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