

Grants.Gov

USDA Forest Service
Northeastern Area
State and Private Forestry



Description: Grants.gov is a simple, unified “storefront” for all customers of Federal grants to electronically find, apply for, and manage grants. Grants.gov encompasses over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. It streamlines the process of awarding over \$350 billion annually to state and local governments, academia, not-for-profits and other organizations. Grants.gov is one of the 24 Federal cross-agency E-Government initiatives focused on improving access to services via the Internet. The vision for Grants.gov is to produce a simple, unified source to electronically find, apply for, and manage grant opportunities.

Key Issues:

- A streamlined approach for federal partners and cooperators to locate and learn more about funding opportunities that aid in program delivery.
- A secure, unified interface for applying for Federal grants online.
- A streamlined grant application process with reduction of paperwork.
- Improved accountability of grants management through process standardization.

Accomplishments:

- The first stage of Grants.gov was a successful pilot that enabled participating grantors to post and grant seekers to search for grant opportunities.
- Successful participation of the Find and Apply pilot with the Maine Forest Service.

Future Direction:

- Integrate the Find and Apply functionalities.
- Phase II - Define data standards and functionalities for Reporting, Mandatory Grant Applications.
- Phase III - Define data standards and functionalities for Award and Closeout.

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