



# Arizona Department of Administration Office of Grants and Federal Resources News Bulletin

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## **Federal Government happenings: what you need to know**

### **The federal GAO releases report on DATA Act compliance; only half meet OMB and Treasury Department standards**

Federal agencies' Offices of Inspector General (OIG) are required to issue reports assessing the quality of their respective agencies' spending data submissions and compliance with the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act). To learn more about government-wide compliance, the federal Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined the OIG reports on the quality of spending data submissions to USAspending.gov. GAO found that the quality varied because of agency and government-wide issues. For more details, refer to the [report posted the GAO website](#).

### **Congress hears testimony on grant modernization initiatives**

On July 25, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs (of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee) took testimony regarding initiatives to modernize grant management. This includes the Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency (GREAT) Act and the President's Management Agenda (PMA), which calls for an integrated, data-centric strategy to standardize grant reporting and alleviate compliance burdens. To learn more or to view the hearing, visit the [Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs website](#).

### **Establishment of the Government Effectiveness Advanced Research (GEAR) Center**

In June, OMB published [Delivering Government Solutions in the 21st Century: Reform and Reorganization Recommendations](#). OMB is undertaking one of the recommended solutions: the establishment of the [Government Effectiveness Advanced Research](#) (GEAR) Center. The GEAR Center would bring together experts in disciplines such as economics, computer science, and design thinking, in order to take a creative, data-driven, and interdisciplinary approach to new possibilities in how citizens and government interact. A GEAR Center [virtual conference](#) is scheduled for Thursday, August 23 at 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. EST. The public may participate and submit advance questions to [performance@omb.eop.gov](mailto:performance@omb.eop.gov).

### **U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules against executive order that limits federal funding to “sanctuary jurisdictions”**

On August 1, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that presidential executive order 13768 (issued January 25, 2017) was unconstitutional. E.O. 13768 limited federal funding to “jurisdictions that willfully refuse to comply with 8 U.S.C. 1373 (sanctuary jurisdictions).” The court held that only Congress could authorize withholding of federal funding.

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# Quarterly Grants Working Group: Changes coming to the format

## Sessions will now be available on demand on GFR's website

Given increased demands on employee time and multiple meetings, the Office of Grants and Federal Resources (GFR) is changing the format of the quarterly grants working group sessions. GFR will choose a topic, plan and record an informative session (without live audience participation). GFR will post those videos on the website and circulate the information through this monthly newsletter. The videos will provide information for viewers to follow-up and comments can be sent to GFR via email at [GFR@azdoa.gov](mailto:GFR@azdoa.gov).

There may be a topic or issue that arises that would better serve the grants community by convening a live audience. The event below, which has been rescheduled from July, **will be open to a live audience** and posted online at a later date as video-on-demand.

### Quarterly Grants Working Group session: *Grants Management Manual-Grantor: Chapter 8.2.1 Risk Assessment Tool and Grant Monitoring Plan*

**When:** 1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m., Aug. 22, 2018

**Where:** Arizona Department of Administration  
100 N. 15th Ave., Suite 301B, Phoenix

Join via WebEx:

[https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?  
MTID=mea2c760e22cfa98448be4fc4c6dcf564](https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=mea2c760e22cfa98448be4fc4c6dcf564)

Meeting number (access code): 803 226 181

Meeting password: evMqHdJE

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### GFR office hours each month

GFR staff schedules office hours each month for state grants professionals to get additional assistance with eCivis, grants management and other related topics. Office hours are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Visitors may call or visit GFR staff at the office: 100 N. 15th Ave., Suite 301B in Phoenix.

### You can also join via WebEx:

[https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?  
MTID=me1246a0fcc36b8c1b8c88c266ff60155](https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=me1246a0fcc36b8c1b8c88c266ff60155)

Meeting number (access code): 806 768 987

Meeting password: QwpHspkd

### GFR News Bulletin available online

Readers can access current and past issues of the GFR News Bulletin, which are posted on the GFR website at [Grants.az.gov/news](http://Grants.az.gov/news).

### SRM as a program-specific solution

As noted previously in these pages, the GFR team has been working with select agencies to roll out the eCivis Subrecipient Manager (SRM), an enterprise level tool that allows state agencies in the role of grantor to easily manage subgrants in an automated system. As this roll out expands, GFR is offering review and migration assistance to agencies with SRM programs. If your agency is interested, you can assist by:

1. Sending the list of grant programs that your agency manages as a grantor
2. Indicating which of the grant programs your agency could manage through eCivis SRM
3. Call or email for additional information:

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