

GRANTS.GOV BUILD 6 APPLICANT SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS

On December 19, 2005, Grants.gov launched numerous system upgrades and enhancements for both the grant community and Federal grant-making agencies. The upgrade and enhancements topics summarized below include:

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Fedgrants.gov Merge to Grants.gov

Grants.gov is excited to announce new site enhancements—marking another important accomplishment for Grants.gov and the Federal grant community. On Monday, December 19th, Grants.gov fully merged the Fedgrants.gov website (www.fedgrants.gov), with no loss of functionality, to enhance the existing Grants.gov Find features. On Monday, December 19th, Fedgrants.gov ceased operations and all visitors are being redirected to Grants.gov, THE single secure Web site to find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants.

With the migration, Grants.gov fully integrated its search and apply functionality. The enhancements present a single look and feel for the Find and Apply functions, increase integration between the two functions, and standardize the terminology across both functions to further simplify the process of finding and applying for Federal grants. The new enhanced functionality at Grants.gov will be simpler to use and should not require training for either former Fedgrants.gov users, Grantors or grant applicants.

The enhancements to Grants.gov will provide improvements for both Federal agencies and the grant community.

- For Federal agency representatives, Grants.gov will be a true “one sign-on” system. Federal agency representatives will no longer have a separate sign-on and database access to post opportunities and publish applications. Now, Grantors will be able to define an opportunity and application package in a single flow with the same level of security used with the existing Grantor login process
- For the grant community and Grants.gov users, the integration will be seamless and will provide many new benefits including:
 - Increasing the search capability and functionality for finding grant opportunities
 - Eliminating the need to visit or remember another URL, other than Grants.gov for all Federal grant information
 - Eliminating the need to open a new browser window and leave Grants.gov to access Federal grant opportunities
 - Creating one-stop for grant opportunity email notification and Grants.gov communication subscription services

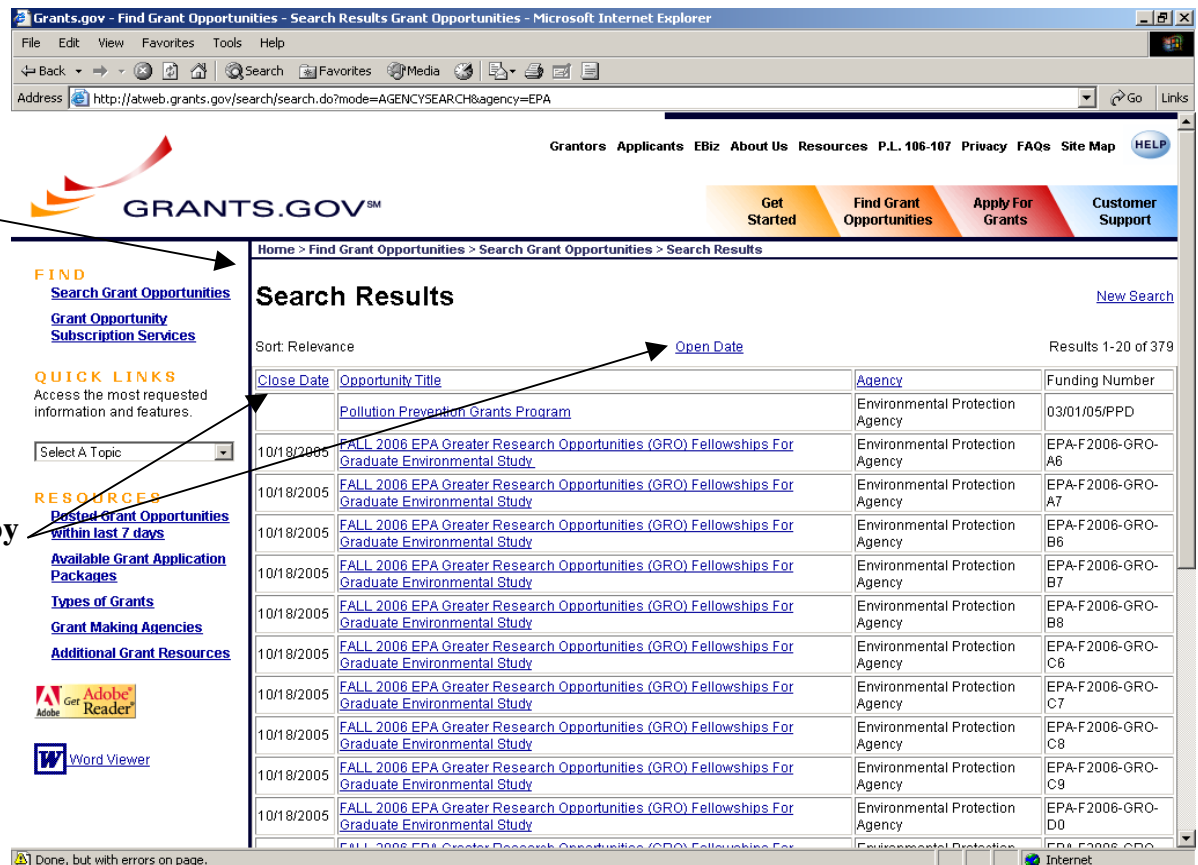
Grants.gov and former Fedgrants.gov users can expect numerous enhancements – from increased search capabilities for more efficient grant research to easier screens to navigate and find information, plus:

- User friendly online support and help tips with detailed instructions on how to conduct a search and ways to search and browse on Grants.gov
- Instructions for getting the most out of advanced search options and features
- Accessible links at the top of all site pages making it easier to reach the grant information, functionality or online support needed –with just one click

Enhancements to Grants Search Experience

- Expanded Search Criteria** – Not only do users still have the option of four types of grant searches (Basic, By Category, By Agency and Advanced), the Advanced Search feature has been further expanded to include the following new search criteria; a) Closed Opportunities (that have not yet been archived), b) Archived Opportunities, c) Eligibility requirements, and d) Sub-agency classification to further refine searches.
- Streamlined Grants Search Results** – Grant search results are now displayed in an easy at-a-glance view table of relevant matching results that clearly denote the Closing Date, Opportunity Title, Agency, and Funding Number. The table scrolls down to provide matching results for quick scanning to identify potential applicable grant opportunities. Plus, there are links at the top and bottom of the results table to start a New Search at anytime.

a.) Streamlined Search Results



Home > Find Grant Opportunities > Search Grant Opportunities > Search Results

Search Results [New Search](#)

Sort: Relevance [Open Date](#) Results 1-20 of 379

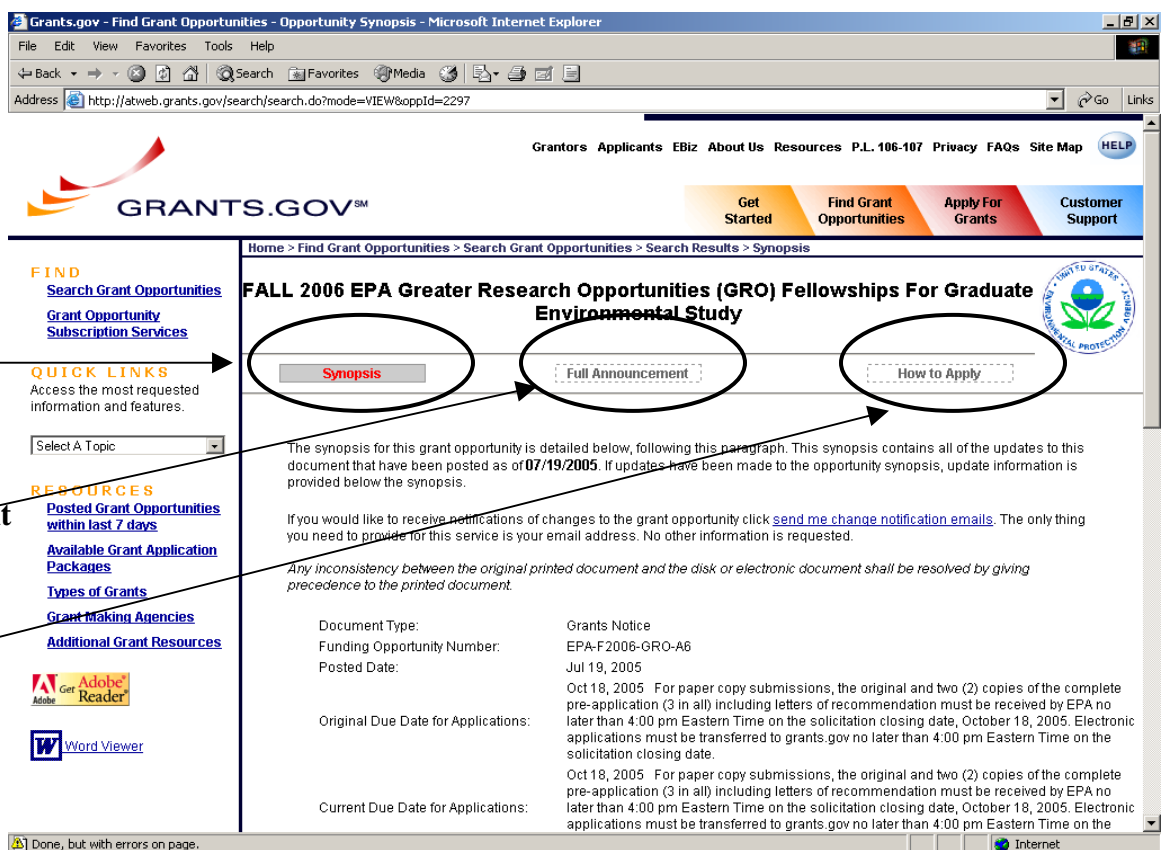
Close Date	Opportunity Title	Agency	Funding Number
	Pollution Prevention Grants Program	Environmental Protection Agency	03/01/05/PPD
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-A6
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-A7
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-B6
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-B7
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-B8
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10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-C7
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-C8
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-C9
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-D0
10/18/2005	FALL 2006 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships For Graduate Environmental Study	Environmental Protection Agency	EPA-F2006-GRO-D0

b.) Ability to Sort by Key Criteria

- Search Result Sorting** – Users can now change the sort order of the search results to the criteria most important for their initial review. The enhanced sort feature is easy to use by simply clicking on either a) the column header of the table to rearrange results in either ascending or descending order (by Closing Date, Opportunity Title, Agency, or Funding Number); or b) the additional sort criteria links provided at the top of the table (by Open Date and Relevance Sort).
- Easy Access to XML Data Extract** – Formerly know as the XML data dump, the XML Data Extract will be available directly from Grants.gov—readily accessible in the list of Resources on the left hand navigation when in the Find Grant Opportunities section of the site.

Enhancements to Grant Review Experience

1. **Streamlined Access to Grant Synopsis Details** – Once a grant opportunity is selected from the search results screen, users are directed to the Grant Synopsis information page. The page provides all the grant information users are accustomed to reviewing to determine whether the grant opportunity fits their needs and if they are eligible to apply. Now, for more convenience, the key elements related to the grant are provided as links at the top of the page, including links for:
 - a.) Synopsis – Access to main details related to the grant, including general information, eligibility requirements, agency detail and contacts, description of the grant and its intended purpose, and grant modification history.
 - b.) Full Announcement – Access to the Full Announcement published by the grant-making agency.
 - c.) How To Apply – Access to download the application package and various tools and tips for assistance in completing and submitting an application package.



a.) Synopsis

b.) Full Announcement

c.) How to Apply

2. **One Convenient Page For All Grant Details** – From the Synopsis Page, users will be able to track and view all grant modifications making it easier to assure they are accessing the most updated version of the Synopsis. Previously, users were required to open each new version of the Synopsis to track down any potential modifications. Now, directly from the main Synopsis Page, users will be able to track all modifications from one convenient location with new modification tracking enhancements:
 - a.) Clearly noted modifications to the opportunity in the new “Description of Modification” section.
 - b.) Highlighted references of modifications with light grey background to denote where a modification has been made within the Synopsis for easy reference.
 - c.) New section titled “Synopsis Modification History” to obtain a list of all modifications to the Synopsis listed in chronological order, with the newest file representing the current Synopsis.

Grants.gov looks forward to these enhancements improving the overall experience for users on the site. We look forward to receiving your feedback on these improvements at support@grants.gov.

Federal Agency Representatives interested in brief overview of Grantor site enhancements can visit: <http://www.grants.gov/assets/GrantsgovGrantorAnnouncement121905.pdf>

Get Started/Registration Content Updates:

Get Started Content Update

Grants.gov Get Started has been updated to help users easily get oriented to the main features and functionality Grants.gov has to offer. As a launch pad to the rest of the site for new users, the Get Started tab has been simplified and organized into four main sections directing users to the information they need to help get started with Grants.gov:

Register to Submit Grants Applications	Explore Grant Resources
Find Grant Opportunities	Apply for Grants




Each summary section provides a brief description and key links to navigate within the subject area.

Registration Content Update

Grants.gov has also taken a closer look at the Registration process and has updated the site content to make the process easier to understand and follow for new users. Although, the one-time registration process may at first appear to have many aspects, there are actually three steps to follow to complete the registration at Grants.gov. It's as Easy as 1,2,3:

- **Step 1:** Register your organization
- **Step 2:** Register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative
- **Step 3:** Get authorized by your organization to submit grants

To help users get started, the site will guide them through the three basic registration steps and provide tools to help them through the entire registration process. Tools are identified by user friendly icons including:

-  The **Quick Tips** icon to launch a quick tip about a particular step
-  The **Checklist** icon for a quick listing of processes needed to perform in order to complete each step
-  The **Training Demonstration** icon to launch context sensitive help about the step where assistance is needed to complete the step

In addition to the Tips, Checklists and Training Demonstration tools, users can also access and print the handy Registration Brochure (<http://www.grants.gov/assets/GrantsgovCoBrandBrochure8X11.pdf>). By following the simple instructions, users will be ready to submit their grant applications for upcoming grant opportunities.

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