

## **Grant Applicant Benefits**

Grants.gov is the single source to find and apply for Federal government-wide competitive grant opportunities. Grants.gov is making it faster, easier and more cost effective for grant applicants to electronically interact with Federal grant making agencies by providing six key benefits, among many others, to the grant community.

- Helping the grant community learn more about available opportunities
  - Centralizing more than 900 different grant programs across all 26 Federal grant-making agencies awarding over \$360 annually
  - Standardizing grant information, application packages and processes for finding and applying for Federal grants
- Facilitating interaction with the Federal government
  - Streamlining the Federal grants process by eliminating the need to navigate complex processes to find and apply for Federal grants
  - Registering once to apply to as many Federal agencies and grant programs as needed with just one secure login
- Simplifying the grant application process to save applicants costs, time and hassle
  - Eliminating the need to expend resources, time, postage and reproduction costs associated with traditional paper-based grant applications
  - Reducing training cost related to learning multiple disparate grant application systems and processes
- Making it easier to research and find Federal grant opportunities
  - Conducting grant opportunity research with improved search capabilities—from a simple key word search to advanced searches over numerous grant opportunity categories including agency and grant category
  - Having grant opportunities sent directly to grant applicant desktops—through custom search profiles, potential applicants can be notified via email of future grant opportunities as they are posted by Federal agencies
- Making electronic grant application processing easier
  - Simplifying the grant application process and reducing paperwork
  - Increasing the ease-of-use through enhanced features common to the web, such as downloaded and fillable forms, auto-populated data, error checks and email notifications
  - Facilitating applicant use of electronic grant applications by providing built-in data quality checks, online support functionality and a dedicated customer support team to help complete and submit applications
- Providing a secure and reliable source to apply for Federal grants
  - Validating grant applicants via a 3-Step registration process which includes authenticating every user through a Credential Provider
  - Allowing completion and uploading of grant applications by authenticated and authorized users
  - Ensuring website stability and security thought Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology to encrypt transactional data and communications over the internet
  - Monitoring network traffic to identify unauthorized usage