

FY 21 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Informational Webinar

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Agenda

- Program Overview
- Previous Competitions
- Eligibility
- Evaluation Criteria
- Review and Selection
- Application Submission
- Q&A

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Description

 Section 3006(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94, Dec. 4, 2015) authorizes FTA to award grants for innovative coordinated access and mobility projects for the transportation disadvantaged population that improve the coordination of transportation services and nonemergency medical transportation services.

Funding Award Information

- Projects will be selected on a competitive basis, consistent with the criteria outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Funds may only be used for capital expenditures, including mobility management, that are included in the State Transportation Improvement Plan/Transportation Improvement Plan
- Funds are only available for projects that have not incurred costs prior to the announcement of project selection on FTA's website and the corresponding issuance of pre-award authority
- Pre-award authority starts on the date projects are announced on FTA's website
- Funding is available for obligation the year of award plus two

Cost Sharing, Scalability, and Matching Funds

- Projects selected under this opportunity are eligible for a maximum 80% Federal share, with a 20% non-Federal match
- FTA encourages applicants to identify scaled funding options in the event that insufficient funding is available to fund a project at the fully requested amount
- Eligible sources of local match include:
 - Cash
 - In-kind contribution (must be documented in the application)
- Other sources of local match:
 - an undistributed cash surplus a replacement or depreciation cash fund or reserve;
 - a service agreement with a state or local service agency or private social service organization; or
 - new capital;
 - *volunteered services; or
 - *in-kind contributions;

- state or local appropriations;
- dedicated tax revenues;
- private donations;
- revenue from service contracts;
- transportation development credits; and
- net income generated from advertising and concessions.

*volunteered services, or in-kind contributions is eligible to be counted toward the local match as long as the value of each is documented and supported, represents a cost which would otherwise be eligible under the program, and is included in the net project costs in the project budget.



2021 Important Program Information

- FY 2021 Funding: \$3.5 million
- Funding Opportunity: FTA-2021-009-ICAM

Important Dates			
NOFO Published	10/7/2021		
Applications Due	11:59pm EST 12/6/2021		
Award Announcement	Spring 2022		

PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS

Past Competitions

	FY 2016	FY 2018/19	FY 2020
Number of Eligible Proposals Received	78	126	52
Total Number of Funds Requested	\$28 million	\$37 million	\$15 million
Funding Available	\$2 million	\$3.25/\$3.5 million	\$3.5 million
Projects/Funds Awarded	19/\$7.2 million	37/\$9.6 million	17/\$3.5 million

Funded Projects by Region and State

Rides to Wellness

Demonstration and Innovative
Coordinated Access and
Mobility Grants (FY2016)

Access and Mobility
Partnership Grants (FY2019)

Mobility for All Pilot Program Grants (FY2020)

Region 1: MA, NH, VT

Region 2: NY

Region 3: MD, PA

Region 4: FL, GA, NC, TN

Region 5: IL, MI (3), OH

Region 6: none

Region 7: IA, MO

Region 8: none

Region 9: CA (2)

Region 10: none

Region 1: MA, ME, NH, RI, VT

Region 2: NJ, NY

Region 3: DC, MD, PA, VA, WV

Region 4: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC,

SC, TN

Region 5: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI

Region 6: LA, NM, OK, TX

Region 7: MO

Region 8: CO, SD, UT

Region 9: AZ, CA

Region 10: OR, WA

Region 1: MA, ME

Region 2: none

Region 3: DC, MD, VA

Region 4: GA, NC, SC

Region 5: MI

Region 6: LA

Region 7: IA, MO

Region 8: none

Region 9: CA, NV

Region 10: OR (2), WA



Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)



Mission

The CCAM issues policy recommendations and implements activities that improve the availability, accessibility, and efficiency of transportation for the following targeted populations:



People with Disabilities



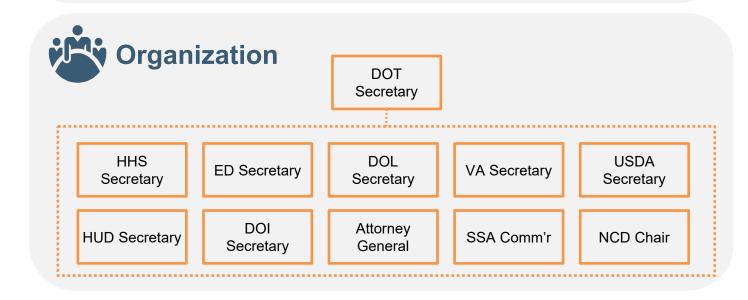
Older Adults



Individuals of Low Income



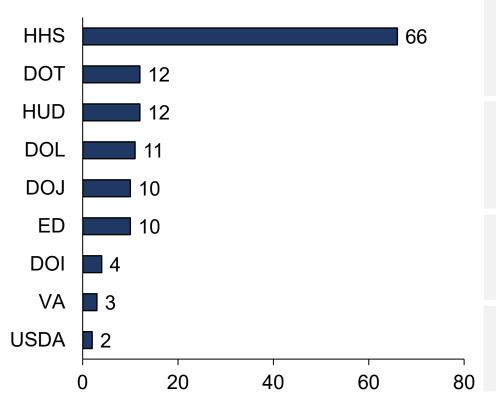
The CCAM is an interagency partnership **established in 2004 by Executive Order 13330** to coordinate the efforts of the federal agencies that fund transportation for targeted populations.



CCAM Program Inventory

The <u>CCAM Program Inventory</u> identifies 130 Federal programs that are able to provide funding for human services transportation for people with disabilities, older adults, and/or individuals of low income.

Number of Programs by Department



Sample of the 130 Programs



Department of Health and Human Services programs:

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- Older Americans Act (OAA) programs



Department of Transportation programs:

- Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas



Department of Housing and Urban Development programs:

- Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Program
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly



Department of Labor programs:

- Job Corps
- WIOA Adult Program



If an organization receives funding from one of these programs, **a portion of the funds may be used for transportation.**



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

- State Departments of Transportations
- Designated Recipients for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Formula Program
- Local government entities that operate a public transportation service
- Eligible subrecipients of the Section 5310 Program that have the authority and technical capacity to implement a regional or statewide cost allocation pilot

Applicants must serve as the lead agency of a regional or statewide consortium that includes stakeholders from the transportation, healthcare, human service, or other sectors. Members of this consortium are eligible as subrecipients if they would otherwise be eligible subrecipients of Section 5310 funds.

Eligible Projects

- Eligible projects are capital projects, as defined in 49 U.S.C. 5302(3)
- FTA may make grants to assist in financing innovative projects for transportation disadvantaged populations that improve the coordination of transportation services and NEMT services, including:
 - regional or statewide mobility management projects;
 - deployment of coordination technology;
 - and regional or statewide projects that create or increase access to one-call/one-click centers.
- FTA's goal for these pilot program grants is to identify and test promising, innovative, coordinated mobility strategies other communities can replicate.
- Only one project may be included in each application.

EVALUATION CRITERIA (NOFO SECTION E)

Evaluation Criteria

- A. Demonstration of Need
- How will the proposed project address the need for regional or statewide mobility management capital projects that enable comprehensive community access, including NEMT access, for underserved groups?
- FTA will consider the scope of the overall need or challenge as described.

- B. Demonstration of Benefits
- How will the proposed project address the ICAM goals and objectives listed in Section E(1)(b)?
- Projects will be evaluated on the ability of the proposed project to yield data demonstrating the impacts on the goals of the ICAM pilot program.
- Projects should include specific performance measures the eligible projects will use to quantify actual outcomes against expected outcomes.

Evaluation Criteria

- C. Planning and Partnerships
- Describe the eligible project
- Identify project partners and their specific role in the project
- Provide evidence of strong commitment from key partners including:
 - Memoranda of agreement
 - Letters of support

- D. Local Financial Commitment
- Identify the source of the local share
- Describe whether the funds are currently available or will need to be secured
- FTA will consider the availability
 of the local share as evidence of
 local financial commitment to the
 project

Evaluation Criteria

E. Project Readiness

- Short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals
- Specific performance measures
- Ongoing involvement of the project's target population

FTA will evaluate projects based on:

- the extent to which it was developed involving:
 - Key stakeholders
 - Target groups and providers
- the proposed schedule and the applicant's demonstrated ability to implement it

- F. Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity
- FTA will evaluate proposals on the capacity of the lead agency and any partners to successfully execute the pilot effort
- No outstanding legal, technical, or financial issues that would make it high risk
- FTA will evaluate proposals for feasibility and longer-term sustainability of both the pilot project as well as the proposed project at full deployment
- FTA intends to select projects with a high likelihood of long-term success and sustainability



REVIEW AND SELECTION (NOFO SECTION E(2))

Review and Selection Process

- Technical evaluation review teams made up of Federal staff will evaluate proposals based on the published evaluation criteria identified in the NOFO.
- FTA will give priority consideration to projects that support the following initiatives:
 - Justice40
 - Racial Equity
 - Barriers to Opportunities
- If applicable, FTA will also consider the extent to which the application presents a plan to address workforce impacts of autonomous vehicles or other innovative motor vehicle technology.

Justice 40 Initiative

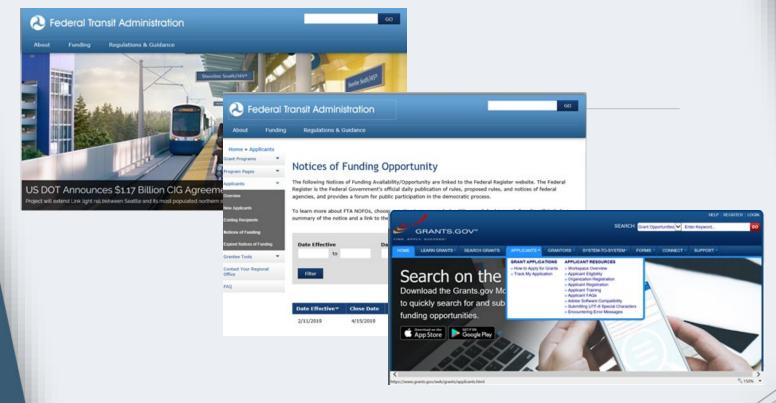
- The goal of the <u>Justice40 Initiative</u> is to deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of relevant federal investments to disadvantaged communities.
- A community is either a group of individuals living in geographic proximity to one another, or a geographically dispersed set of individuals (such as migrant workers or Native Americans), where either type of group experiences common conditions.
- If a project supports the Justice 40 Initiative, FTA is asking applicants to:
 - Describe how the projects supports the initiative
 - Identify the disadvantaged community
 - Describe the benefits provided

Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity

- FTA will give priority consideration to applications that have considered racial equity in the planning stage and are designed with specific elements to address racial equity and overcoming barriers to opportunity for underserved communities, in support of <u>Executive Order 13985</u>, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government
- If a project supports racial equity and/or barriers to opportunity, FTA is asking applicants to:
 - Indicate which planning policies are related to racial equity and/or barriers to opportunity they are implementing or have implemented
 - Provide the specific investment details
 - Provide all project investment costs for the project that are related to racial equity and/or barriers to opportunity



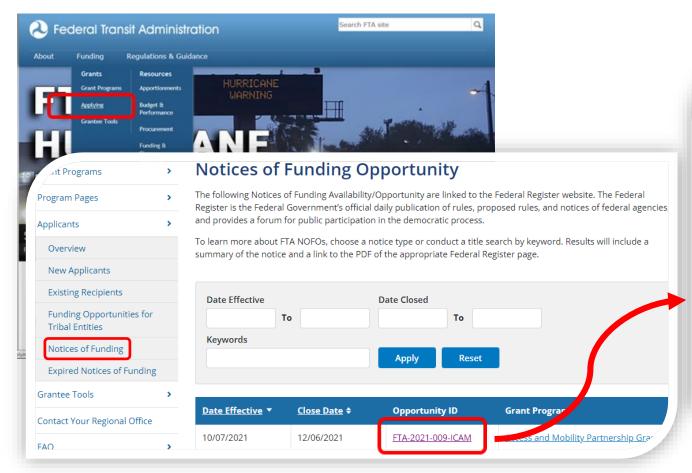
Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities in Grants.gov





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Federal Transit Administration

FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity



Federal Transit Administration Regulations & Programs Home / Funding / Grants / Applying Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility FY2021 **Grant Programs Notice of Funding** Program Pages Date Posted: October 7, 2021 Applicants Date Closed: December 6, 2021 Grantee Tools Opportunity ID: FTA-2021-009-ICAM Contact Your Regional Office Access and Mobility Partnership Grants Opportunity Announcement PDF: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-10-07/pdf/2021-21969.pdf Opportunity Announcement TXT: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-10-07/html/2021-21969.htm Related Links · Access and Mobility Details: 10/07/2021. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Innovative Partnership Grants Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) pilot program, The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the · Federal Register: FY21 availability of \$3.5 million of Fiscal Year 2021 funds in this Notice of Funding Opportunity. Synopses and full Competitive Funding announcement are posted on Grants.gov site as opportunity FTA-2021-009-ICAM. Proposals must be submitted Opportunity for ICAM Pilot electronically through Grants.gov website by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on 12/06/2021. See the Federal Register Notice Program · Press Release: U.S. Summary: The main purpose of the ICAM Program is to improve access to public transportation by building Department of Transportation partnerships among health, transportation, and other service providers. This program provides competitive for Announces \$3.5 Million to support innovative projects for the transportation disadvantaged that will improve the coordination

FTA website:

https://www.transit.dot.gov/

Funding Opportunity Notices:

https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices



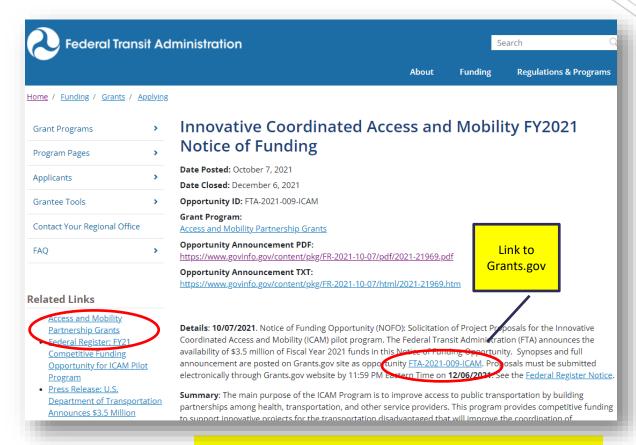
FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
 - Application requirements
 - Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
- Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- Other references and links

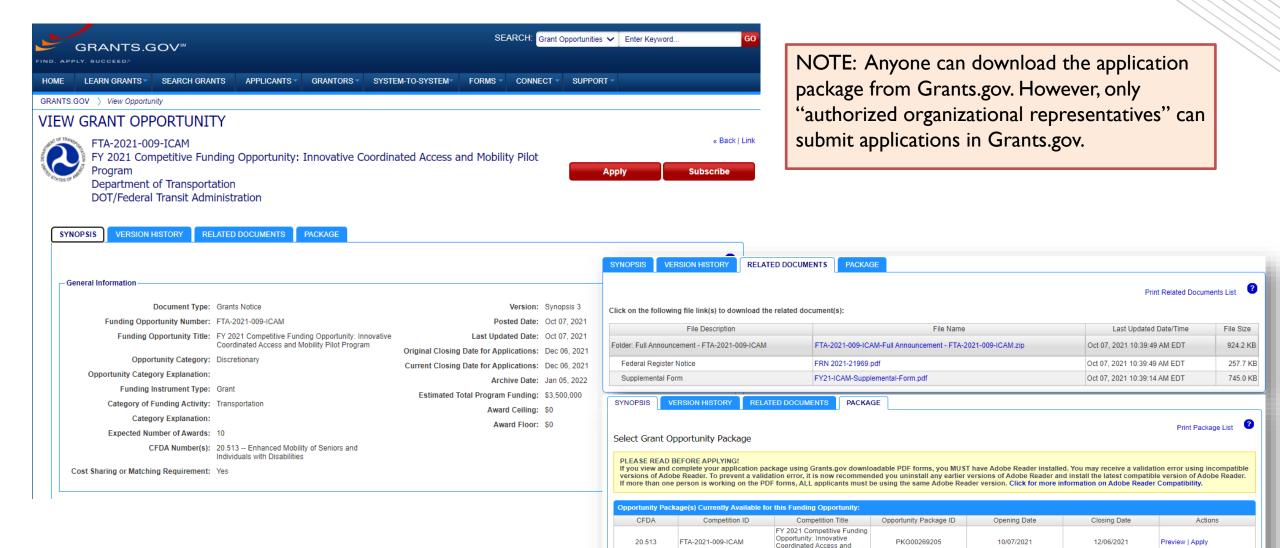
Link and Instructions for attaching the supplemental form to the SF-424: All applicants must complete the attached supplemental form and attach it to their submission in GRANTS.GOV.

https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices



FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.

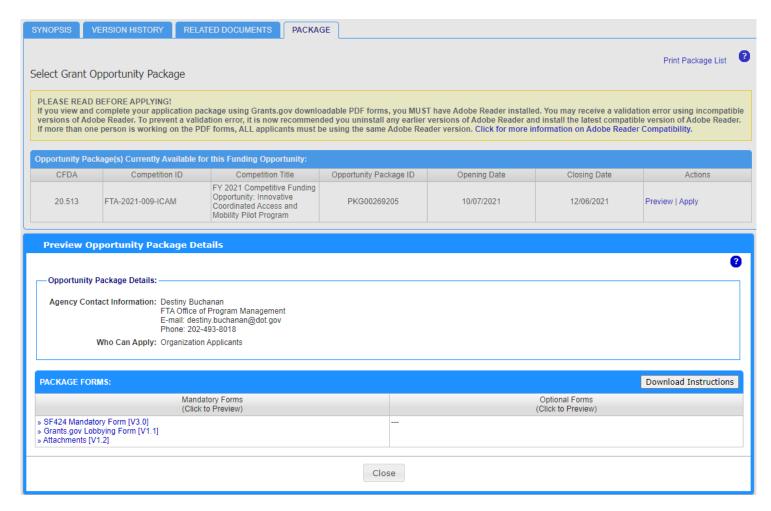
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Mobility Pilot Program

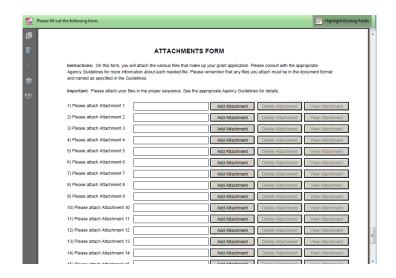


Application Package

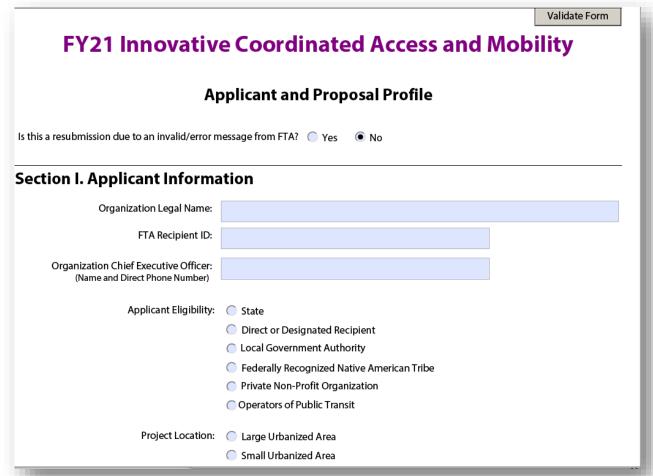


OMB Number: 4040-0002

1.a. Type of Submission: Application	1.b. Frequency:	1.d. Version: Initial Resubmission Revision Update
Plan	Quarterly	2. Date Received: STATE USE ONLY:
Funding Request	Other	
Other		3. Applicant Identifier: 5. Date Received by State:
Other (specify):	Other (specify):	
		4a. Federal Entity Identifier: 6. State Application Identifier:
1.c. Consolidated Application	Plan/Funding Request?	4b. Federal Award Identifier:
Yes No No Expl	anation	
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION	:	
a. Legal Name:		
b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):		c. Organizational DUNS:
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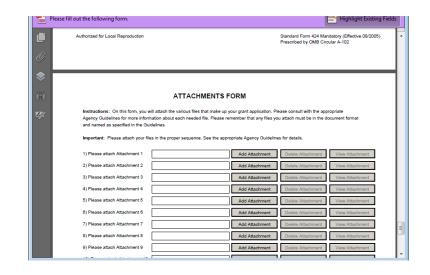
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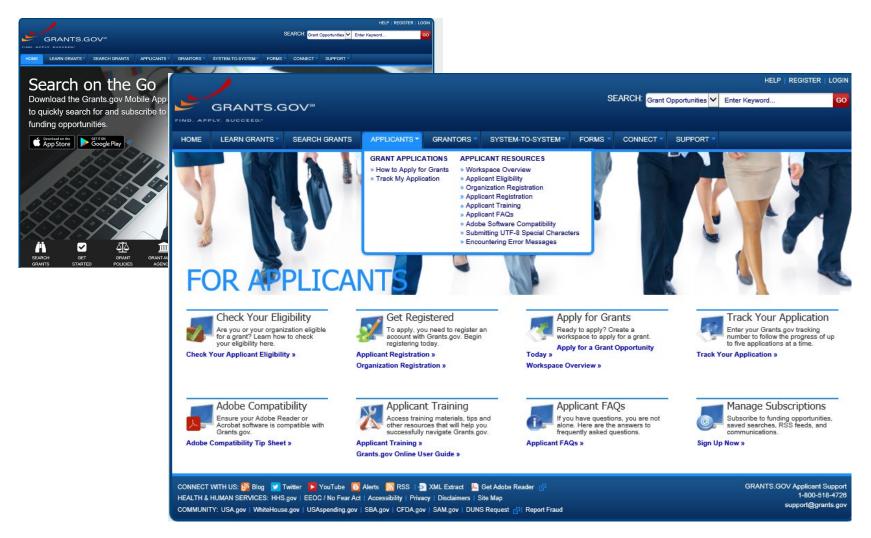
The "Attachment Form" shown below is included in the SF-424 Grant Application Package in Grants.gov.

Form to the Attachment Form shown below when submitting in Grants.gov.



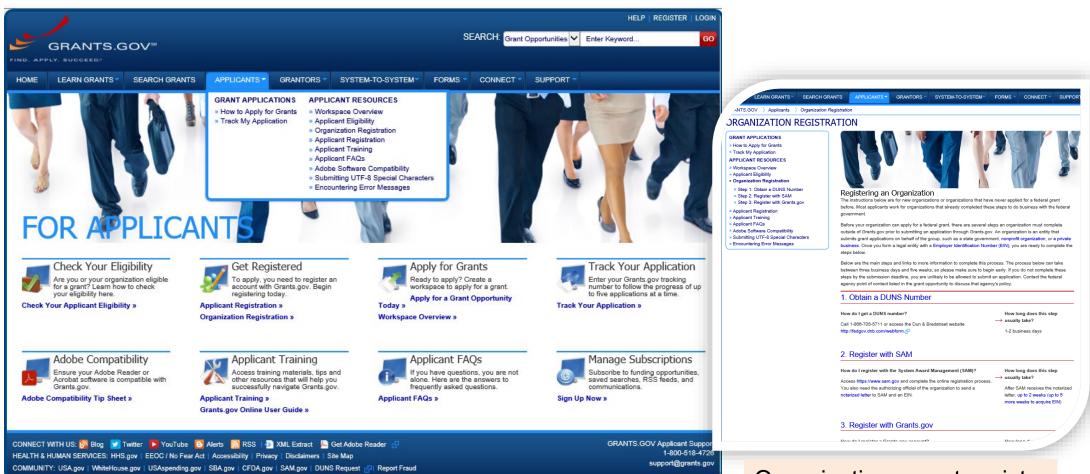


Grants.gov – Applicants



https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html

Applicant – Organization Registration



Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications



Workspace in Grants.gov

GRANTS.GOV) Applicants) Workspace Overview

WORKSPACE OVERVIEW

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- » How to Apply for Grants
- Track My Application

APPLICANT RESOURCES

- Workspace Overview
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- Workspace Intermediate
- Workspace Advanced
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- » Workspace Roles
- Custom Roles
- Applicant Eligibility
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- Applicant Registration
- » Applicant Training
- Applicant FAQs
- Adobe Software Compatibility
- Submitting UTF-8 Special Characters
- Encountering Error Messages

Get Started on Your Workspace Application

Workspace is the standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants in Grants.gov. Workspace allows a grant team to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Plus, the forms can be filled out online or offline-your choice.

Grants.gov Workspace also allows applicants and organizations to tailor their application workflow. Here are three approaches that applicants can take when completing a Workspace application:

Intermediate + Best for organizations with + Best for organizations with 1-2 registered Grants.gov 3-5 registered Grants.gov + Application forms are + Applicant teams are downloaded and emailed to typically comprised of an collaborators before being AOR who submits, as well as a Workspace Owner who uploaded back to the oversees form completion workspace

such as consultants + Workspace Owne

+ Workspace Owne subforms

Advanced

+ Best for organizations with external Grants.gov use

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GRANTS.GOV) Applicants) Workspace Overview

WORKSPACE ROLES

GRANT APPLICATIONS

How to Apply for Grants Track My Application

APPLICANT RESOURCES

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Organization Registration

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 Workspace Overview Workspace Basic

Custom Roles Applicant Eligibility

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Using Custom Roles in Workspace

Organizations are also able to create custom roles and assign these roles to the users affiliate organization.

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Basic



POC) -- or a user with the Expanded AOR role -- can assign the user a core role, a custom role, or no role

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E-Business Point of Contact

The E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) works primarily at the administrative level to (among other tasks) assign roles to organization users once they register with Grants.gov.



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Web Addresses

FTA Funding Opportunities:

https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices

Grants.gov:

- http://www.grants.gov/
- http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html

Contact Grants.gov Support Center to get help with Grants.gov issues:

GRANTS.GOV Applicant Support 1-800-518-4726

support@grants.gov

Key Things to Remember

- Grants Submission deadline is December 6, 2021
- Grant Award Announcement is projected in Spring 2022
- Get Started Now if you have not already
- Review your Project budget and make sure it lines up properly and that the percentages of the local match are correct
- Tell your story and back it up with data/ supporting documentation

Questions?

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