

MESSAGE FROM THE PMO

March has been a busy and exciting month. The Grants.gov electronic grant application submission numbers rose to new heights, an indication of the enthusiasm and uptake by both applicants and agencies. Activity during March grew 40% over that of February. In just the week of March 13th alone, Grants.gov received and processed nearly 300 electronic grant application submissions from 227 different applicants for 9 different agencies.

In addition, to this momentum, Grants.gov launched its first Webcast with great reception and continues the tradition as an award winning program. More details on these and other updates are provided below.

Regards,
Rebecca Spitzgo, Grants.gov Program Manager

GRANTS.GOV ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

FIND and Apply Updates

- 2005 active funding opportunities
- 1.9+ million Find hits per week
- 1.01+ million grant opportunity notification emailed per week
- Electronic submissions near the 2,500 application milestone
- 12 agencies posted 205 new application packages
- SBA posts their first packages
- HUD deploys the 2005 SuperNOFA releasing forty-two electronic packages to award \$1.26 billion in grants
- New form deployed: US Dept. of Commerce's CD-511

Grants.gov "Spread the Word" Webcast - A Huge Success

Grants.gov launched its first ever Webcast titled "Spread the Word" on March 9th to Grantor staff, Congressional members, and Collaboration partners. The Webcast featured the reasons and ways these partners can share Grants.gov information with their grant communities. Initially targeting 1,000 recipients, the Webcast generated broad interest and participation with over 3,700 registered participants and the submission of nearly 280 questions from the live and archived Webcast. 70% of these participants are not registered at Grants.gov, and nearly 20% were referred to the Webcast by another party, reflecting the achievement of the Webcast goal of reaching the wider community of key connectors to broaden Grants.gov's awareness.

Grants.gov Recognized Again!

- Grants.gov was selected as one of ten Federal initiatives to be named as the top 50 finalists for the esteemed 2005 Innovations in American Government Award.
- For the second consecutive year, Grants.gov was selected by the Federal Leadership Council as one of 10 finalists for the 2005 FOSE Showcase of Excellence Award.

New Applicant "Get Started" Content coming Soon!

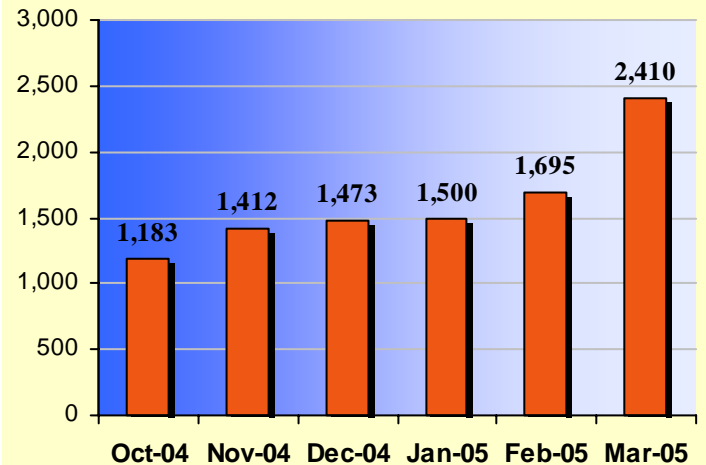
Grants.gov is launching new content on the site to help users through the registration process. Users will now select how they

want to interact with Grants.gov and be guided through specific steps based for their role. Additionally, users will have easy access to customized checklists and FAQs to make the registration process easier to understand and complete. Visit <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted> for more details.

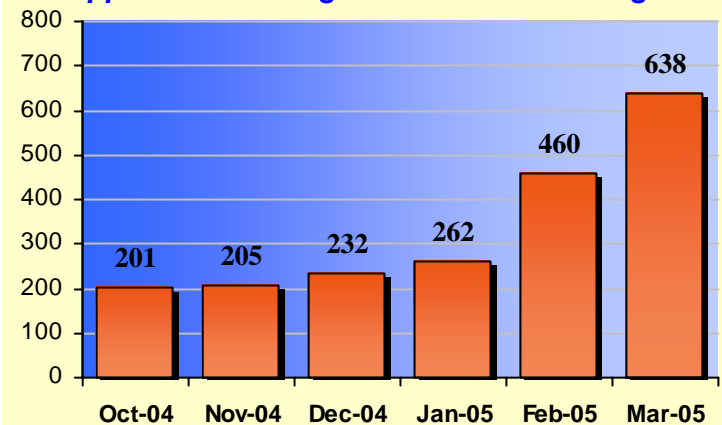
AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM UTILIZATION AND MOMENTUM CHARTS

Applications Received from Grantees



Application Packages Posted on Grants.gov



Grants.gov Registered Users (AORs)

