

What is Grants.gov?

- Long awaited Federal government's single on-line portal to find and apply for Federal grant funding
- Is used by all 26 Federal grant-making agencies
- Designed to simplify the grants application process for over 1,000 grant programs

Why do I have to use Grants.gov?

P. L. 106-107 Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 requires the Director of OMB to direct, coordinate, and assist Federal agencies in:

- establishing a common application & reporting system,
- including electronic processes, and
- creating uniform administrative rules across all Federal agencies.

The purposes of P.L. 106-107

- 1) Improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs,
- 2) simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements,
- 3) improve the delivery of services to the public, and
- 4) facilitate greater coordination among those responsible for delivering the services.

When do I have to use Grants.gov?

It depends. Be prepared!

- The granting agency may require you to submit now!
- Each agency will eventually require submission according to its own timetable.
- Currently all Federal agencies must post their Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA)

What do I need to know to get started?

- **START EARLY!!!**
- There is no “logon” for PIs
- However, PIs must maintain profiles in
 - NIH eCommons (for NIH submissions)
 - NSF Fastlane (for NSF submissions)

What types of problems may I encounter?

- Pretty much everything takes longer than what Grants.gov estimates
- Different agencies still request different forms within application packages
- Help desk is better now but still lacks experience

Where can I go for more help with Grants.gov?

- FAQ section under Help on the home page
- Help desk is open Monday - Friday
7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Eastern Time
support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4726
- Other colleagues
- Office of Sponsored Programs