

Grants.gov Quarterly Stakeholder Webcast

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Grants.gov Quarterly Update
- Grants.gov and the Recovery Act
- Grants.gov Recently Accomplished System Builds
- Recovery.gov
- Grant Fraud

Presenters

Mr. Michael Pellegrino, Grants.gov

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Mr. Donald Jean, Business Transformation Agency

- Recovery.gov

Mr. Ken Dieffenbach, Department of Justice

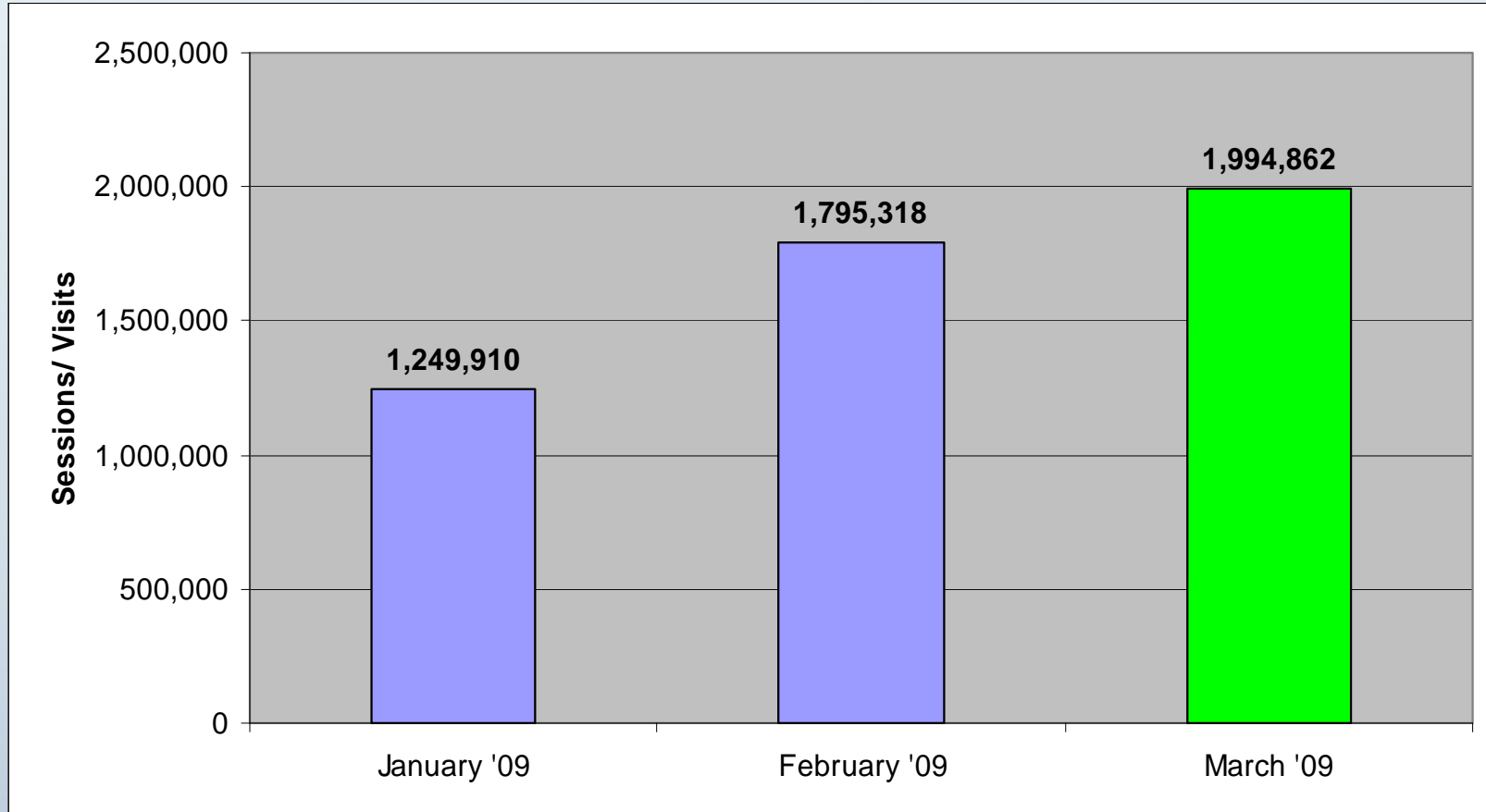
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Participation Update Statistics thru March

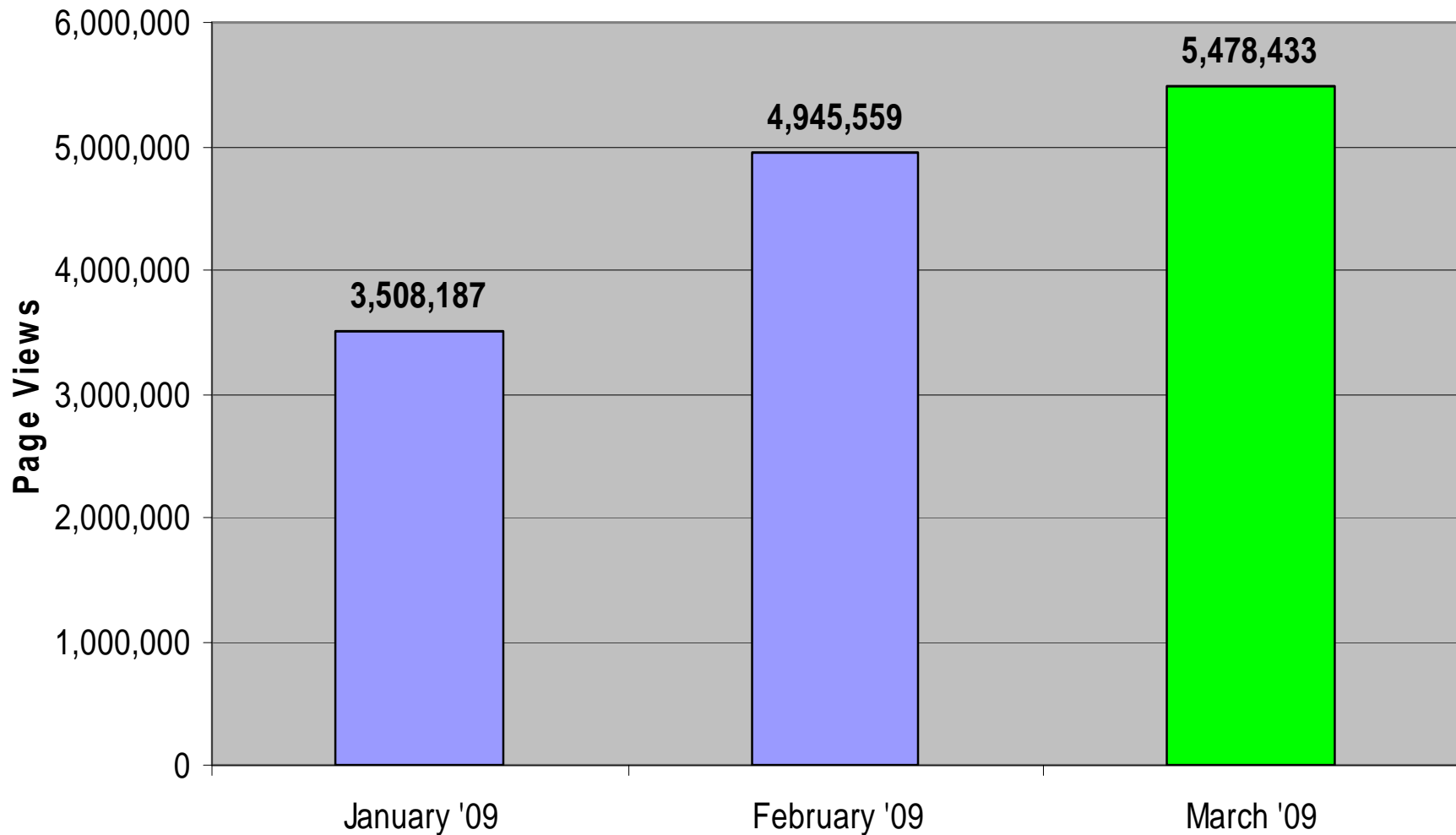
	FY 08	FY 09	% Diff
Submissions	104,778	125,385	20%
AORs	100,448	159,180	43%
Contact Center	100,748	128,105	27%

Total Sessions FY2009



Website Session -A series of clicks on your site by an individual visitor during a specific period of time. A Session is initiated when the visitor arrives at your site, and it ends when the browser is closed or there is a period of inactivity.

Total Page Views FY2009



Page View - A request from a visitor's browser for a displayable web page, generally an HTML file. Images and other embedded content, such as style sheets and javascript, are not considered to be Pageviews.

Quarterly Update

- Transition to Adobe Complete
 - All Agencies utilizing Adobe
- Adobe Versions for use with Grants.gov:
 - http://www.grants.gov/help/download_software.jsp#adobe811

Grants.gov and the Recovery Act

- Grants.gov page with information on the Recovery Act
 - Includes Recovery Act Opportunities
 - <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp>
 - 73 Opportunities posted as of April 13
 - Thoroughly read the instructions on “How to Apply”
- First major closing: NIH April 27

Grants.gov and the Recovery Act Future System Builds

- April 18 – 19 implementing a build
 - System will be unavailable
 - Reconfiguring system to improve processing of user identification data
 - Adding new functionality: “Track my Application”
 - Enables users to track their application status without login to the system
 - Link for status will be in Receipt Confirmation page and receipt e-mail
 - Intent to reduce number of users logged into the system
- Developing a 90 day Plan of Action and Milestones
 - Increase system capacity
 - Improve submission processing speed
 - Enhance overall user experience
 - Monthly system builds (May – July)
 - Monthly builds versus quarterly



Recently Accomplished Builds

- Build 2009 – 01: March 29, 2009
 - Transitioned Grantor registration process internally to Grants.gov
 - Usernames and passwords maintained by Grants.gov
 - Forgot my username – Forgot my password functionality in place
- Build 2008 – 03: February 8, 2009
 - Transitioned Applicant registration process internally to Grants.gov
 - Reconfigured Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) to increase the number of concurrent users
 - Placed Grants.gov Tracking # in the beginning of the subject line for all notification e-mails
 - Modified the RSS feed to distinguish between new and modified opportunities



Donald Jean Recovery.gov



Recovery.gov Mission

- The **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act** is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century.
- As the centerpiece of the President's commitment to transparency and accountability, Recovery.gov will feature information on how the Act is working, tools to help you hold the government accountable, and up-to-date data on the expenditure of funds.
- The site will include information about Federal grant awards and contracts as well as formula grant allocations. Federal agencies will provide data on how they are using the money, and eventually, prime recipients of Federal funding will provide information on how they are using their Federal funds.

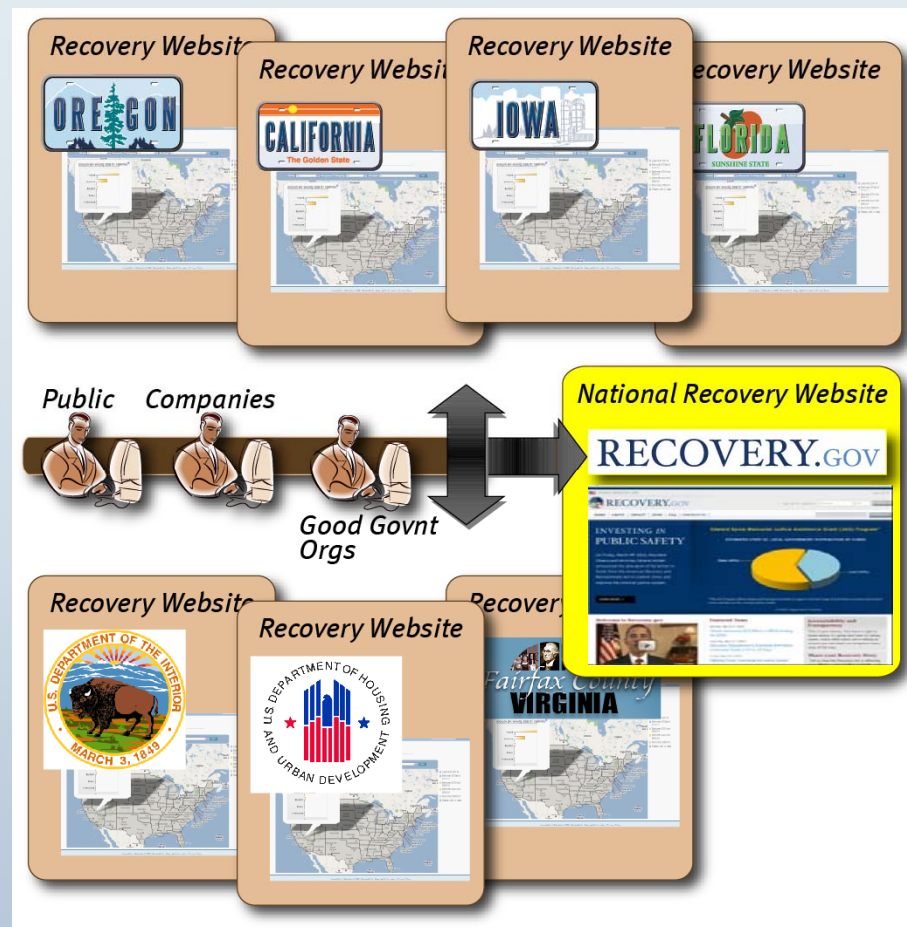


What Is Recovery.Gov?

One piece of a broad Transparency and Accountability Effort...

Stakeholders

- Citizens
- Congress
- Inspectors General
- Federal Agencies
- OMB
- State, Local, Tribal Governments
- Universities
- Non-Profits
- Companies



Offering the public a chance to follow and comment on performance of the use of funds

Transparency and Recovery: Shifting the Paradigm for Grants Reporting

- The Transparency and Recovery Acts have changed grant reporting
 - From quarterly collection of data; to weekly and monthly collection
 - From obligation data; to award amount and expenditure data
 - From general information to more specific information on who, what and where
- Recipient and sub-recipient reporting are required to be publicly available—viewable
- Information being changed from static publication to a more interactive web environment—funding impacts
- Accountability of performance of funded grants through findings and reports; and public comment

Reporting is the vehicle for Transparency and Accountability



Guidance to Agencies Grants and Cooperative Agreements

CFDA Number Requests

- Request an expedited “Recovery Act” Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number through the MAX Interim CFDA portal for new Recovery Act programs or existing programs through which Recovery Act funding will be made (contact agency CFDA representative for complete instructions).
- Attach to the agency CFDA page a list of existing CFDA program descriptions that will be modified during the next CFDA update cycle to reflect Recovery Act authorities, financial information, etc.

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Posting of Funding Announcements

- Within twenty (20) days after enactment of the Recovery Act (Feb. 17, 2009), agencies were to have posted funding opportunity announcements (i.e., “synopses”) to Grants.gov.
- Within thirty (30) days of enactment, the Grants.gov synopsis was to link to the full announcement on the agency website unless the agency obtained a waiver from OMB.
- Include prominent labels and tags to funding opportunity synopses, full funding opportunity announcements, and award notices that clearly identifies them as Recovery Act” actions.



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Reporting/Outreach

- Begin outreach efforts with potential applicants to create or update their profiles in Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and Central Contractor Registration (CCR).
- Provide their Weekly Report allocations for each formula grant award.
- Include terms and conditions in award documents necessary for effective implementation of Recovery Act data collection and accountability requirements.
- Identify opportunities to streamline data collection to help alleviate reporting burden on grant recipients.

Reporting Requirements

- Initial Recovery Act Reporting Includes:
 - Major Communications—Agencies
 - Formula block grant allocations
 - Agency weekly reports
 - Agency monthly financial reports
 - Award-level reporting—as required by USASpending.gov
 - Agency-wide Recovery Act Plans
 - Recipient Reporting (To be defined)
- New Data Requirements— Agency Reporting
 - Use of Treasury Account Symbols
 - Treasury Account Fund Symbols—specific for Recovery Funds
 - CFDA Nos.— Specific for Recovery Funds

Recipient Reporting Published in Initial Guidance

- Recipient Reporting may include:
 - Total amount of Recovery Funds received from Agency
 - Amount obligated and expended to project or activities
 - Amount unobligated balances
 - Detailed list of projects or activities
 - Name of Project
 - Description of Project
 - Evaluation of completion status
 - Estimated number of jobs created or sustained
 - Infrastructure investments by state and local governments, purpose, total cost, rationale of the agency for funding the investment with Recovery Funds, name of person to contact
 - Subcontracts and sub-grants awarded (drafted for 1st tier) complying with FFATA requirements

Ken Dieffenbach Grant Fraud



Grant Fraud

- Role of Federal Inspectors General
- Three Primary Risks
 - Conflicts of Interest
 - “Lying” of Failing to Properly Support the Use of Funds
 - Theft

Grant Fraud

- Grant Fraud Can and Does Occur
- Grantee's Must be Aware of the Risks
 - Prevent & Detect Issues Early
- Report Issues to Grantor or Respective OIG
www.ignet.gov

Grants.gov PMO Support

- Grants.gov Updates
 - http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription_signup.jsp
- Grants.gov E-newsletter
 - <http://www.grants.gov/help/subscribe.jsp>
- Grants.gov Blog
 - <http://grants-gov.blogspot.com/>
- Outreach Request
 - <http://www.grants.gov/section910/OutreachRequestForm.doc>

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