# Grants 101

### Navigating the Federal/EPA Grant Process Using grants.gov



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## **Federal Grant Basics**

- Competitive vs. unsolicited solicitations
- Announcements posted throughout the year – posted for typical time period
- All federal solicitations must be posted on:

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• Process for informing recipients and applicants, who did not receive an award

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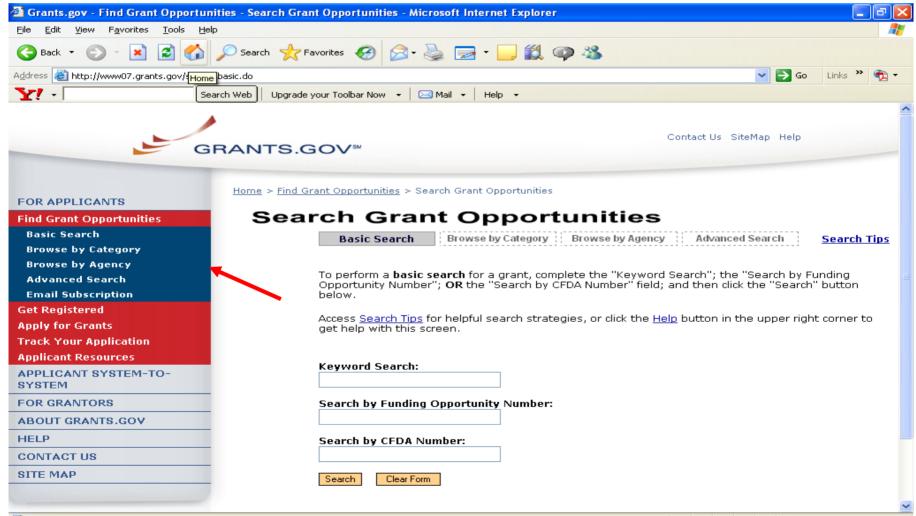
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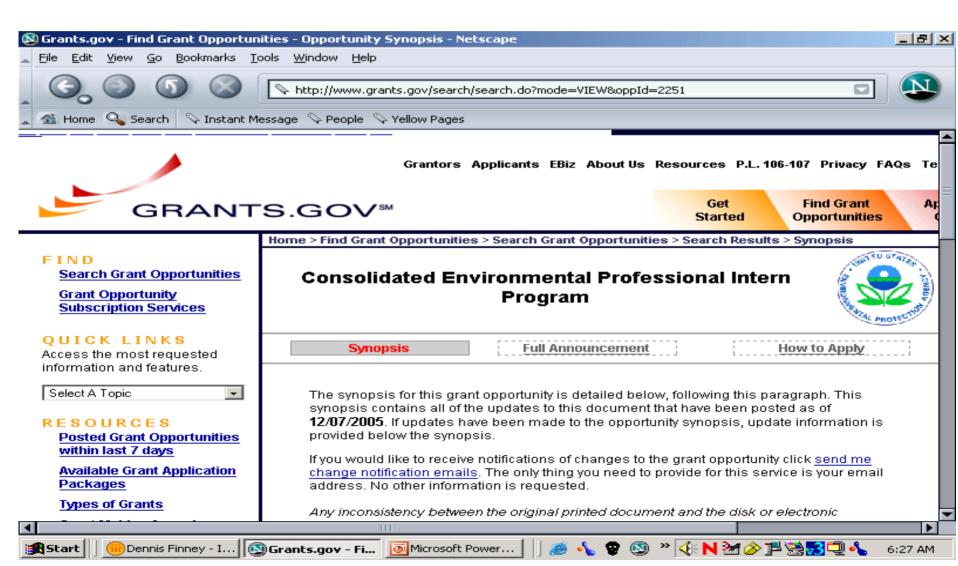
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- You can save your application at any time by clicking the "Save" button at the top of your screen.
- The "Submit" button will not be functional until the application is complete and saved.

#### Open and complete all of the documents listed in the "Mandatory Documents" box. Complete the SF-424 form first.

-It is recommended that the SF-424 form be the first form completed for the application package. Data entered on the SF-424 will populate data fields in other mandatory and optional forms and the user cannot enter data in these fields.

-The forms listed in the "Mandatory Documents" box and "Optional Documents" may be predefined forms, such as SF-424, forms where a document needs to be attached, such as the Project Narrative or a combination of both. "Mandatory Documents" are required for this application. "Optional Documents" can be used to provide additional support for this application or may be required for specific types of grant activity. Reference the application package instructions for more information regarding "Optional Documents".

-To open an item, simply click on it to select the item and then click on the "Open" button. When you have completed a form or document, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the => button. This will move the form/document to the "Completed Documents" box. To remove a form/document from the "Completed Documents" box, click the form/document name to select it, and then click the <= button. This will return the form/document to the "Mandatory Documents" or "Optional Documents" box.

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#### EPA specific instructions may be included



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# **Typical Next Steps**

- Review
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