

Section 11.2.2: Grants and Federal Resources (GFR)

The Office of Grants and Federal Resources (GFR), a coordinating agency within the Department of Administration, assists state agencies, local government and non-profit organizations research, win and manage grants. GFR accomplishes these tasks through systems improvement and automation, outreach and education, and regulatory guidance.

Systems improvement and automation: to improve the grant research, win rate and administration processes, GFR contracted with eCivis to provide a cost-effective statewide automated grants management solution. Within the first five years, the state increased its grant win rate by more than 20 percent. Following up on the success of the eCivis statewide grants management solution, GFR contracted with eCivis to design a Subrecipient Manager (SRM) tool to assist state agencies as grantors manage subawards.

Education and outreach: at the heart of GFR's mission is to serve as the frontline resource for grant-related information and activities to grant program managers throughout Arizona. GFR first came into this role when it managed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funding awarded to the state during the Great Recession. From that time, the office has built its reputation as a premier resource for information and guidance to Arizona's grant community. GFR maintains a website of relevant information; conducts quarterly training via webinar to allow for maximum participation; shares timely news bulletins; and schedules office hours each month for grant professionals who need additional assistance.

Regulatory guidance: GFR provides the grants community with regulatory guidance via its website, news bulletins, legislative updates, and other modes of communication. GFR will consult with subject matter experts (i.e., the GAO Federal Funds Group) and other stakeholders who can offer analysis of current or potential changes in the regulatory arena.