

### North Carolina Police Executive Training Conference

#### Federal, State, & Foundation Grants

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### **Purpose of Grants**

- Strategic use of grant funds leverages existing resources – both financial and staff
- Critical to tackle challenges faced by your agency
- Makes existing resources go further
- Provides opportunity to implement new programs and improve existing programs
- Improves outcomes of programs and activities



# **Finding Grants**

#### eCivis (https://www.ecivis.com/)

- Started in 2000 with help from the International City & County Manager's Association
- Centralized system for the identification of Federal, State, & Foundation grants.
  - Subscription Based
- Daily email notification of grant opportunities
- Search for grants



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#### **Finding Grants**



#### Grants Network - Daily New and Updated Grants Notification

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eCivis Blog (For full details on a particular headline, click on its title.) Solving 3 Common Problems in Grantor Management ICMA's Harvard Scholarship Winners It's Official! eCivis Joins GTY on NASDAQ eCivis and Questica Reimagine Budgeting and Grants Management Counties Brainstorm on Infrastructure, Opioids, Housing

New Grants - 17 grants (For full details on a particular grant, click on its title and log in.)

GN Code Grant Title	Agency	Actual Funds	Due Date	Posted
FD10080 The Recycling Partnership: Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grant Program - FY 2019	FD Foundation	Unspecified	Rolling	07/08/2019
to advance recycling in communities across the United States by supporting the impler the procurement of recycling carts to implement a new cart-based curbside recycling collection the community, or to transition from an open-bin or bag-based curbside recycling collection	ection program to			
FD11365 Center for Sharing Public Health Services (et al.): Increasing the Body of Knowledge for Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing (CJS) in Public Health: Small Grants Program - FY 2019	FD Foundation	Unspecified	08/16/2019	07/08/2019
to support efforts to plan, implement, or improve cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) arra agency in expanding its knowledge in some specific areas of CJS. Projects supported the categories: Projects focused on a specific CJS arrangement: projects for planning,				
FD14250 Susan G. Komen South Carolina: Small Grants Program (Select Counties, SC - FY 2020	FD  Foundation	Unspecified	Rolling	07/08/2019
to support projects addressing breast health and/or breast cancer though the reduction building of community trust to increase access to care. Innovative approaches to achievin least one of the following categories: Educational/outreach: The purpose of this				
FD15249 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF): ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation (Select States) - FY 2019	FD Foundation	\$1,420,000.00 (Estimated)	08/12/2019	07/08/2019
to restore grassland, wetland, sage-steppe, and coastal habitats for birds; protect key l bird habitat conservation practices on working lands, with an emphasis in focal geograph quantity for both migratory and non-migratory bird populations. Within landscapes heavily	ies. The program			
FD15511 Osage Nation Foundation: Arts Matching Grant - FY 2019	FD Foundation	Unspecified	09/01/2019	07/08/2019
to promote the arts, which are an intricate part of Osage and Native American culture. organizations that conduct activities directly benefiting and relating to the Osage Nation.				

support foundations, museums, businesses, and organizations that have a connection to an arts...



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# **Finding Grants**

#### Search Results

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Sexual Assault Kits	Existing Search Agents

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Categories	•				Results 1	- 10 of 46 (0.010	seconds)	1234	5
Grant Type and Agency	•	<u>Score</u>	<u>GN</u> Code	Grant Title	Agency	<u>Actual</u> Funds	Due Date		
		100.00	US15657	National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) - FY 2019	US DoJ	\$40,000,000	04/09/2019		à
Other Criteria	•	76.96	NC0004	Sexual Assault Program - FY 2019	NC Administration	Unspecified	05/01/2018		à
Apply Filter		70.81	US14578	<u>Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program</u> (TSASP) - FY 2019	US DoJ	\$3,000,000	03/05/2019		à
		70.80	US8076	<u>Sexual Assault Services (SAS) Formula</u> Program - FY 2019	US DoJ	Unspecified	04/24/2019 (Multiple)	2	à
		69.95	US16157	Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence - Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting (SAFE-ITR) Program - FY 2019	US DoJ	Unspecified	05/20/2019		3
		68.07	US0738	State and Territorial Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program - FY 2019	US DoJ	\$13,564,152	05/10/2019		3



# Finding GrantsGrants.gov

The following grant opportunities were created, updated, or deleted on Grants.gov:

HHS

Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health George M. O'Brien Urology Cooperative Research Centers Program (U54 Clinical Trial Optional) Synopsis 1 https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=312516

HHS

Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative - Grants to States and Communities Synopsis 1 https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=310853

DOS Department of State Office to Monitor-Combat Trafficking in Persons 2019 TIP Office Research Funding Opportunity Synopsis 1 https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=312518

DOC Department of Commerce FY 2019 Regional Innovation Strategies Program Synopsis 1 <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=312519</u>



# **Division of Responsibility**

#### Programmatic Point of Contact

- Identifies, prepares, submits, and manages grants
- Completes progress reports
- Submits budget modification (if needed)
- Submits grant extensions (if needed)
- Maintains relationship with Grantor
- DOJ Certificate of Completion: Grants Management Training



# **Division of Responsibility**

#### Financial Point of Contact

- Completes quarterly Federal Financial Report (FFR)
- Completes monthly reimbursement requests and grant draws as required by the grant
- Assists Programmatic Point of Contact with grant budget modifications
- Pays and reconciles grant-related expenses
- DOJ Certificate of Completion: Grants Management Training



# **Division of Responsibility**

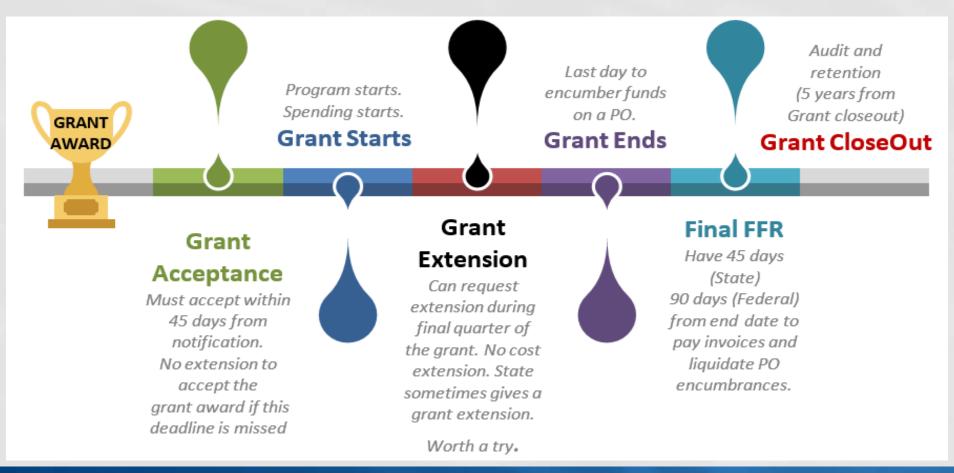
#### Project Manager

- Complete knowledge of grant goals and objectives
- Spend the grant funds in a timely manner
- Avoid purchases and/or request for budget revisions toward the end of the grant
- Understands and complies with grant conditions and procurement policies (Federal, State, & Local)
- Able to articulate what was accomplished with the grant funds during grant monitor visit and/or audit.



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#### **Grant Timeline**





# Federal & State Grant Restrictions: Unallowable Costs

- Sales tax (State & Local)
- Restaurant/Hotel tips
- Food & Beverages
- Promotional items with agency logo
- Construction/renovation
- Fundraising
- Late fees
- Incentives/stipends
- Unapproved items in budget



## **Prohibited Items**

- Gift cards/gas cards
- Fees for entry to
  - Golf course
  - Swim club
  - Zoos
  - Sporting events & amusement parks
- Casinos
- Banana nut muffins



Precautions

#### Time elapsed between money spent

- Federal: Occasional inquiries if out of balance
- State: More frequent inquiries. Known to take back funds if not spent in timely manner

#### Timeliness

- Most State grants typically one year in length.
  Federal grants typically multiple years
- When grant approved-start spending
- Last minute defined, "8 weeks prior to grant end date" for purchases or budget modification



# Precautions: Items Not in Approved Budget

- Prior <u>written</u> approval from Grantor when spending on items not in approved budget regardless of cost
- Submit approval request and supporting documentation to the Grantor
  - Includes additional travel or supplies purchase
- Formal budget modification not usually required if the change in a budget line item is less than 10%
  - Best to check with the Grantor first
- Develop "wish list" for non-budgeted items for what to purchase with savings.



# Precautions: Grant Funded Employees

- Grantors will question accrued vacation leave payouts at the end of grant
- Encourage 100% grant funded employees to regularly use their accrued vacation
- Vacation time is to be taken during the obligation period of the grant



## **Precautions: Equipment Tracking**

- Inventory and record all equipment (>\$5,000) and non-expendable supplies laptops, desktops, keyboards, cameras, etc.
  - Information includes, serial number, vendor and dollar amount, physical location, date purchased
- Tag on all equipment greater than \$5,000



# Common Elements of Grant Application SF-424

- Form used as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications, applications, and related information (Grants.gov)
- Project Abstract
  - Summary of proposed project 400 words or less
- Program Narrative (15 percent)
  - Statement of the Problem
- Project Design and Implementation (40 percent)
  - Goals and deliverables



Common Elements of Grant Application

- Capabilities & Competencies (25 percent)
  - Staff assigned to achieve goals of project
- Plan for Collecting Data on Performance Measures (10 percent)
- Budget Detail Worksheet
  - Detailed computation for each budget line item

#### Budget Narrative

- Thoroughly and clearly describe every category of expense
  - Budget Detail and Budget Narrative are now combined in a single electronic document (10 percent)



# **Common Elements of Grant Application**

- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls
  - Completed by Police agency's financial staff
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

#### Timeline

- Identifies milestones, deliverables, and agency responsible for each activity
- Position Descriptions and Résumés
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications



# **Best Practices**

- Reports and timesheets must be 100% Accurate
- Know the location of all equipment –this is a HIGH focus of the grant audit
- Spend funds quickly, do not wait until last minute or may run the risk of grantor reverting funds to another agency
- Always follow policy and guidelines.
  - Do not make purchases of items not approved by grantor.



## **More Best Practices**

- Grant activity begins and ends per the award period (not before or after)
- Spend on items budgeted in the grant
- Have a spending plan and avoid last minute purchases or initiate budget modifications in last eight weeks
- Keep your financial unit in the loop of any plans, communication, and changes
- Adhere to your City's procurement policy. Do not get overly creative



### **Even More Best Practices**

- Every request to the grantor has a process, please plan for the time required
- Double check the timesheets and any reports you submit for accuracy, especially travel expense reports
- Keep good documentation of all grant related activities, especially equipment purchased and its location
- Most importantly, take ownership in your project







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