Grants.gov Transformation FDP

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Agenda

- Grants.gov Transformation Overview
- Project Update
- Applicant Experience Demo
- External Evaluation Release Recruitment

Grants.gov Transformation Overview

Grants.gov Transformation will modernize the Grants.gov system to:

- Minimize Application Processing time: Simplify the application completion process, reduce data entry, and increase access to grant opportunities.
- Improve Quality of Applications: Improved data validation for grant applications will reduce submission errors and improve the quality of applications received by grantors.
- **Reduce** Burden on Applicants: Streamline the application initiation process to provide a better experience overall.
- Improve Collaboration: Improve the ability to add participants into workspaces to foster community engagement and increase competition.
- Connect Applicants to Relevant Opportunities: Recommend applicants to grant opportunities for which they are qualified for and have interest to increase submissions.

Grants.gov Transformation Release Timeline

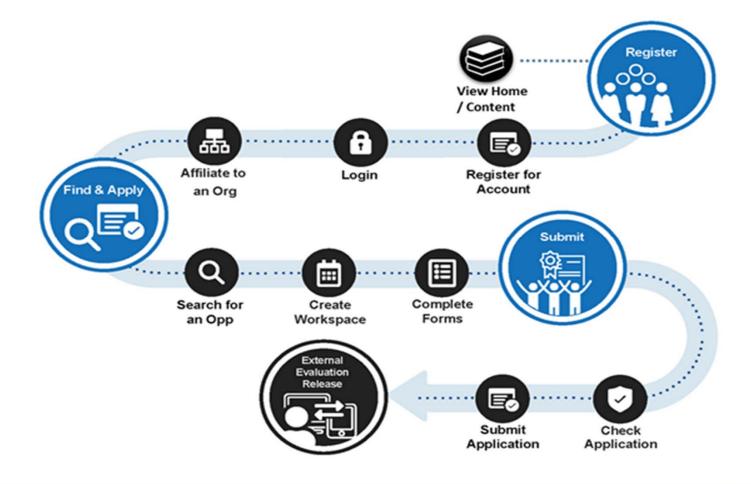
- External Evaluation Release (Spring 2019): Introduces major functions for Applicant to register, search for an opportunity, and fill out an application. Capture feedback on business processes and user interface changes. Does not include S2S interface services.
- Pre-Production & Integration Release (Winter 2019): Adds additional features from the current legacy system to include the Offline PDF form features. Start to define the S2S interface ups and address feedback received during External Evaluation Release.
- "Beta" Production Release: (Fall 2020): Complete the remaining features and functions for Offline PDF forms and other features in Reporting, Opportunity Planning, Smart Search, etc. Does not include Mobile App. Complete the remaining S2S interfaces.
- Production Release (Fall 2021): Launch Grants.gov Transformation to general public. Include any enhancements noted in FDP JAD and other stakeholder discussions. Complete data Migration of current legacy system.



External Evaluation Release Details

- Register for Account: Allows anyone in the Public to register and create a Grants.gov account. Registered Grants.gov Users can manage their accounts, change password, email address, etc.
- Login: Users can log into the Grants.gov System using the Username they supplied during account registration or the email address they used to register.
- Affiliate to an Organization: Users can join an Organization to help the Organization apply to Funding
 Opportunities. Organization Administrators (EBiz POC, Org Admin, AOR, etc.) can manage all aspects of
 the Organization in the Grants.gov System.
- Search for an Opportunity: Search for an opportunity to find the opportunity the users are looking for to view the detailed opportunity data. With a more intelligent algorithm, users can find opportunities faster and easier, with more detailed options to refine their search than ever before.
- Create Workspace: Applicants can create a Workspace with a known Funding Opportunity Number or Opportunity Package ID from the My Workspaces page, or the Opportunity Information page.
- Complete/Fill-out Forms: Applicants can enter their application data via webform entry pages for forms and sub-forms. Applicants can view progress calculations on the Forms page and on a webform entry page.
- Check for Errors/Check Application: Applicants can check for errors in a specific webform and perform a validation on the Application they are working on via the Grants.gov system.
- Submit/Retrieve Application: Applicants can submit completed application forms with all required forms passing "check for errors"/single-form validation.

External Evaluation Release



Modules – Simplifying the User Experience

Site Content

Simplify homepage and up Information Architecture to promote awareness of key content and features

Register/Authenticate

- Clearly delineated steps to provide awareness and transparency during the registration process
- Standards based implementation to support the authentication and authorization of users

Search/Find

- Refined search algorithm for more relevant search results with recommendations
- Implemented USWDS design to improve layout, use of white space, typography, and visual content dividers
- Improved the UX to respond to feedback to help process data based on user research and best practices with our search transformation efforts

Apply

- Progress bar indicator shows user level of completion for individual forms and entire workspace
- Near real-time validation on form fields for success and errors including complex conditional business rules and logic

Opportunity Planning

- Significantly improved UX for creating and managing Funding Opportunities
- Consolidation of Forecast and Synopsis to simplify management of funding opportunities
- Manage forms directly to a package and tagging of forms for easier re-use across packages
- Future support for additional posting types (RFI, Notices, etc.)

Grants.gov Transformation Demonstration

What will this demonstration focus on?

- Ability to start on an Application Create a Workspace without waiting to be affiliated to an Organization
- Flexibility to add participants within and outside an Organization to facilitate easier collaboration
- Simplified navigation within and across forms
- Improved User Experience to apply and submit applications
- Easier navigation to address form errors with proactive field errors and comprehensive error summary
- Updated applicant roles and support custom roles will be supported (December 2019).

DEMONSTRATION

June External Evaluation - We need your feedback!

WHO: Grants User Community

WHAT: External Evaluation of

Grants.gov Transformation

WHEN: June 2019

WHERE: In-Person (Washington DC) and

Virtual Online Sessions

WHY: We want to hear from you!



Register Now at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Grantsgov
Questions? Contact us at UAT@grants.gov

BACKUP SLIDES

External Evaluation Release Representative Screens

