITH GRANTS.GOV

The following steps will help you get started with Grants.gov and complete the **one-time registration process** to apply for all Federal grants.

Get Started Step 1 – Find a grant opportunity for which you would like to apply and download the application package.

Get Started Step 2 – Click the "Get Started" tab and begin the one-time registration process.

- First select one of the four Grants.gov user roles that best describes how you or your organization plans to interact with Grants.gov. If you are unsure of your role, click on the "Help" link at the top of the page for assistance.

- Find a customized list of requirements to complete your registration, along with a list of the site features to maximize your Grants.gov experience.

- Choose the link "Register" and follow your customized step-by-step instructions, accompanied by checklists and quick tips, to complete your registration.

Get Started Step 4 – Complete your application.

Get Started Step 5 – Submit your application electronically at Grants.gov.

**For more details visit
http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted**

Grants.gov "Spread the Word" Webcast - A Huge Success

Grants.gov held its first ever Webcast, "Spread the Word", on March 9th to Grantor staff, Congressional members, and Collaboration partners. The Webcast featured reasons why and ways these partners can share Grants.gov information with their grant communities. Initially, targeting 1,000 recipients the Webcast generated broad interest and participation with more

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Grants.gov also provides the ability to download a grant application package and then view and complete it offline — giving you the flexibility to complete grant applications when and where you want. It also enables you to easily route it through your organization for review, to complete various components, just like any other email attachment. When the application is complete and ready for submission, you can connect to the Internet and simply click the submit button.

Start by downloading a copy of the PureEdge Viewer, then download an application package. Visit www.grants.gov and click on Grant Application Packages in the left navigation bar for the current list of grant application packages.

If you have questions, Grants.gov provides some helpful tips and resources for applying, including online demonstrations (http://www.grants.gov/CompleteApplication#demo) with instructions to assist you in completing your application package. Plus, the site is full of helpful resources and links.

Grants.gov resources on the web

For more tips and tools – visit some of our popular resources on the site.

- Grants.gov checklists for Organizations, Individuals, Institutions, etc. – http://www.grants.gov/RegistrationChecklist
- How to Write a Grants Proposal – http://www.grants.gov/Grants Proposal
- Other useful links, including foundation resources, funding resources, grants management resources, and more – http://www.grants.gov/RelatedLinks

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than 3,700 registered participants and the submission of nearly 280 questions from the live and archived Webcast.

If you missed the Webcast, it's not too late! Read a summary of the questions submitted during the event and view the Webcast On-Demand at your convenience. You can also catch an encore presentation on April 21, where the original presentation will be re-broadcasted. This presentation will be complimented by a live program update from the Grants.gov Program Management Team and an extended Question and Answer session. For more details and links to any of these options please visit: http://www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast

GRANTS.GOV RECOGNIZED AGAIN!

- Grants.gov was selected as one of ten Federal initiatives to be named as the top 50 finalists for the esteemed 2005 Innovations in American Government Award.

- For the second consecutive year, Grants.gov was selected by the Federal Leadership Council as one of 10 finalists for the 2005 FOSE Showcase of Excellence Award.

GRANTS.GOV IN THE NEWS

Visit www.grants.gov/News for a full list of media coverage, newsletters, and news releases. Recent news stories about Grants.gov include:

3/22/2005, Ten federal programs named semifinalists for innovation award, by Daniel Pulliam, Govexec.com - Programs in 10 Federal agencies, including two e-government initiatives, are semifinalists for one of the most highly prized public service awards.

2/8/2005, Johnson Mayor 'shaky' over grant promises, by John Anderson, *The Morning News*, Springdale, AR – Mayor Richard Long enlisted the help from a grant writing company seeking funding for city playground and firefighting equipment but has yet to see that money. But according to Jeff Hawkins, director of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, cities can handle their own grant writing chores when equipped with the right tools.

12/11/2004, Grants money boosts non-profit funds, by Lisa Roberson, *The Chillicothe Gazette,* Chillicothe, OH – Grants are becoming the lifeblood of many nonprofit and social service organizations, providing thousands of dollars without taxing the already-strained city and county coffers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar! Connect with Grants.gov representatives at the following upcoming events:

4/5 – 4/7/05	FOSE – Washington, DC
4/7/05	Faith-based Workshop, DC Mayors Office – Washington, DC
4/17/05	NCURA Region VI & VII – Chandler, AZ
4/21/05	"Spread the Word" Webcast Encore
5/3 – 5/4/05	NGMA – Washington, DC
6/4/05	SRA NE Section, Niagara Falls, NY

GET INVOLVED

SPREAD THE WORD – Be sure to attend the encore presentation of the "Spread the Word" Webcast on April 21, 2005. This session will include a live Grants.gov program update and an extended Question and Answer session with the Grants.gov Program Management Team.

Learn more and register to attend by visiting www.Grants.gov/Webcast today!