

AT-A-GLANCE

SUBMIT YOUR GRANT APPLICATION EARLY— highlights the many reasons why you should get prepared and submit your grant application early.

APPLICANT SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM INTERFACE IS OPERATIONAL – Read about the release of Grants.gov's System-to-System interface for the Applicant community.

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APPLY EARLY – SAVE TIME, STRESS, AND LAST MINUTE HASSLES

Your grant application is not due for another three weeks – so why should you worry about submitting it to Grants.gov early?

Submitting your grant application early, or at least getting it ready to submit early, can save you time and possible stress. Typically, submitting your grant application package through Grants.gov is an easy process, but some users underestimate the time it takes to register, complete, and then submit their applications.

The first step in submitting early is to complete the one-time registration process early. Know that it can take upwards of 3 business days to obtain the proper login credentials – valuable time as you work towards your grant application deadline! As part of the registration steps, you may need to obtain information and approvals within your organization. Remember to allow time for all steps in the registration process.

Download the grant application package and review the instructions early. Knowing what forms need to be submitted and what information is required is essential to completing an accurate application and can save time later. The instructions for each grant application package are customized by agency and program – so be sure to review them carefully to ensure you submit an accurate and complete application. And while you complete your application, utilize the built-in error-checking function to help confirm that all the required agency information is entered correctly. Don't let an error message that your application is not complete keep you from applying.

Lastly, prepare and submit your application before the deadline to avoid any potential technical challenges as you experiment with a new electronic system. Plus, slow internet connectivity from your network or using a dial-up connection could lead to longer than normal download or upload of application packages, especially for those with large attachments.

If you do encounter any technical difficulties, online and personal Customer Support are always at your fingertips. Please note, however, that if you have questions on the day a large or popular grant application package is due, you may experience longer than usual queues to reach Customer Support. These delays can all be avoided by submitting your application early and confirming its receipt before the grant application closing date.

For more submission tips, be sure to view www.grants.gov/assets/GrantsgovSubmitTips.pdf

APPLICANT SYSTEM TO SYSTEM INTERFACE IS OPERATIONAL

The Applicant System to System (S2S) Interface, which allows for organizations to submit electronic applications via their back-office grants management systems rather than via PureEdge, is now in production and is operational. The S2S Interface:

- Eliminates the need to re-enter data into the Applicant Organization's back office grant system;
- Supports integration with Applicant Organization back office grants management systems;
- Simplifies and decentralizes user registration requirements; and
- Promotes usage of Research & Related (R&R) forms in research institutions and promote usage of the Standard Form (SF) 424 family of forms.

Organizations that are interested in learning more about this Interface can contact Peter Brunner at Peter.Brunner@hhs.gov

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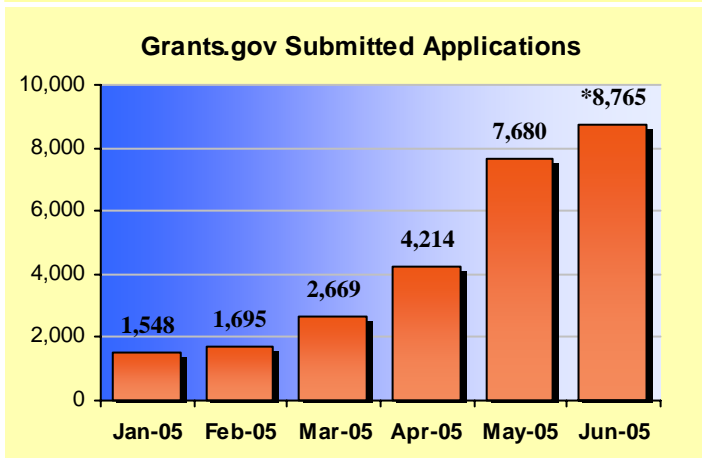
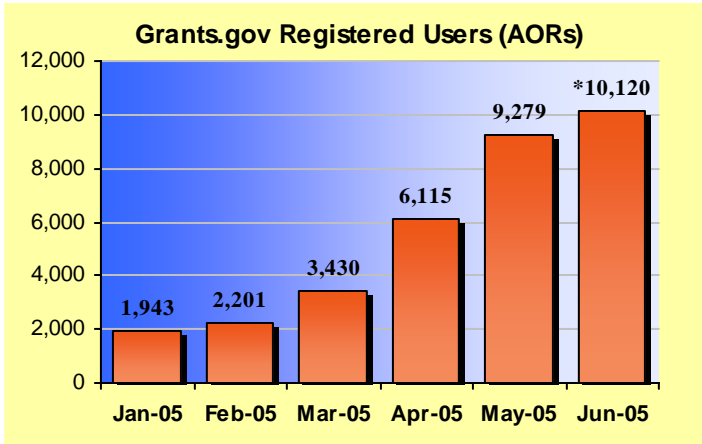
Unifying Federal Grants

Grants.gov Usage on the Rise

The number of registered users to the Grants.gov site has steadily increased over the past year – and increased to 10,120 In June. And the number of grant applications submitted through the site has more than tripled since March.

Growing Momentum within the Grant Community

Take a look at the numbers and see how usage has grown for yourself!



*Data through 6/7/05

Many New Opportunities Added

The staggering increases in registrations and submissions can be attributed, in part, to the growing number of grant application packages posted to the site. New grant application packages are being added to the site regularly – and the number is growing. Grant opportunities exist across 20+ diverse grant categories ranging from Agriculture to Technology – to-date 1000+ electronic applications have been made available through Grants.gov – and more are being added every day. View available grant application packages by visiting www.grants.gov and clicking on [Grant Application Packages](#) in the left navigation bar.

Other Grants.gov Updates

- A new Grants.gov Success Story about the Social Security Administration (SSA) is now available. It features SSA's integration of Grants.gov in its focus on electronic grants submissions. Read more at www.grants.gov/SuccessStories
- It's not too late to review the encore presentation of the "Spread the Word" Webcast held on April 21, 2005. Visit www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast to view the presentation and review the questions and answers resulting from both sessions.

GRANTS.GOV IN THE NEWS

Visit www.grants.gov/News for a full list of media coverage, newsletters, and news releases. Recent news stories about Grants.gov include:

06/08/05, *The Fire Chief* featured an [article about Grants.gov](#) and how fire officials can use the site to find and apply for grants.

04/08/2005, [Grants.gov, along with the Postal Service's](#) HR system, was honored by federal councils at FOSE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar! Connect with Grants.gov representatives at the following upcoming events:

- 6/16/05 Virginia Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention, Charlottesville, VA
- 6/16/05 SAMHSA, Atlanta, GA
- 6/21 – 6/24/05 HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care – All Grantee Meeting, Washington, DC
- 6/23/05 South Florida Hurricane Conference, Broward County, FL
- 9/16/05 CADCA Annual Conference, Blairsville, PA

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