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Agencies Getting Started	How will we, as Federal Grant Managers, receive and process grant applications received on Grants.gov?	Each agency can decide how they would like to process their grant applications. You can either receive the applications in a PDF version or as an XML file that can be imported into your current grants management system.
Agencies Getting Started	If an agency has an OMB approved form required for their application process, and it is not included in the forms repository in Grants.gov, can it get added in a timely fashion since it is already OMB approved?	Grants.gov will be able to develop an OMB approved form for an agency. The development time for a form takes between 2-3 months. You will need to work with an agency Program Advisor at Grants.gov to have the form developed.
Agencies Getting Started	We only award grants that have been mandated by Congress in our annual Appropriation Bill. My department's position is that we do not assign CFDA #s to one time mandatory grants. Can I still use Grants.gov?	It is not necessary to have a CFDA number to post either a grant opportunity or a grant application package on Grants.gov. Please contact Grants.gov at support@grants.gov to find out who your Grants.gov program advisor is and they can begin to help you learn how you can begin to use Grants.gov.
Agencies Getting Started	What should a brand new agency do? We have a web site and are just getting underway?	Contact Grants.gov and we will assign you to a Federal Program Advisor who can begin to explain the steps to get started using Grants.gov. Our email address is support@grants.gov and phone number is 1-800-518-4726
Agencies Getting Started	Can you say something about what IT changes institutions will have to adopt in order to make full use of Grants.gov, especially S2S developments?	Each agency and institution has had to look at its current business processes to evaluate how to begin using Grants.gov. If you are interested in system-to-system developments or would like to discuss how your institution could begin to incorporate Grants.gov into your current business processes, the best way to discuss this would be to talk to a Grants.gov Program Advisor. Please contact Grants.gov: support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4726.
Agencies Getting Started	How will we as Federal Grant Managers, receive and process grant applications received on Grants.gov?	Each agency can decide how they would like to process their grant applications. You can either receive the applications in a PDF version or as an XML file that can be imported into your current grants management system.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Are all federal government departments now participating in Grants.gov? Will all government grants eventually be on this website? (and nowhere else?)	Yes, all 26 Federal grant-making agencies are partnered and participating with Grants.gov at various levels. Again yes, the long term goal is to have all Federal grants programs available via electronic application, in addition to the all the grant opportunities currently available on Grants.gov. However with any major change to an operating environment and process it will take some time. Grants.gov is working with each Federal grant-making agency to determine the appropriate transition steps and period to reach the goal within the next year.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Do you anticipate all federal agencies eventually being required to use Grants.gov, so that this will truly be the one-stop shop?	In October of 2003, The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a mandate that all Federal grant-making agencies post their grant opportunities to Grants.gov Find. Today 100% of Federal grant opportunities offered by all 26 Federal grant-making agencies are currently posted to Grants.gov. In January 2005, OMB issued a similar mandates in its Pass back language for Federal grant program migration to Grants.gov Apply by all Federal grant-making agencies. To-date 20 of 26 Federal grant-making agencies have posted over 500 electronic grant applications to Grants.gov. Grants.gov is working closely with all Federal grant-making agencies towards the migration of a single "customer facing" storefront for finding and applying for all Federal grants.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Is FEMA a grant partner?	FEMA is a sub agency to the Dept. of Homeland Security which is one of 26 Federal grant-making agencies partnering with Grants.gov.

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Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Is FEMA one of the grant agency partners to Grants.Gov?	Yes. FEMA is participating with Grants.gov as a sub-agency under the Department of Homeland Security. FEMA is currently publishing all of its discretionary grant opportunities, but it has not yet published an application package on Grants.gov. Grants.gov continues to work with FEMA, as well as the entire Department of Homeland Security, as it continues to migrate to using Grants.gov.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Is Grants.gov going to be the common venue for institutions to electronically submit all federally sponsored proposals? Will all Federal Departments be available through Grants.gov by the end of 2005?	Grants.gov hopes to be the universal way that applicants apply electronically to the Federal government. Grants.gov will continue to work with each agency to make this goal happen. Currently, the plan is to work with all 26 Federal grant-making agencies to ramp-up at least 25% of all grant programs onto the Grants.gov by the end of 2005 and 50% by June 2006.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Is IHS using grants.gov?	IHS will have some of its grants on Grants.gov during this fiscal year, but not all of the grants will be available for electronic application through Grants.gov. They will also continue to accept applications through its traditional avenues.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	The Maryland Department of the Environment is currently utilizing IGMS with EPA. Will we eventually be migrated into Grants.gov?	Grants.gov only offers Find and Apply functionality. If the IGMS system includes post-award functionality, then you will most likely continue to use this system for those functions. EPA is working with Grants.gov and plans to use Grants.gov to post its applications.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	What percentage of government agencies are posting on Grants.gov?	100% of Federal grant-making agencies are posting their discretionary and competitive grant opportunities on Grants.gov Find. With regards to posting grant application packages, 20 of the 26 agencies have posted a package on Grants.gov Apply. We continue to work with each agency to increase the number of application packages available on Grants.gov.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	When will USAID have the online application process set up through Grants.gov?	USAID is currently training all their sub agencies to transition to Grants.gov and has conducted a successful test for electronic application submission. Currently, the goal is to fully migrate USAID to Grants.gov within 3 to 6 months.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Will agencies that currently have their own electronic submissions systems be transitioning to Grants.gov as the sole online method for application submission (e.g. NSF-Fastlane, NIH -Commons, ED – E-grants, DOE, NASA, DOJ)? Is there a published schedule of planned changeovers?	All Federal grant-making agencies are currently migrating the customer-facing or front end of the process of finding and applying for grants to Grants.gov. Additionally, all agencies are streamlining and standardizing their grant application processes and form to migrate to their grant programs for electronic submission through Grants.gov. For agencies with existing legacy grants systems, it is likely that these systems will remain in place but interact with Grants.gov for system-to-system operations. Many agencies such as the Dept. of Education, NIH, Dept. Energy and others have begun electronic application submissions. Grants.gov is working closely with all Federal grant-making agencies to provide a one-stop solution to the grant community and grant applicants for finding and applying for all Federal grants.
Agency Migration To Grants.gov	Does the Department of Justice use grants.gov or do they only use the GMS system? Will they continue to use GMS?	We believe that you are referencing the Grants Management System (GMS), which is the Grants Management System that Department of Justice created. Each agency is evaluating their currently grants management systems and coming up with a timeline of when they will shut down the customer-facing end of their systems. Currently, Department of Justice does continue to use the GMS system, but it has also developed a system-to-system connectivity to Grants.gov and has also posted application packages on the Grants.gov system. This system-to-system interaction allows the Department of Justice to keep their back-end system to accept grant applications submitted through Grants.gov.

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Agency Migration to Grants.gov	Which agencies have developed their "back offices"? Are these the only agencies we can submit applications to through Grants.gov?	The agencies that have developed a back-office system to link with the Grants.gov system are the following: NOAA, within the Department of Commerce, National Endowment of Humanities, Department of Labor, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, Department of Justice, FEMA within the Department of Homeland Security, NASA, Agency for International Development, Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, and National Science Foundation. Developments are underway for Department of Interior, National Endowment for the Arts and State Department. With regards to using Grants.gov to receive applications, there are many agencies who are posting application packages on Grants.gov and not using a back-end system to receive the application. Currently, 20 of the 26 federal grant-making agencies have posted an application package on Grants.gov.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About DOJ	Will DOJ be using Grants.gov? And when will DOJ grants be posted on Grants.gov?	The Dept. of Justice (DOJ) is partnering with Grants.gov and has posted four grants programs for electronic submission to date. For more upcoming DOJ grant opportunities please visit http://www.grants.gov/Find and conduct a search by Agency
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About SBIR Programs	How does a program such as SBIR/STTR program begin to participate? Will Grants.gov also list SBIR/STTR program grants and contracts from all agencies?	Some SBIR programs have been posted on Grants.gov. For example, the Department of Education has one SBIR program that allows you to apply electronically through Grants.gov. It will be on a case to case basis, but Grants.gov hopes to allow applicants the option to use Grants.gov in the future for any SBIR application.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About HUD	Do you have information on when the HUD '05 RFP for the Youth Build grants will be coming out?	Per the Department of Housing and Urban Development, all applications except the Continuum of Care will be placed on Grants.gov for electronic application submission. You can sign up for grant opportunity email notification service with Grants.gov and to receive an email when the applications are available on Grants.gov. To subscribe to receive grant opportunity notifications please visit: http://www.grants.gov/FedGrantsNotification2
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About HUD	Will the 2005 HUD SuperNOFA be announced through Grants.Gov? Will HUD require grant applications under its SuperNOFA to be submitted electronically through Grants.gov this year?	Yes, HUD SuperNOFA grant opportunities will be available on Grants.gov. HUD is encouraging all grant applicants to electronically submit grant applications. For detailed information on HUD application submission requirements, please read the General Section and Program Section of the SuperNOFA. Additionally, you can sign up for grant opportunity email notification service with Grants.gov and to receive an email when the applications are available on Grants.gov. To subscribe to receive grant opportunity notifications please visit: http://www.grants.gov/FedGrantsNotification2
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About HUD	Will this year's HUD Section 202 and Section 811 applications be submitted via Grants.gov?	Per the Department of Housing and Urban Development, all applications except the Continuum of Care will be placed on Grants.gov for electronic application submission.

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Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	Grants.gov is listed as an NIH Service Provider. Is NIH going to use Grants.gov for Web-based submissions? When is that going to commence?	NIH had an opportunity on Grants.gov that was posted last summer which was the Pioneer Award program. They are planning to post that competition again in the next couple of months, as well as in June they are currently planning to launch their first program on Grants.gov and then from there, we will be ramping up to include others. NIH is planning to post the Pioneer Award competition again in the next couple of months, as well as in June they are currently planning to launch their first program on Grants.gov and then from there, we will be ramping up to include others.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	Is NIH one of the 26 agency partners at grants.gov?	NIH is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). HHS is the lead agency managing Grants.gov and is one of the 26 Federal grant-making agencies.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	What are the plans to "interface" Grants.gov with NIH eRA Commons and NSF FastLane? Is there a time line for this process?	The NSF FastLane and the NIH Commons systems include additional functionality than just the Grants.gov Find and Apply. Those elements will continue to be in production while NSF and NIH transition more of their programs to the Grants.gov customer-facing electronic application system. With regards to moving to Grants.gov, NSF plans to start 15 initial program announcements. Based on lessons learned, NSF will expand the number and complexity of the packages posted.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	Will the NIH still require PHS398 to be used, in addition to the online application process? Will this change occur prior to the NIH June 1 deadline?	NIH is switching over to the Research and Related (R&R) forms that were recently released on Grants.gov in November. The Department of Energy is currently using these. You can view them on the Grants.gov site - so that you can see what they look like. But [NIH is] switching from the 398. They also do have some NIH specific forms that will work hand-in-hand with the R&R data set that will be available within the next month.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	Can we use this vehicle for applying to SBIR Omnibus Solicitation April 1, 2005, deadline or for the NIH SBIR Phase I or II grants?	Currently, these solicitations have not been made available by NIH for submission via Grants.gov. Grants.gov is working closely with NIH to launch their first program on Grants.gov electronic submission in June and then from there will be ramping up to include others.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	I'm a grantee who receives SBIR funding from NIAAA and NIDA. Do NIAAA and NIDA accept submissions from Grants.gov?	NIH is in the process of submitting a response. The response will be updated upon receipt.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	Our organization works with CDC and NIH on numerous grants. Will these agencies be using Grants.gov for electronic application submissions? If yes, when?	NIH & CDC are in the process of submitting a response. The response will be updated upon receipt.
Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NIH	When will it be mandatory for all NIH grants to be submitted via Grants.gov?	NIH is in the process of submitting a response. The response will be updated upon receipt.

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Agency Migration to Grants.gov - About NSF	Will NSF be accepting applications from Grants.gov?	With regards to moving to Grants.gov, NSF has plans to start with 15 initial program announcements. Based on lessons learned, NSF will expand the number and complexity of the packages posted.
Applying on Grants.gov	Are award notices sent through Grants.gov or through traditional means?	Grants.gov is not currently involved in the award or post-award process. After successful electronic submission of the Grant application, Grants.gov bows out of the picture, and all activities and communications regarding the review and award of grants is conducted by the awarding agency.
Applying on Grants.gov	Are backup documents submitted electronically as well? If so, in what format: PDF, Word, WordPerfect?	Backup documentation is often requested by offering agencies. Grants.gov does not have a limitation on types of files that we can process, but often the offering agency will ask for a specific type of file. Details related additional documentation or required files are provided in the specific agency instructions included with each grant application package.
Applying on Grants.gov	Can a non-profit apply for a cost rate using grants.gov?	No. Grants.gov only deals with Finding federal grants and Applying for those federal grants.
Applying on Grants.gov	Can grants.gov answer questions post-award (i.e., equipment issues, grant extensions, budget modifications)?	No, those types of questions would be handled by the awarding agency.
Applying on Grants.gov	Can lone 501c3 organizations apply or must the grant application come from a municipality or state government?	Any organization or individual can register and submit grant applications through Grants.gov.
Applying on Grants.gov	Can more than one authorized representative from an institution be registered to submit proposals?	Yes. Institutions are not limited to a specific number of Authorized Organization Representatives (AORs).
Applying on Grants.gov	Can we choose a recipient for Grant - specifically a fire department in a town?	We are beginning to work with states to post state grant opportunities on Grants.gov. We will continue to work with states to encourage their use of Grants.gov and we hope to make Grants.gov the single website to Find both federal and state funding opportunities.
Applying on Grants.gov	Can you explain in more detail about the "built in error check"?	The Grants.gov grant application forms used to generate the electronic applications are part of the PureEdge system. When generating the forms, agencies have requested that a certain field be required, or that the applicant must have a file attachment on this form. The PureEdge system has built in error checks to confirm that all required fields and forms are properly filled in, and if they are not it will not permit electronic submission.
Applying on Grants.gov	Could international applicants also use Grants.gov?	Yes - Upon completing the Grants.gov registration (including obtaining a DUNs number and completing credential verification requirements) and meeting the requirements of a specific grant opportunity, international applicants are welcome to use and submit applications through Grants.gov.
Applying on Grants.gov	Do non-competitive formula grants provided to states, such as the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) or Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) appear on this web site?	Currently, there are no formula-based grants available on Grants.gov for application, but Grants.gov does have the ability to host these application packages on the system. Grants.gov is working with Federal agencies to begin using Grants.gov to post its mandatory or formula-based grant applications on its system.
Applying on Grants.gov	Does Grants.gov follow historical submissions?	Yes, historical submissions are available and easily viewable. The status of all submissions by a user can be viewed upon logging in to the Grants.gov website and clicking on Application Status link across the top of each page.

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Applying on Grants.gov	How is the institution's internal review procedures incorporated into the submission process? How do we prevent investigators from making unauthorized submissions?	Institutions have complete control over their internal review process and who is able to submit on their behalf. The last step in the registration process is for the Electronic Business Point of Contact (eBiz) to physically log in to Grants.gov and give a particular person Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) status to submit applications on the organizations behalf. This status can up updated at anytime and can be revoked just as easily.
Applying on Grants.gov	How are you working to ensure that the submission process will be glitch-free?	Grants.gov is continually working on improving the information and online processing to make finding and applying for grants easier and more cost effective. As with any system using the internet, we can not claim to be glitch-free since many of the glitches associated with electronic submission may be out of our control. However, we have enhanced our system capacity, continue to streamline application forms and data processing requirements and deploy new functionality to make grant submission process as smooth as possible. That said, to-date over 1,800 electronic applications submitted through Grants.gov providing a consistent track record for performance.
Applying on Grants.gov	How can I learn more about submitting an application on Grants.gov?	The Grants.gov website is full of information and instructions to assist you in submitting and application. Please visit our website, specifically http://www.grants.gov/Apply
Applying on Grants.gov	How is an applicant suppose to submit the proof of non-profit documentation electronically, the problem is many applicants are not aware that they need to scan the hard-copy document and submit it with the package?	Correct. The way for an applicant to submit its proof of documentation is to scan the document and attach it to the application package. Grants.gov has information on how an applicant can scan and create a PDF of those documents. The agency specific instructions should also reference if you need to include the documentation for the application to be valid.
Applying on Grants.gov	I have found that trying to find the application package to work offline is difficult. Is there any way to make it easier?	Working offline provides great flexibility to a majority of the Grant Community, and allows for emailing the application from person to person. If you are having difficulty, please walk through the Training Demonstration on our website @ http://www.grants.gov/CompleteApplication . Or you can contact us at support@grants.gov for further assistance.
Applying on Grants.gov	If two people are authorized to submit for a grant can they both access the website and make changes on the same grant	No. Grants.gov users would not have access to another user's application, data or any information once electronically submitted to Grants.gov. However, after downloading an application, all application work is done off-line. During that time multiple people within an applicant's organization can be easily share the same application package via email, as any other attachment, across their organization to complete a grant application prior to being submitted.
Applying on Grants.gov	Is the E-submission process currently up and running?	Yes. To date over 500 grant application packages have been posted, by over 20 Federal grant-making agencies, to Grants.gov for electronic submission. Additionally, Grants.gov has processed more than 1,800 electronic grant application submissions from grant applicants.
Applying on Grants.gov	Once applications are submitted, will applicants have an opportunity to revise their application as needed?	Users are able to revise their electronic package and re-submit through it Grants.gov up until the close date of the opportunity. After the close date, all decisions on revisions would be up to the sponsoring Agency.

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Applying on Grants.gov	There have been problems with applications that have been submitted through APPLY not being sent to the funding agency. Has this problem been corrected?	With any system, minor glitches will occur. That said, you are right, of the 1,800 electronic applications submitted to-date, there have only been a very small number of applications that did not process 'normally'. In these rare instances the application required manual intervention from the Grants.gov technical team. Every application submitted to Grants.gov has been delivered to the offering agency. Grants.gov has not lost even one application.
Applying on Grants.gov	We have several H/Q and regional staff ask. Can we set up some dummy accounts in "grants.gov apply module" so we can be familiarized with the "apply" process and help the applicants with any questions they might come up with? Is this possible?	We are working on a training environment for just that situation. However, it is not yet available. If you have a specific, timely need, please contact your agency's Grants.gov Point of Contact. Please visit http://www.grants.gov/ForGrantors to locate your Grants.gov Agency Point Contact.
Applying on Grants.gov	What kind of verification or acceptance messages do the applicants get when they submit their application package? Does it have a date and time/stamp on that message?	Users receive initial confirmations of a successful submission, with a date and time stamp as well as an email that tells them of the various stages of the application's journey to the agency. The status of all submissions by a user can be viewed upon log in to the website and clicking on Application Status.
Applying on Grants.gov	When I change an attachment in Grant.gov the report will not reflect the correction. I have to detach and attached the document again. Will Grants.gov show all errors entered into the system? The Knauss fellowship requires an original Transcript so how will this be loaded into Grants.gov?	Please contact the Grants.gov Contact Center to speak to an agent who can talk you through the attachment process. In order to attach an original transcript, please scan the transcript and convert it to a PDF. Grants.gov has information on how you can convert a document to a PDF. Also, you can have this done fairly inexpensively at a facility like Kinko's.
Applying on Grants.gov	When will grants.gov proceed with electronic submissions only?	Grants.gov hopes to be the universal way that applicants apply electronically to the federal government. Grants.gov will continue to work with each agency to make this goal happen. Currently, the plan is to work with all 26 Federal grant-making agencies to ramp-up at least 25% of all grant programs onto the Grants.gov by the end of 2005 and 50% by June 2006.
Applying on Grants.gov	Where can I find detailed information on how to actually complete and submit required forms?	The Grants.gov website is full of information and instructions to assist you in submitting an application. Grants.gov provides online user support tools, including access a multi-media training demonstration, to guide you through the process of completing an application package. In addition, the grant application package itself provides detailed instructions from the sponsoring agency for completing a grant application. Please visit http://www.grants.gov/Apply and http://www.grants.gov/CompleteApplication#demo for more information.
Applying on Grants.gov	While using the web site, I found that on some of my grants I cannot submit reports, because my name is listed differently than on others. How can I resolve this? And would it be better to use a person's first and last name only rather than Ms./Mr. titles?	The only limitation Grants.gov puts on submissions is that the user must have a valid user ID and password. There is nothing in our rules limiting names/titles/etc. Please contact our support center at support@grants.gov if you continue to experience difficulties.
Applying on Grants.gov	Will different people from the same organization be able to review grant opportunities?	Yes. Multiple people can view the same grant opportunity online at any time. In addition, Grants.gov downloaded electronic applications can be easily shared via email to various parties across your organization to participate in completing a grant application prior to be submitted.

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Applying on Grants.gov	Will the application provide a Department contact person or will the contact person work at Grants.gov?	Each electronic application will have an Agency Program Point of Contact for specific agency related questions. For all other application and submission related questions the Grants.gov Support Center will assist. You can reach the Grants.gov Support Center at support@grants.gov or by calling 1-800-518-4726.
Applying on Grants.gov	Will we be given a confirmation notice once submitted and can we check on status?	Users receive initial confirmations of a successful submission, with a date and time stamp as well as an email that tells them of the various stages of the application's journey to the agency. The status of all submissions by a user can be viewed upon logging into the website and clicking on the Application Status link located at the top of each page.
Applying on Grants.gov	We primarily do research grants with the NIH, and we are looking for electronic submissions-am I understanding that we can use Grants.gov to submit electronically.	Yes, NIH opportunities are published on the Grants.gov Find site, and soon they will be publishing application packages as well. We expect that to start in June 2005.
Applying on Grants.gov	Will the grant submission formats be standardized to include PDF files?	The majority of Grants.gov grant application packages support PDF forms. It is at the discrepancy of the sponsoring agency regarding the file types they are willing to accept as part of their application packages. The application instructions provide detailed instructions related to the types of files the agency is willing to accept. Many agencies are standardizing their applications to include PDF files.
Applying on Grants.gov	How are required signatures handled online?	The agency specific instructions will detail how the agency will accept a signature. This may be through an option of scanning the signed document and converting to a PDF that can be attached to a document or even faxing that one hard copy signature document to the Federal agency. Grants.gov ensures that the individual submitting the application is an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the organization through its registration process, but any required signatures and how those signatures should be delivered to the agency will be within the agency specific instructions.

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Accessing Grants.gov's Spread the Word Webcast	Can I get a copy of today's media presentation so we can brief our managers? I understand we can download the slides and transcript, but is there a video?	<p>You can access the Grants.gov's "Spread the Word" Webcast and all the related materials at http://www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast. The Webcast is available for at your convenience to view, listen to or download the slide presentation from until June 9, 2005. The presentation does not include any video. It is an audio slide-synced presentation.</p> <p>Please feel free to share the link above with others to replay the Webcast at their convenience. We strongly encourage that each person intending to watch the broadcast register individually. This way, interested parties can be contacted further by Grants.gov regarding events or communications in the future as we expect a lot of great things to happen this year.</p>
Accessing Grants.gov's "Spread the Word" Webcast	The question and answer period was very valuable. Is it possible to get a transcript of the questions and answers?	<p>With over 2,000 participants, we were pleased to receive over 250 questions during the question and answer session – all of which could not be addressed during the Webcast. The questions which were answered during the Webcast have been added to the Webcast transcript available for replay at http://www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast. It is available for replay, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at your convenience until June 9, 2005. You can download the transcript from the archive console.</p> <p>For the remaining questions, we have compiled a complete summary of questions and answers which are now available on the Grants.gov website available at http://www.grants.gov/assets/WebcastQA.pdf. If you have any additional questions you did not get a chance to ask during the Webcast, they may still be submitted during the Webcast replay. Also, due to the overwhelming response during our Question and Answer session, an encore presentation of the Webcast will be conducted in April.</p> <p>The encore presentation will include a live update from our speakers and a special extended Question and Answer session at the end of the broadcast. Stay tuned and visit the above link for more details.</p>
Accessing Grants.gov's "Spread the Word" Webcast	Will the Webcast be available in archive, to save or replay from the Grants.gov website?	Grants.gov "Spread the Word" Webcast is currently available for replay at http://www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast . It is available for replay, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at your convenience to view, listen to or download the slide presentation from until June 9, 2005.
Accessing Grants.gov's "Spread the Word" Webcast	Will you repeat the Webcast at another date?	Grants.gov "Spread the Word" Webcast is currently available for replay at http://www.grants.gov/SpreadWordWebcast at your convenience until June 9, 2005. Also, due to the overwhelming response an encore presentation of the Webcast will be conducted in April. The encore presentation will include a live update from our speakers and a special extended Question and Answer session at the end of the broadcast. Stay tuned and visit the above link for more details.

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Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Are all Federal grants posted by Grants.gov yet? When will 100% of grant opportunities from participating Federal agencies be posted at Grants.gov?	100% of Federal grant opportunities offered by all 26 Federal grant-making agencies are currently posted to Grants.gov. These grant opportunities are updated daily. The Grants.gov Find search capability is very strong, please review this page: http://www.grants.gov/Find to review the latest grant opportunities.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Are all the grant opportunities available via Grants.gov found in FedBizOpps?	No. FedBizOpps does not have any of the grant opportunities. Those are contract opportunities as opposed to grant opportunities. You can search through 100% of all federal discretionary grant opportunities at Grants.gov (www.grants.gov)
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Do the daily announcement emails provide ALL the new RFAs - if you sign up without any limitations on what is sent?	Yes. If you sign up and want to get all announcements you will get every opportunity that is published on Grants.gov the previous day. The email you receive in the morning is everything that was published yesterday.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Do you have any grants available for subjects like Housing Authorities, home land security, etc.?	You can conduct broad or specific searches using key words or specific phrases as "Housing Authority" or "homeland security" to search and identify available grants opportunities and electronic application packages for your targeted area of interest. For more information please visit http://www.grants.gov/Find and conduct a Basic search, search by Category (for example: Housing or Disaster Prevention and Relief) or an Advanced search by multiple search criteria.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Does Grants.Gov include search for NIH opportunities and NIH application packages?	Yes, NIH opportunities are published on the Grants.gov Find site, and soon they will be publishing application packages as well. We expect that to start in June 2005.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Does Grants.gov post ALL grant notices that are listed in the Federal Register like the CFDA does?	All competitive Federal Grants can be found through the Grants.gov Find search functionality.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	How would you conduct a complex search for multiple terms within specific grants? An example might be trying to locate Homeland Security funds that are targeted for States. How would I refine this search further to search for specific grants that may pertain to collaborative/information sharing projects, or proactive cyber security testing projects?	By using the advanced search option on Grants.gov, you would be able to select the eligibility requirements and also the agencies that you are most interested in. You can also select more than one category or option by using the CTRL and SHIFT keys on your keyboard.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	I get many requests for grants to start a business. Also for homeownership, to pay off personal bills such as car notes, medical bills, mortgages. Where do I direct them?	You can direct those requests to Grants.gov (www.grants.gov) to find determine if there are any Federal grant opportunities to meet those needs. These requests however appear to be intended for finding individual assistance vs. addressing Federal program objectives, including those important to our Nation's most essential public needs. In addition, to Grants.gov there are a number of online resources related to Federal government benefits and grant programs, including: http://www.egov.gov - information about Federal government-wide online initiatives, E-Loan http://www.govbenefits.gov - information about benefits available to individuals, http://www.cfda.gov - information about specific grant opportunities and http://fr.cos.com - information about Federal Agency announcements.

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Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	I receive grant announcements from Susan Keefe (New York State). Are the announcements from grants.gov the same?	You will need to discuss the announcement list you referenced with your contact since we do not have access to your contact's list. If these are New York State grants, then those would be different from the information you receive at Grants.gov. Grants.gov currently has all Federal grant information and is working with states to start to include their grant information as well.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	I represent a volunteer organization that is involved in Homeland Security. Will Grants.gov be able to identify grant possibilities that are not available to the general public and of which we might not be aware?	Federal grant announcement information is public information and Grants.gov is serving the general public by making this information centrally located and easy to search. Any discretionary grant that the Dept. of Homeland Security announces will be located on Grants.gov.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	I understand that FedBizOpps opportunities are not included in Grants.gov. Are there any plans to do so?	No. At this point it is not in scope for consideration. Grants.gov, the Find functionality, was modeled actually modeled after FedBizOps, as a compliment location to find grant opportunities. FedBizOps contains contract opportunities as opposed to grant opportunities.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	I work in a non-profit organization in Puerto Rico can I find grants opportunities in Grant.gov?	Yes.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Is it possible that not all Federal grant availability is announced on Grants.gov? In other words is Grants.gov truly a one-stop shop for Federal grants?	In October of 2003, The U.S. Office of Management and Budget in February issued a mandate that all Federal grant-making agencies post their grant opportunities to Grants.gov Find. Today 100% of Federal grant opportunities offered by all 26 Federal grant-making agencies are currently posted to Grants.gov. Grants.gov is THE single online resource to find all Federal grant opportunities.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Is there a section on the website devoted specifically to community based care and long term care.	There is not a dedicated section on the website devoted specifically to community based care and long term care. But you can conduct broad or specific searches using key words or specific phrases as " community based care and long term care" to search and identify available grants opportunities and electronic application packages for your targeted area of interest. From more information please visit http://www.grants.gov/Find and conduct a Basic search, search by Category (for example: Community Development) or an Advanced search by multiple search criteria.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Is there any place that explains the process through the basic search and the advance search? Thank you very much	Please visit our website, specifically the following web address, which has a link for tips on how to conduct your searches using either the basic or advanced search functionality: http://www.grants.gov/FindGrantOpportunities?search=basic#
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Our school district just started an education foundation, and we are interested in applying for grants. Is Grants.gov an appropriate resource for our needs?	Yes. If you are seeking Federal grant funding opportunities. 100% of all competitive grants are currently posted on Grants.gov. You may want to consider collaborating with a larger non-profit in your area on a Federal grant opportunity. This collaboration will help build your Federal grant opportunity experience and also strengthen your grant application by demonstrating that you may be able to help more of the community through the collaboration.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	There are so many grants to choose from, how do I find the appropriate grant for my program?	You can conduct broad or specific searches using key words or specific phrases to search and identify available grants opportunities and electronic application packages for your targeted area of interest. From more information please visit http://www.grants.gov/Find and conduct a Basic search, search by Category (for example: Housing) or an Advanced search by multiple search criteria.

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Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	What is the difference or relationship between Fedgrants.gov and Grants.gov?	Fedgrants.gov is no longer existent. Users can no longer access Federal grant opportunity information on this site. Fedgrants.gov was the early platform created to provide access to all Federal grant opportunities online through one source. Fedgrants.gov was part of Grants.gov's Find functionality. Now, users will be truly experience a single look and feel for Find and Apply. You can access all Federal grant opportunity information through Grants.gov.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	When will all the Federal grant opportunities be found at Grants.gov? Many of my government agencies say they're posting on their own website.	100% of all competitive grants are currently posted on Grants.gov. Some Federal agencies may also post their grant opportunities directly onto their agency websites, in addition to posting it on Grants.gov. On Grants.gov you will find all competitive grant opportunities for all Federal grant-making agencies and may find grant opportunities from other agencies you may not even be aware of before.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Where and how do you sign-up for daily grant opportunity postings?	Signing up for email notifications for grant opportunity notices suited to your area of interest is easy. Simply visit http://www.grants.gov/Find and select how you the type criteria for the types of grant opportunities you would like emailed to you. For example select to receive emails based by on funding opportunity number, funding category, agency or edibility criteria. Or you can choose to receive all grant opportunity notifications. Additionally you can change or unsubscribe your grant opportunity email notifications at any time.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Will grants.gov give grantee organizations links to Federal grantor agencies' plans (in advance of RFP or NOFA release)?	Grants.gov has links to each of the Federal grant-making agencies on Grants.gov: http://www.grants.gov/GrantingAgencies . You may be able to get information regarding potential release dates for upcoming grant opportunities from those websites, but Grants.gov only deals with opportunities that are currently 'live' and allows you to conveniently find the grant opportunity notices and apply for the grants directly.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	Am I to assume that there will be appropriate funding opportunities for local probation departments?	There may be. You will need to use the search functionality to narrow your search. You may want to start with selecting opportunities from Department of Justice. Also, if you don't find anything today, you can search through the archives to see if anything was offered last year and also you can sign up for email notifications specific to your area of interest.
Finding Grant Opportunities on Grants.gov	My MRC needs to purchase a vehicle; preferably either a bread truck or an old ambulance. What grant program should I look for?	The best way to search for grants that may pertain to you is to use either the text search functionality on Grants.gov or use the advanced search and narrow down the possibilities by choosing eligibility categories or subject categories. In addition, to Grants.gov there are a number of online resources related to Federal government benefits and grant programs, including: http://www.egov.gov - information about Federal government-wide online initiatives, E-Loan http://www.govbenefits.gov - information about benefits available to individuals, http://www.cfda.gov - information about specific grant opportunities and http://fr.cos.com - information about Federal Agency announcements.

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About Grants - General Questions	How is the FY2006 Presidential Budget affecting Federal grant-making?	From year to year, budget priorities shift to different programs within the Federal government. Currently, the fiscal year (FY) 2006 budget will most likely keep grant funding at or above its current overall budget level, but individual programs may experience an increase or decrease in the amount of funding received.
About Grants - General Questions	Do you have an example of a well written grant that we can look at?	Many agencies will post the winning application proposals. National Science Foundation is one of those agencies that posts the awarded applications on its website. Also, a great way to be able to view applications submitted to the government is to participate on a reviewing panel. Many agencies have information on how you can participate as a reviewer. Contact the grant-making agency your interested in to find more information.
About Grants - General Questions	What is a CFDA number?	The CFDA Number is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number. This number is assigned by the Federal agencies for each of its Federal domestic grant programs.
About Grants - General Questions	How can I locate applicable CFDA numbers that might pertain to me?	The best way to search for grants that may pertain to you is to use either the text search functionality on Grants.gov or use the advanced search and narrow down the possibilities by choosing eligibility categories or subject categories. From the search you will be able to determine applicable CFDA numbers. You can also visit The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) site at http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html .
About Grants - General Questions	How do you define a grant program? It is typically posted that there are 900 grant programs within the 26 Federal granting agencies, but these agencies have 1,500-1,700 CFDA's, and we always hear that there can be multiple programs within a single CFDA. Please clarify.	There are over 900 programs listed within the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). Each of these programs may have many opportunities that target certain areas or certain populations of the country. For example, there may be a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant program that is broken down to provide regional assistance, so each regional assistance represents a unique funding opportunity. The 1,500-1,700 that is referenced are actually the funding opportunities within a given CFDA program.
About Grants - General Questions	I have a question relating to growing a relationship with a program officer and the electronic process of submitting a grant through Grants.gov Is it best to meet personally with a program officer before applying for a grant electronically?	The grant program officer remains the person you will need to contact if you have any questions regarding how to complete a grant application. Grants.gov will have the program officer contact information for each grant opportunity and each grant application posted on Grants.gov.
About Grants - General Questions	I would like to ask Grants.gov to locate and provide information on how many first-time grantees are awarded grants each year. The percentage of first time awardees is an important part of the grant process profile.	Grants.gov is currently not involved with the awarding process of the Federal grants management. To receive award information, you will need to directly connect the Federal agency. The Federal government is looking at how to streamline the other parts of grants management, but currently, Grants.gov only is involved with finding and applying for Federal grants.
About Grants - General Questions	Is there a list of subcontractors which grant responders can access for skills and services which may be absent at the application organization?	Grants.gov does have resource information for grant-writing, but Grants.gov also strongly encourages grant applicants to contact organizations such as The Foundation Center and Technical Assistance Center, which would be able to provide more information on finding qualified grant writers to assist with the grant application processes. For a list of resources please visit www.grants.gov/Resources and links provided under the "Related Links" and the "Writing a Grant Proposal" sections.

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About Grants - General Questions	Must I be a member of a non-profit org to be eligible to write the grant on their behalf?	No, but an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) would be the only one who could submit the grant application through Grants.gov. Many organizations use private grant writers to help organize and write their applications.
About Grants - General Questions	The grant audience for my organization is museums and cultural organizations across the US, how would this resource be beneficial to them?	Grants.gov works with all 26 Federal grant-making agencies. Agencies like the Department of Education, the Museum of Library Sciences, the National Endowments of Arts and Humanities all post their opportunities on Grants.gov. These agencies are also beginning to use Grants.gov to post their application packages as well.
About Grants - General Questions	Using the e-grant process, will this eliminate the need to inquiry about Funding Opportunities via the Federal Register? Will this make the Federal Register posting for funding opportunities obsolete?	Yes. The Office of Management and Budget has set policies that each Federal grant-making agency must post all discretionary or competitive grant opportunities on Grants.gov.
About Grants - General Questions	We are a small private non-profit with a wide variety of funding sources and a budget of less than \$500,000 -- are we too small to be in the running for these Federal monies?	No, but you may want to consider collaborating with a larger non-profit in your area on a Federal grant opportunity. This collaboration will help build your Federal grant opportunity experience and also strengthen your grant application by demonstrating that you may be able to help more of the community through the collaboration.
About Grants - General Questions	Will the reporting of financial expenditure and revenue statements become available through Grants.gov replacing the 269 and 272 forms?	No. The Federal government is looking into these post-award grants management processes and beginning to research how the Federal government could centralize these pieces. Currently, Grants.gov is just Find and Apply, i.e. the submission process.
About Grants - General Questions	How do I learn to write grants? Is there some particular training that will make one more adept at the entire grant process or is the protocol pretty much "on the job training?" Someone recommended "Grants for Dummies." Do you have any tips specifically for Community based organizations (like 4-H for Youth, DARS training by CPRS)?	A good way to start is to take a grant writing course. Many non-profit organizations offer opportunities to provide this type of assistance. Also, contact your congressional office to see if they provide this type of technical assistance. Grants.gov has a resources page that will point you to organizations that offer legitimate resources for grant writers. For a list of resources please visit www.grants.gov/Resources and links provided under the "Related Links" and the "Writing a Grant Proposal" sections.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	You mentioned - Fee for service model. What is the fee? Can you expand on the provision and what is the fee formulation?	The fee is only directed to the Federal Agencies. There is no fee for the applicants. This fee is based upon the number of grants that an agency awards in a given year. Please contact Grants.gov and we will have you speak directly to a Program Advisor who can share that information to you regarding your Federal agency. Our contact information is the following: support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4726.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Do you have local presence in the Cincinnati/Dayton Ohio area?	We do not have a local presence within the Cincinnati/Dayton area, but if there is an upcoming conference being held in the area, we may be able to participate. Currently, Grants.gov does not have any regional offices and its office is located in Washington, DC at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Does this website also cover contracts?	Yes, Grants.gov has had some contracts posted on its site, but the website that has all contract opportunities posted is the Federal Business Opportunities website http://www.fbo.gov .

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About Grants.gov - General Questions	Grants.gov is a great concept, but my experience with federal online applications has been extremely cumbersome and frustrating. This includes unexpected format changes, difficulty in determining "page length", unanticipated additional questions that appear in drop-down windows that require additional research or tabulation to provide the information. What is Grants.gov doing to ensure this is not the norm?	Grants.gov continues to work with the Federal work groups of Public Law 106-107 who are charged with simplifying the grants management processes, including the standardization of forms used by the entire Federal government. This standardization will help the applicant anticipate what information will be requested by the Federal agencies and allowing the applicant to begin to have a standardized response. Currently, Grants.gov has worked with Public Law 106-107 work groups to develop a Research & Related Forms Set, a revised SF-424, an SF-424 for mandatory grants, as well as a short form version of the SF-424 and an individual form version of the SF-424.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	What is Grants.gov?	Grants.gov simplifies the grants management process and creates a centralized, online process to find, and apply for over 900 grant programs from the 26 Federal grant-making agencies, streamlining the process of awarding over \$360 billion in annual grants. Visit http://www.grants.gov/AboutUs to learn more about Grants.gov.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	What is the most complex grant program currently using Grants.gov?	It varies from grant to grant, but each grant application contains basically the same requirements. You will be required to fill out the necessary forms and most likely asked to provide a project and budget narrative. Applying to a Federal grant is not easy, but each grant application provides a contact that will provide information on how to complete an application.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Would you please repeat the info regarding 24 hour availability of the program?	The website is available 24-hours a day. The contact center is available Monday through Friday from 7 AM EST to 9 PM EST.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	I was informed that in addition to the RFP and the application submission, Grants.gov will also be used for the submission of progress Reports (i.e. progress reports, award notification, etc. - once the grant has been awarded). Is this true?	Currently, Grants.gov is just Find and Apply, i.e. the submission process. The Federal government is currently reviewing the additional steps of the Federal grants process and will also be addressing how it can streamline the post-award processes.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Are there participating Grants.gov programs that process subrecipient requests through State administering agencies to the federal approving agency?	Currently, Grants.gov only processes grant applications that are submitted directly to a Federal agency, but the program is working with states to see if there are any grant applications that the system could process as well. If you would like to work with Grants.gov to post an application package, please contact us: support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4126.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	You mentioned the potential applicants and grantees across the state, local and tribal. Are state and local governments using grants.gov to allow their constituents to apply for their grants? Are there state grants available now on grants.gov?	We are beginning to work with states to post state grant opportunities on Grants.gov. We will continue to work with states to encourage their use of Grants.gov and we hope to make Grants.gov the single website to Find both Federal and state funding opportunities.

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About Grants.gov - General Questions	How does Grants.gov work with programs that have their own online application process like the Fire Grant Program at DHS?	Grants.gov is currently working with many Federal grant-making agencies with their own online application process to migrate the customer-facing or front end of the process of finding and applying for grants to Grants.gov. For agencies with existing legacy grants systems (including Dept. of Education, Dept. Commerce/NOAA, Dept. Health & Human Services/NIH, Dept. Energy and others), it is likely that these systems will require in place but interact with Grants.gov for system-to-system operations. Grants.gov is working closely with all Federal grant-making agencies to provide a one-stop solution to the grant community and grant applicants for finding and applying for all Federal grants. To learn more about how to do business with Grants.gov please visit http://www.grants.gov/ForGrantors and locate your Grants.gov Agency Point Contact and Agency Outreach Contact to discuss next steps.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Can you tell us when Grants.gov will be able to accept electronic feeds from applications like Coeus?	Grants.gov is currently working with applicants to develop a system-to-system implementation that would allow applicants to submit grant applications through their grants management system to Grants.gov. MIT with its COEUS system, as well as several other applicant organizations, are working with Grants.gov to pilot this process. Grants.gov will publish its findings and lesson learned, as well as its implementation guide, to the website. Please check back and visit http://www.grants.gov/DoingBusinessApplicant in early April for an update regarding this development.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Do you have to have to be in an official capacity to get information from Grants.gov? i.e. I'm on an advisory board for my city's Parks and Recreation Department and would like to provide them with additional information.	Grants.gov is a free, public website that allows anyone the ability to search through its grant opportunity database and also sign-up for the funding email notifications. The only time you will need to register to use Grants.gov is if you plan to be an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and will be submitting grant applications through Grants.gov.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Have you worked with American Indian Tribes?	Grants.gov attempts to make every effort to reach out to all segments of the grant community. In an effort to reach out to the American Indian Tribes, Grants.gov has begun collaborative efforts with Department of Interior and also the Indian Health Services within the US Department of Health and Human Services.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Do you have materials or press releases to educate community members on the "scam" operations out there	Grants.gov does not have any press materials directly related to scams, but our privacy statement does state what we will and will not ask or collect from our applicants: http://www.grants.gov/Privacy . Also, you can report any type of fraudulent grant activity to our help desk: support@grants.gov or 1-800-518-4726.
About Grants.gov - General Questions	Is the site multi-lingual? Is it 508 Compliant?	The Grants.gov site is currently only in English, however Grants.gov does provide bi-lingual (Spanish) support via our Customer Contact Center. Additionally, Grants.gov is committed to providing access to our site for all individuals with disabilities. To meet this commitment, Grants.gov website complies with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the web pages are designed to work with assistive technologies such as screen readers.

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Individuals Using Grants.gov	Can this be done individually in an institution?	As a Grants.gov user, you can choose to register as an individual to submit grant applications on your own behalf, and not on behalf of a company, organization, institution, or government. Or you can register as an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) on behalf of a company, organization, institution, or government. As an AOR you must obtain authority to sign grant applications and the required certifications and/or assurances that are necessary to fulfill the requirements of the application process. For more details visit http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted for more details.
Individuals Using Grants.gov	I work for a government agency but I would be applying for a grant for my association with a non-profit organization. I know I would not use the government computer to fill out the application, but can I use my home computer to apply, or must I use a computer in the non-profit organization's office to complete the application?	You can access Grants.gov at any computer with internet access.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Do you provide on site training?	We do provide onsite Grants.gov training, although it depends on the size, scope, location, and timing of the request. If we are unable to fulfill your on-site request, we can provide training demos, presentations, and other Grants.gov materials.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Hello, I'd like to offer a comment instead of a question. The American Association of Grant Professionals recently contacted Grants.gov to present at our national conference. Grants.gov could not have been more accommodating. We look forward to your presentation at the conference and sincerely appreciate your outreach efforts.	Thank you for the kind words. We are happy to get the word out about Grants.gov and provide presentations and training when possible.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	How do we go about getting a speaker from Grants.gov - Is there a particular spot on Grants.gov that gives us that information?	We do provide onsite Grants.gov training, although it depends on the size, scope, location, and timing of the request. If we are unable to fulfill your on-site request, we can provide training demos, presentations, and other Grants.gov materials. Please forward any speaking requests to support@grants.gov .
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	How much prior notice do you need in order to be able to attend a conference or workshop?	The amount of notice required varies by the location of the request and what currently exists on our event calendars - there is no set rule, although as much advance notice as possible is desired. Please forward any speaking requests to support@grants.gov .
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	If someone wanted to increase awareness in the PetroChemical Industry on the availability of Homeland Security Grant Monies, would educating someone on Grants.gov be a good strategy?	Absolutely. You can find all competitive Federal grant opportunities for the Department of Homeland Securities on Grants.gov. Plus you can find links to other resources which might help in your research or training.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Is Grants.gov considering marketing to the non-federal grants making community? States, foundations, etc.	Yes, marketing to the non-Federal grants community is a possibility in the future. We already are expanding to include various Federal Commissions and Foundations.

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Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Is it easy for Grant-Writing consultants to bring customers to Grants.gov, and submit there grants for them?	Yes, you are able to download and complete applications on your client's behalf. For the actual submission, you must be a registered Grants.gov user that is an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for your client's organization. Many organizations use private grant writers to help organize and write their applications and then submit the application directly themselves. If your client's organization has completed the registration process and has authorized you as an AOR, you can submit a grant application on their behalf.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Is there any way to get a hands on training for non-competitive grant applications?	Although Grants.gov mainly provides training on competitive Federal grants, we could work with your team to provide onsite training for non-competitive, mandatory, and earmarked grants, although it depends on the size, scope, location, and timing of the request. If we are unable to fulfill your on-site request, we can provide training demos, presentations, and other Grants.gov materials. Please forward any speaking requests to support@Grants.gov.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	We'd love to hold web casts for potential AoA applicants. Any way we can use this system? Or - are you planning on holding a web cast for applicants that we could invite our AoA network to?	The Grants.gov Webcast is hosted by third party vendor. If you are interested in conducted your own Webcast you can contact the Grants.gov Program Office for more information or assistance. Due to the overwhelming response to our first ever Webcast, we are considering the Webcast format for future events to the grant community. Stay tuned for more information.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Will Grants.gov offer any regional training sessions to allow institutions the opportunity to have hands on training on use of Grants.gov?	Grants.gov participates and conducts workshops at numerous national events. These appearances are listed in the quarterly Grants.gov Succeed Newsletter along with news and updates on Grants.gov. To receive the Succeed Newsletter please visit http://www.grants.gov/Subscription . Grants.gov also provides onsite Grants.gov workshops, although it depends on the size, scope, location, and timing of the request. If we are unable to fulfill your on-site request, we can provide training demos, presentations, and other Grants.gov materials. Please forward any speaking requests to support@grants.gov .
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Will you hold another Webcast?	Yes - we will be conducting an encore broadcast of this Webcast with a live update and live, extended question and answer session.
Spreading the Word About Grants.gov	Is there a cost involved with becoming a Grants.gov partner?	Grants.gov is a free, Federal resource to Find and Apply for all Federal grant opportunities. There are no fees associated with registering on Grants.gov, using Grants.gov resources or becoming a Grants.gov partner.

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Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Is there a fee associated with registering or using to Grants.gov if you are with an organization? What about if your an individual seeking a grant?	Grants.gov's a free, Federal resource to Find and Apply for all Federal grant opportunities. There are no fees associated with either registering on or using Grants.gov whether you are with an organization or interested in using Grants.gov as an individual. Plus, it simplifies and streamlines the process of finding and applying for grants, reducing costs associated with postage, copying and distributing applications as well as eliminates the need to outsource grant-seeking services. To learn more about getting starting with Grants.gov, please visit http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted .
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Can a grant writer who works with more than one agency register as an independent grant seeker?	You only need to register if you plan to submit applications electronically through Grants.gov on behalf of an organization or on your own behalf. Registration is not required if you do not plan to submit applications. You have the ability to download and prepare grant applications from multiple agencies with out registering. You can download applications by accessing the following link: https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html . If you plan to submit an application on behalf of company, organization, institution, or government, you will need to register to become an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for that organization. If you plan to submit applications on your own behalf, you need to register as an individual on Grants.gov. Instructions on how to register are available at the following link: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted . Please be aware that if you are registering as an individual, you will only be able to apply to application packages that accept submissions from individuals. The application instructions will contain information regarding if the application is open to both individuals and organizations.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Can a person be contact for more than one agency	A person can submit a grant application on behalf of more than one agency or organization. However, the person must receive authorization to submit on the behalf of each of the organizations/agencies.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Can an off site grant consultant register on behalf of an organization?	An offsite grant consultant can register as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), in order to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov on behalf of an organization. If the consultant is not planning to submit and only planning to help organizations find grant opportunities it is not necessary to register.

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Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Can an organization register once and have multiple subscribers and/or individual investigators involved in the grant process?	The organization only needs to complete the Grants.gov Get Started Registration Step to Register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR) once. Other individuals from the organization that plan to submit grant application packages electronically through Grants.gov should complete the other two steps Get Started Registration Steps to Register with the Credential Provider and Register with Grants.gov. There are two key registration roles for organizations planning to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov. These two roles are the E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) and Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). The EBiz POC is the individual from your organization that has the capability of designating which staff members can submit applications through Grants.gov. When your organization registers with CCR, your organization will be asked to designate an EBiz POC. AORs are individuals from your organization who plan to submit grant applications on behalf of the organization. Prior to submitting a grant application, they must register with Grants.gov and receive privileges from your organization's EBiz POC to submit on behalf of the organization. Instructions on how to register are available at the following link: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted . Note: An organization can have multiple Authorized Organization Representatives, who can submit grant applications on the organizations behalf, but can only assign one E-Business Point of Contact, who will receive email request to grant submission privileges.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Can multiple users register under one organizational name to support different programs within the organization? Please explain the initial Registration Process. Where? What is needed?	Individuals from your organization only need to register if they plan to submit grant application packages electronically through Grants.gov. There are two key registration roles for organizations planning to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov. These two roles are the E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) and Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). The EBiz POC is the individual from your organization that has the capability of designating which staff members can submit applications through Grants.gov. When your organization registers with CCR, your organization will be asked to designate an EBiz POC. AORs are individuals from your organization who plan to submit grant applications on behalf of the organization. Prior to submitting a grant application, they must register with Grants.gov and receive privileges from your organization's EBiz POC to submit on behalf of the organization. Instructions on how to register are available at the following link: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted . Note: An organization can have multiple Authorized Organization Representatives, who can submit grant applications on the organizations behalf, but can only assign one E-Business Point of Contact, who will receive email request to grant submission privileges.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Can we register as individuals or as a whole organization?	You can register as an individual or on behalf of an organization to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov. If you plan to submit a grant application on behalf of an organization, you need to register to become an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). If you plan to submit a grant application on your own behalf and not on behalf of a company, organization, institution, or government, you should register as an individual on Grants.gov. Instructions on how to register are available at the following link: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted

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Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Do you need a DUNS number?	If you are planning to submit applications electronically through Grants.gov on behalf of an organization, you will need a DUNS number. If you are submitting a grant on your own behalf and not on behalf of a company, organization, institution, or government, a DUNS number is not required for applying electronically through Grants.gov. However, you will need to have the Funding Opportunity Number of the grant application package that you wish to apply for available as you complete the registration process.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Does an organization need to go through the registration/authentication process each time they apply for a grant or just one time? What if the organization has two legal entity names - does that require two registration processes?	Registration is a one-time process for an organization. If you have two DUNS Numbers for your organization because of the two legal names, you will need to register each DUNS number within the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). Once you have completed this process, the organization will be fully registered and you will not need to register again.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Does the AOR have to be the same authorizing person as the Electronic Business POC?	E-Business Point of Contact or an Authorized Organization Representative are two roles for using Grants.gov that can be held by one person or multiple people usually depending on the size of the Organization. Note: An organization can have multiple Authorized Organization Representatives, who can submit grant applications on the organizations behalf, but can only assign one E-Business Point of Contact, who will receive email requests to grant submission privileges.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	For the registration, is there a checkbox for a small business to self identify?	No, there is not a checkbox for business type during the Grants.gov Registration process since all organizations follow the same registration steps. Yet, when you are setting up your business's profile at the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), you would be able to designate yourself as a small business. Also, within certain applications, an agency may request information regarding your small business status, but that is on a case-by-case basis and will be part of the agency application package and agency specific instructions.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	How can I find out whether my institution is a member institution so I can register to participate in Grants.gov?	Ask the grant administrator, chief financial officer, or other authorizing official if your institution has completed the necessary Grants.gov registration step to Register with the Central Contractor Registry. For information on what is required for your institution, refer to the following link: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted .
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	How do academic researchers register for Grants.gov?	Academic researchers only need to register if they plan to submit applications electronically through Grants.gov on behalf of an organization or on their own behalf. Registration is not required if you do not plan to submit applications. You have the ability to download and prepare grant applications from multiple agencies with out registering. You can download applications by accessing the following link: https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html . If you plan to submit an application on behalf of company, organization, institution, or government, you will need to register to become an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for that organization (Ex. University). The organization will need to grant you privileges to submit on their behalf. If you plan to submit applications on your own behalf, you need to register as an individual on Grants.gov. Instructions on how to register are available at the following link: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted .

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Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	I am having difficulty getting in touch with the credential provider. What do you suggest?	Please email the credential provider at eauthhelp@orc.com or call 1-800-386-6820 between 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM Eastern Standard/Daylight Time. If you continue to experience difficulties please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at support@grants.gov for further assistance with this process.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	I went through a lengthy process to register with Grants.gov some time ago and recently was told that my registration had expired. Who would I contact to resolve this?	Contact Grants.gov Customer Support support@grants.gov for assistance.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	If we are registered with Grants.Gov, are we automatically registered with all 26 Federal agencies and can submit grants to them without additional registration?	If you have completed the one-time registration process with Grants.gov, you have the ability to electronically submit grant applications currently available from any Federal agency.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	If we register and become a central submitter for our agency. Are we then the only portal for our agency?	No. You will most likely handle who will be authorized, but you can select as many Authorized Organizational Representatives (AOR) as you would like for your organization and decentralize the submission process. If you would like to centralize the submitting process, then you can also control who you would like to give AOR privileges to in your organization.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Is it wise for nonprofit business consultants to register with Grants.gov?	If the nonprofit business consultants plan to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov on their own behalf or on behalf of an organization, they need to register with Grants.gov.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Is there a limit on how many people from an institution can be registered to use Grants.gov? At my large university, my PIs would benefit greatly from the search features while they would not be the ones submitting for the organization.	Only individuals who plan to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov need to register. If an individual only plans to research, prepare and download applications, it is not necessary for them to register. There is no limit on the number of people who can register from an institution to use Grants.gov.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Must I register with Grants.gov to complete continuation grants for Head Start programs?	If you plan to submit a grant application package electronically through Grants.gov, you need to register with Grants.gov. Registration is required for submitting all types of grant application packages.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Our agency will be applying for various types of assistance, not just competitive grants. Do we need to register more than one person with the Credential Provider?	Individuals only need to register if they plan to submit applications electronically through Grants.gov on behalf of an organization. Registration is not required if you do not plan to submit applications. So only the individuals who plan to submit grant applications need to register. Individuals who only plan to research, prepare, and/or download applications do not need to register.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Please explain how and when a community agency can register for Grants.gov?	Grants.gov encourages you register as early as possible if you anticipate applying for a Federal grant. The registration process can take up to three to five business days, depending on your organization's preparation and access to the information needed. Registering early will ensure that when you are ready to submit an application to Grants.gov it will be a smooth process. To register with Grants.gov to submit an application electronically simply follow the step-by-step instructions on how to register are available at the following link: http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted .

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Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	We have hesitated to register because e-mails go to the signatory (in our case our President). Will there be a change so that the Sponsored Research Office receives correspondence?	<p>Notification emails for individuals requesting to register with Grants.gov go to the individual designated in your organization's Central Contractor Registry as the E-Business Point of Contact. Your organization may want to consider updating the E-Business Point of Contact field in the Central Contractor Registry to the individual from your organization who would grant privileges to individuals who plan to submit grant applications on behalf of your organization, if the President is not the person who wishes to hold this role.</p> <p>There are two key registration roles for organizations planning to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov. These two roles are the E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) and Authorized Organization Representative (AOR).</p>
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	What is the estimated amount of time to prepare the Grants.Gov organization registration?	The minimum time to prepare the Grants.gov registration is 3 days. However, it is recommended that you do not wait until the last minute if a deadline approaching because it may take you organization longer than 3 days.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Who would be considered an authorized representative in an organization?	An Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is a person who has been granted privileges from their organization to submit a grant on behalf of an organization electronically through Grants.gov. AORs have the authority to sign grant applications and the required certifications and/or assurances that are necessary to fulfill the requirements of the application process.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Why is it necessary to have a 3-stage registration process? Surely this can be simplified. I know of one agency for which complete registration took 6 weeks from beginning to end. This would have been disastrous if a grant had wanted to be applied for in that timeframe. It requires registration as a government contractor, which was not typically necessary for most grant applications under the old system. Is this going to be changed?	The purpose of the 3-stage process is to ensure that only authorized individuals can submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov on behalf of an organization. Registration with the CCR is a one-time set-up step required only by a person from an organization who is responsible for the administration and management of grant activities. Completing this step provides an organization with the capability of designating, or revoking, the privileges of individuals who wish to submit on an organization's behalf. This safeguards an organization from individuals who may attempt to submit grant application packages without permission. Registration with the Credential Provider provides individuals from an organization with a user name and password. Registration with Grants.gov provides individuals from an organization with a Grants.gov account that allows a person to submit on behalf of an organization.
Registering to Apply on Grants.gov	Would it be helpful people to first check with their Sponsored Projects Office before going through the 3 step registration process to confirm the institution has completed the first steps.	Yes, it most certainly is advisable for individuals who plan to submit grant applications electronically through Grants.gov on behalf of an organization to check with the Sponsored Project Office about registering with Grants.gov.

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Grants.gov Technical Support	Do our computer systems need to meet certain requirements or have certain software for grant submission online? Is there a cost for the software?	Yes, there are some standard computer system requirements to enable browsing the internet. However there are minimal requirements to download and install the PureEdge Viewer. This small, free program will allow you to access, complete and submit applications electronically and securely. To function properly, your computer must meet the following system requirements: Windows 98, ME, NT 4.0, 2000, XP; 500 Mhz processor; 128 MB of RAM; 40 MB disk space; Web browser: Internet Explorer 5.01 or higher, Netscape Communicator 4.5 - 4.8, Netscape 6.1, 6.2, or 7. For more details please visit please visit http://www.grants.gov/DownloadViewer .
Grants.gov Technical Support	Do you have a test area where Federal grants staff can register and explore the site, so we can see what our applicants see?	We are working on a training environment for just that situation. However it is not available just yet. If you have a specific, timely need, please contact your agency's Grants.gov Point of Contact or your agency's Outreach Contact. Please visit http://www.grants.gov/ForGrantors to locate your Grants.gov Agency Point Contact and Agency Outreach Contact.
Grants.gov Technical Support	When will you start supporting other computer platforms?	Grants.gov is working with organizations such as Apple and PureEdge to develop a downloadable, electronic application software compatible with many computer platforms. Beyond Windows based platforms, Grants.gov currently provides access to MAC computer platforms through the use of Windows Emulation to view the PureEdge application packages. Please see the following information on Grants.gov for more details: http://www.grants.gov/GrantsGov_UST_Grantee/!SSL!/WebHelp/MacSupportforPureEdge.pdf
Grants.gov Technical Support	Why can't you make it directly Mac compatible (i.e. no need for PC-emulator software)? Academic institutions have lots of Macs!	Grants.gov continues to work Apple and PureEdge to develop a version of PureEdge that is compatible with MAC. In the meantime, you can use Windows Emulation to view the PureEdge application packages while using a MAC. Please see the following information on Grants.gov for more details: http://www.grants.gov/GrantsGov_UST_Grantee/!SSL!/WebHelp/MacSupportforPureEdge.pdf .
Grants.gov Technical Support	On what platforms is the PureEdge viewer software that applicants must download and install available at this time?	Please visit our site for that information: specifically: http://www.grants.gov/DownloadViewer .
Grants.gov Technical Support	Several years ago, NSF's Fastlane system struggled with the inevitable traffic jams that occurred at deadline time. Technology was unable to handle the volume of submissions. What flexibilities will the government employ to compensate for similar problems with Grants.gov?	Grants.gov continues to look at its load issues and how it will deal with capacity. Currently, Grants.gov is able to handle the current load of applications being submitted through its system, but is fully aware of the issues that lie ahead when more agencies are posting many more application packages. By working with other agencies, like NSF who have experienced these problems, we will continue to take lessons learned and incorporate these experiences into the growth of our system.
Grants.gov Technical Support	What happens if there are technical difficulties? Will the due date be extended?	The Grants.gov support staff works very closely with agencies in the event of technical difficulties that affect a submission, to date, there have minimal instances. Any decisions to accept late submissions are made by the sponsoring agency.

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Grants.gov Technical Support	What if our organization does not allow us to install software that is not considered standard software for our organization and prevents me from installing software on my pc because of Windows restrictions?	Please contact your Information Technology department or administrator and notify them that you will need to download and install the PureEdge Viewer; a small, free program that will allow you to access, complete and submit applications electronically and securely. For more details you can direct your Information Technology department to visit http://www.grants.gov/DownloadViewer or contact the Customer Support Center at support@grants.gov for further assistance.
Grants.gov Technical Support	When are you going to offer a tutorial on how to use Grants.gov?	To assist users and help them best use of Grants.gov, extensive support is always available. In addition to our comprehensive search options and online applications, the site offers quick reference guide, step-by-step demonstrations to guide users through the application process and content-related help customized to the page or section being viewed. To view the Training Demonstration on our website please visit http://www.grants.gov/CompleteApplication . Or you can contact us at support@grants.gov for further assistance.
Grants.gov Technical Support	Unfortunately, the Help Desk at the Commons is very slow - I have waited an hour without getting through. Is sufficient support being planned for Grants.gov to avoid frustration on the part of users?	To assist users and help them best use of Grants.gov, extensive support is always available. In addition to our comprehensive search options and online applications, the site offers quick reference guide, step-by-step demonstrations to guide users through the application process and content-related help customized to the page or section being viewed. In addition, Grants.gov provides personalized help from our dedicated Customer Support team. You can reach the Grants.gov Contact Center via email at support@grants.gov . Or you can reach the Contact Center via phone at 1-800-518-4726, Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.