

Federal Funding Symposium



An Introduction to Federal Grants and Loans by
the Staff of Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell

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Senator Murray's Committee Assignments (112th Congress)



- Joint Select Committee, Co-Chairman
- Veteran's Affairs, Chair
- Appropriations
 - Chair, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee
- Budget
- Committee on Rules and Administration
- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)
 - Chair, Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee

Senator Cantwell's Committee Assignments (112th Congress)



- Commerce, Science and Transportation
 - Aviation Operations, Safety and Security Subcommittee, Chair
- Energy and Natural Resources
 - Energy Subcommittee, Chair
- Finance
- Indian Affairs
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Federal Funding Symposium Goals

- To provide information and advice on searching and applying for competitive federal grants.
- To provide some broad information on federal grant programs
- Give information on small business programs and government contracting
- To educate constituents on the Congressional Delegation's role in the federal funding process.

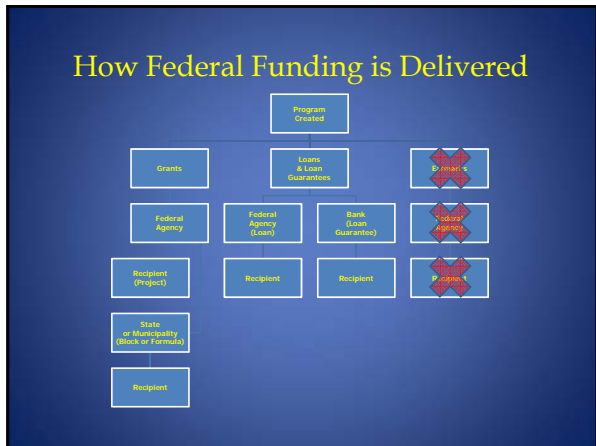
Federal Funding Terminology

Key Federal Funding Terms

- Project Grant
- Formula Grant
 - Block Grant
- Direct Loan
- Guaranteed/Insured Loan
- Authorization
- Appropriation

Annual Appropriations Bills

- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education
- Defense
- Interior
- Energy and Water
- Commerce, Justice, Science
- Agriculture
- Military Construction/Veterans Affairs



Researching Grants & Loan Programs

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

www.cfda.gov

Comprehensive list of all federal programs including technical assistance and equipment.

The screenshot shows the CFDA website with a search bar and a list of programs. The header includes the CFDA logo and navigation links. The main content area displays a search results page with various program details and links.

Grants.Gov
www.grants.gov


- Search for current funding solicitations
- Apply for grants online
- Receive electronic updates



Searching for Funding Opportunities

- CFDA
 - Search for Assistance Programs
 - By Functional Area
 - Obtain CFDA Number
- Grants.gov
 - Find Grant Opportunities
 - Advanced Search
 - Enter CFDA Number

Senator Murray's Grants Gateway
<http://murray.senate.gov>



"Access" Washington State
State Funding Opportunities
<http://access.wa.gov/business/grants.aspx>
Community Trade and Economic Development

- Capital Programs
- Community Development Block Grant

Department of Ecology


- Air Quality, Environmental Assessment, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction and Cleanup, Water Resources, and more

Recreation and Conservation Office


- Salmon Recovery, Fish Passage Program

Other Resources

Non-Profit and Philanthropy Resource Center
www.kcls.org/philanthropy

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Non-Profit and Philanthropy Resource Center website. The page features a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with a heading "Non-Profit & Philanthropy Resource Center", and a "About the Center" section. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.kcls.org/philanthropy".

Spokane Public Library
Fundraising Resources
www.spokanelibrary.org

A screenshot of the Spokane Public Library website's fundraising resources page. The page includes a "QUICK SEARCH" box, a "Fundraising" section with various links and information, and a "Read, Learn, Discover" banner at the top right. The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.spokanelibrary.org".



- The Foundation Center
Cooperating Collections
- Bellingham Public Library
 - United Way of Kitsap County
 - Port Townsend Public Library
 - Redmond Regional Library
 - Seattle Public Library
 - Spokane Public Library
 - University of Washington - Tacoma

The Application

Three Grant Dealbreakers

- The application came in late.
"There are several steps in the upload and receipt process, so applicants are advised to submit their applications at least 48 to 72 hours in advance of the deadline date and when the Grants.gov help desk is open so that any issues can be addressed prior to the deadline date and time." Federal Register, Vol. 72, No. 11
- The application was longer than the agency guidelines.
- The dollar amount requested was over the award ceiling or below the award floor.

Failure to comply with any of these three rules means the proposal will not be considered.

Five Grant Myths

- Anyone can get a federal grant.
- Members of Congress decide who gets a grant and can review applications.
- If you get a grant, it will take care of everything.
- It's easy to get grants – it's free money.
- Once you are awarded the funds, you are guaranteed to get the funding.

Tips for a Successful Application

- Agencies like to fund partnerships
- Get partnerships and in-kind donations in writing
- Don't duplicate services already in a community
- Don't stretch your organization's capabilities
- Follow grant instructions *precisely*
- You are responsible for the actions of your grant writers, consultants and partners- you will be audited.

If your application is not successful...

- Learn from your mistakes. Review denied applications with agency staff.
- Consider other funding sources available, including loans, equipment and technical assistance.
- Consider attending an agency workshop on the program or online course.
- Develop a relationship with the local agency contact.

Ways a Congressional Office Can Be of Assistance

- Letters of Support
 - What Our Offices Request from You
 - Two weeks advance notice
 - CFDA number of the grant
 - Summary or abstract of your proposal
 - If possible, a draft letter
 - Contact person at the federal agency to whom the letter should be addressed
 - How the letter should be sent (directly to the agency or returned to you for inclusion with the application)*

**Note: If you request the letter with less than two weeks until the deadline, we will send it directly to the agency and indicate that it be considered with the submitted application. Don't hold up your application to wait for a letter!*

Ways a Congressional Office Can Be of Assistance

- Information Gathering
 - Identify agency contacts
 - Reiterate support
 - Check status of review process
 - Peer reviewer's notes
 - Appeals process
 - Funding notifications

General Grants Q & A

Small Business Funding and Contracting

- ### Small Business Funding
- Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov)
 - Loan guarantees
 - SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, publications
 - USDA, Rural Development (www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa/)
 - Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans, Rural Business Enterprise Grants, Rural Business Opportunity Grants, Value-Added Producer Grants
 - Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (www.mbda.gov)
 - Limited grants for biotech or high tech research; Loans ; Counseling services
 - Washington State Department of Commerce (www.choosewashington.com)

Washington State Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

- The PTAC program assists small businesses to find and bid on contracts for work with government agencies
- They can assist with:
 - Registrations and certifications
 - Marketing to the government
 - Specifications, standards and drawings
 - Post award assistance and education opportunities

www.washingtonptac.org

Overview of Some Federal Agencies

Economic Development Administration

- The EDA falls under the U.S. Department of Commerce. Their purpose is to lead the federal economic development agenda.
- EDA encourages programs that promote job growth and business expansion in today's technologies.

www.eda.gov

EDA Grant Programs

Examples of grants administered by EDA:

- Public Works and Economic Development
- Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA)
- Economic Planning
- Technical Assistance
- Research and Evaluation
- Trade Adjustment Assistance Firms
- Community Trade Adjustment Assistance
- Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund

Department of Health and Human Services

- HHS is the principal federal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services.
- HHS administers more grant dollars than all other federal agencies. There are 300 HHS grant programs.
- The department has 11 different divisions, each with different grant programs.

www.hhs.gov

HHS Grant Programs

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
 - Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service
 - Bureau of Primary Health Care
 - Healthcare Systems Bureau
 - HIV/AIDS Bureau
 - Maternal and Child Health Bureau
 - Office of Rural Health Policy
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Prevention and Wellness
 - Public Health and Research
 - Health Services Systems and Trainings

HHS Grant Programs

- Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
 - Administration for Native Americans
 - Administration on Developmental Disabilities
 - Children’s Bureau
 - Child Care Bureau
 - Family and Youth Services Bureau
 - Office of Community Services
 - Office of Refugee Resettlement
 - Office of Child Support Enforcement
 - Office of Family Assistance
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
 - Urban Indian Health Programs
 - Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Projects
 - Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives

HHS Grant Programs

- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - 27 Institutes and Centers including: National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institute of Mental Health, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
 - Mental Health Research Grants
 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs
 - Environmental Health
 - Research and Training in Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
 - Center for Mental Health Services
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality

Department of Justice

- The mission of the U.S. Department of Justice is “To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans”
- DOJ provides grant funds to support law enforcement activities in state and local jurisdictions and programs that improve the criminal justice system.

www.justice.gov

DOJ Grant Programs

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
 - Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program
 - Project Safe Neighborhoods
 - Tribal Court Assistance Program
 - Gang Resistance Education and Training
 - Economic High-Tech and Cyber Crime Prevention
 - Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Programs
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
 - Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Assistance Program
 - Legal Assistance for Victims
 - Children and Youth Exposed to Violence
 - Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services Program
 - Campus Grant Program
 - Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions

DOJ Grant Programs

- Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS)
 - COPS Hiring Program
 - Child Sexual Predator Program
 - Secure Our Schools Program
 - Community Policing Development Program
 - Coordinated Tribal Assistance
- Office on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
 - Youth Gang Prevention
 - Juvenile Mentoring Program
 - Missing Children's Assistance
 - Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

Department of Agriculture

- USDA primarily focuses on issues regarding food, agriculture and natural resources.
- The agency has a wide array of grant and loan programs for farms and rural communities, encompassing projects such as agricultural research and practices, rural utilities, natural resource conservation, housing assistance, food and nutrition, and forest stewardship.

www.usda.gov

USDA Loan and Grant Programs

- Farm Service Agency (FSA)
 - Farm Loan Programs
 - Disaster Assistance Programs
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
 - Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
 - Hunger Free Communities

USDA Loan and Grant Programs

- Rural Development (RD)
 - Business and Cooperative Programs
 - Value Added Producer Grants
 - Rural Business Enterprise Grants
 - Rural Cooperative Development Grants
 - Housing and Community Facilities
 - Rural Rental Housing Loans
 - Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants
 - Housing Preservation Grants
 - Rural Community Development Initiative
 - Utility Services
 - Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees
 - Community Connect Grants
 - Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

Department of Transportation

- USDOT's function is to ensure fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation systems.
- The agency encompasses all modes of transportation including road, air, rail and travel over water.

www.dot.gov

USDOT Grant Programs

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
 - Ferry Boat Discretionary Grant
 - National Scenic Byways
 - Public Lands Highways Discretionary
 - Transportation, Community and System Preservation
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
 - Railroad Safety Technology Grant Program
 - High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program
 - Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Capital Grant
 - Disaster Assistance
 - Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program
 - Transportation Innovation and Finance

USDOT Grant Programs

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
 - Clean Fuels Program
 - Rural Transit Assistance Program
 - Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER)
 - Bus and Bus Facilities
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program
 - Highly competitive grant process
 - Funds projects that are multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional or otherwise challenging to fund through existing programs
 - Selected projects have established ways to deliver projects faster and save on construction costs, and will be a significant infrastructure investments in the community and region.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- The role of HUD is to build inclusive and sustainable communities that includes quality affordable housing.
- HUD provides a wide range of programs addressing homelessness, housing discrimination, avoiding foreclosure, rental assistance and home buying.

www.hud.gov

HUD Grant Programs

- Office of Community Planning and Development
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - State Administered CDBG
 - Disaster Recovery Assistance
 - Brownfields Economic Development Initiative
 - Rural Innovation Fund
- Office of Public and Indian Housing
 - Choice Neighborhoods
 - HOPE VI
 - Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS)
 - Indian Community Development Block Grant

Final Remarks and Q&A
