

# **System Enhancements**

**Build 2009-04** 

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#### Introduction

Grants.gov will continue to maintain the highest quality of customer service for the grant community by facilitating the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of operations for applicants and grantors through the Grants.gov PMO.

In order to continue the mission and goals of Grants.gov, system enhancements and new functionality are constantly evaluated and executed. This document summarizes the new system enhancements that will be implemented by August 10, 2009.

#### Benefits Overview

- Streamline Applicant and Grantor Registration Registration information collected has been reduced to only the necessary information for both applicants and grantors.
- **Submission Filenames/Files** Applicants and E-Business Point of Contacts will have the ability to view the application filing name and a listing of forms and files received under Check Application Status.
- Reinstating the ability to subscribe/unsubscribe to "All Grant Notices" and "Notices Based on Advance Criteria" The ability to subscribe/unsubscribe to both of these email notifications will be available.
- **Find Grant Opportunities** Users searching for grant opportunities will notice a modified look and feel as well as minor adjustments of the listed queries.
- Quick Access for Grantors to View Closing Limits All grantors now have added functionality within the Grantor Center to view closing limits.
- Grantors Publishing Packages with Microsoft Office 2007 Documents Grantors will now
  have the ability to use Microsoft Office 2007 documents to upload application instructions and
  synopsis attachments.

Other enhancements include continual refinement of the overall system.



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#### Streamline Applicant and Grantor Registration

The registration information collected for applicants and grantors on Grants.gov has been reduced to streamline the registration process. The user will simply complete the information requested to complete this step in the registration process. The example shown below illustrates the reduced registration form.



#### Submission Filenames/Files

Applicants will have the ability to login to the Applicant Center and view the application filing name and a listing of forms and files received, under Check Application Status. E-Business Point of Contacts has this added functionality as well.

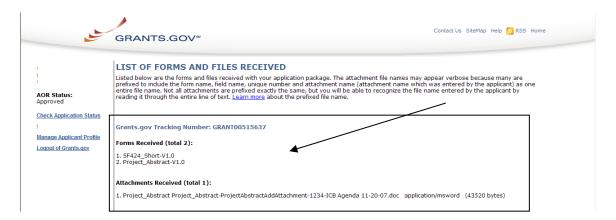
Once logged into the applicant center the applicant can review the list of forms and files received by selecting the link in the Submission Name/Files column. Users will only have access to the link under Submission Name/files for opportunities that are submitted after this enhancement is implemented because the compilation of filenames occurs during submission process.





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After selecting the link the applicant can review the list of forms and attachments received for the application they selected and submitted to Grants.gov. "Form in Form" will not be listed here, but the file attachment inside the Form in Form will be listed.



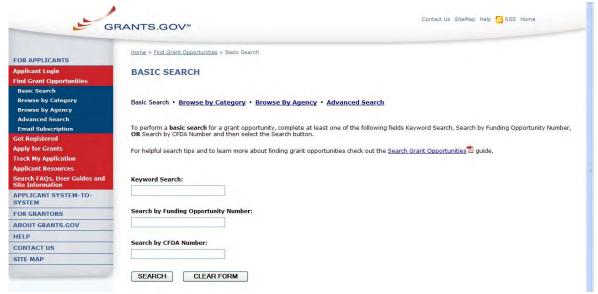
Reinstating the ability to subscribe/unsubscribe to "All Grant Notices" and "Notices Based on Advance Criteria"

The ability to subscribe/unsubscribe to both email notifications, "All Grant Notices" and "Notices Based on Advance Criteria," will be available on this page: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email subscription.jsp.

### Find Grant Opportunities

Users searching for grant opportunities will notice a modified look and feel as well as minor adjustments of the listed queries. Browse by Category, Browse by Agency and Advanced Search content is now alphabetized. The Advanced Search page is also reorganized.

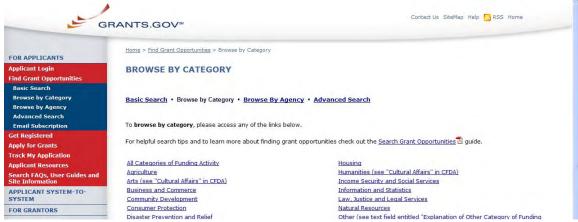
Screenshot of Basic Search





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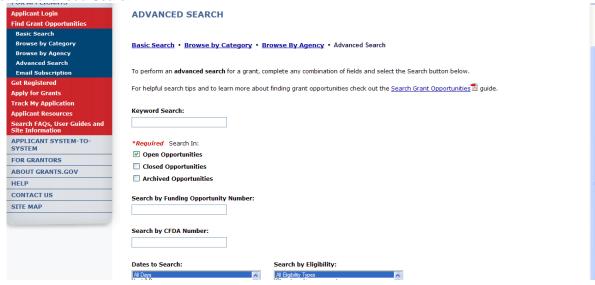
#### Screenshot of Browse by Category



#### Screenshot of Browse by Agency



#### Screenshot of Advanced Search



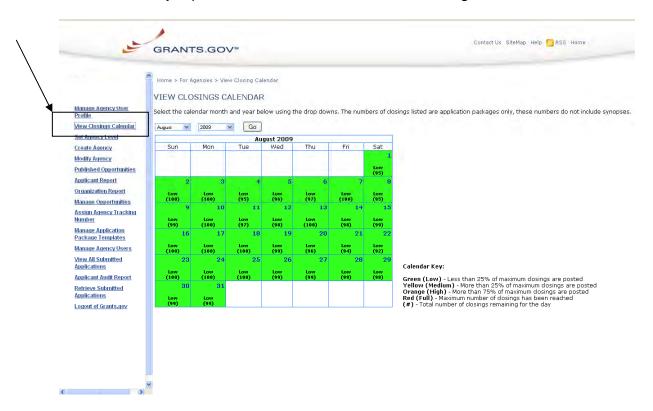


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#### Quick Access for Grantors to View Closing Limits

All grantors now have added functionality within the Grantor Center to view closing limits. To use the calendar grantors will select the calendar month and year using the drop downs and click the Go button to view each month. The number of closings listed are application packages only, these numbers do not include synopses. A screenshot of the View Closings Calendar is below.



### Grantors Publishing Packages with Microsoft Office 2007 Documents

Now in addition to uploading a synopsis with Microsoft Office 2007 documents, grantors will have the ability to upload application package instructions using Microsoft Office 2007 documents. Previous to the implementation of this build, grantors received an error while uploading application package instructions using Microsoft Office 2007 documents.