

Grants.gov

USDA Forest Service
Northeastern Area
State and Private Forestry



Description: Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants. Grants.gov is THE single access point for over 1,000 grant programs offered by all Federal grant-making agencies. The US Department of Health and Human Services is the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community.

Key Issues: Grants.gov is the federal government's free, single, and secure site for finding and submitting applications electronically for federal grant funding. Grants.gov allows applicants to do the following:

- Search for grant opportunities
- Register for email notification of grant opportunities
- Prepare to apply for grants through Grants.gov
- Access active grant application packages
- Download grant application packages
- Complete a grant application package
- Submit a completed grant application package
- Check the status of an application submitted via Grants.gov.

Accomplishments:

- Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry was selected by the Washington office to participate in the Grants and Agreements e-Gov Team. This team developed a Grants, Agreements, and Partnership Business Assessment. Initiatives were identified that will significantly improve the effectiveness, performance, and efficiency of the Grants, Agreements, and Partnership community of interest. This is one of the steps prior to the USDA and USFS fully enjoying the benefits of Grants.gov.

Future Direction:

- Less than one year after receiving its 1,000th application, Grants.gov received its 15,000th application – reaching a core program goal.
- Grants.gov PureEdge (PE) Viewer software has been updated. This will enhance the user experience in submitting grant applications.
- There will be changes to the Grants.gov grant opportunity search functionality.
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Education is selected to work with the Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry as the pilot site for Grants.gov.

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