

Section 11.1.5: Grants.gov

Mandated by federal law in 2002 to streamline and standardize the federal grant process among the federal grant-making agencies, Grants.gov is a portal for grant applicants and serves as a clearinghouse for information on federal grant programs. The web-based program provides organizations and agencies with a centralized source to find and apply for federal discretionary grants. Use of the site requires [account registration](#). An applicant agency will have only one account but may have multiple users with various roles.

Grants.gov provides an extensive list of web services for applicants and agencies to perform the find and apply functions using the system-to-system (S2S) interface. Applicants and grantor agencies typically integrate the Grants.gov web services into their existing grant management systems to provide a seamless user interface to their grants staff. [Technical information for integration](#) is included online.

The [Workspace feature](#) allows a collaborative working environment whereby multiple individuals can work on an agency's grant application (online or offline). Workspace allows applicants and organizations to tailor their application workflow and provides guidance regarding which workflow works best in a given environment.

Other helpful features on Grants.gov include a library of current and historical [grants policy](#); a repository for [federal grants forms](#); a [grants community blog](#); and a [grants learning center](#) with grant-related content for beginners and seasoned professionals.

The [Program Support Center](#) operates the Grants.gov Contact Center, which offers 24/7 support through toll-free numbers, email, and interactive voice response, as well as a self-service Web portal.