Grants.gov Applicant Overview

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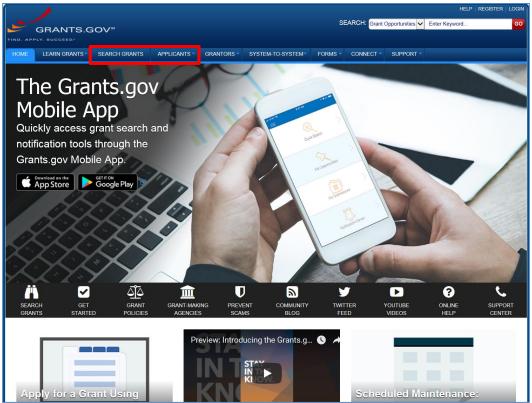
Training Topics

- Navigating Grants.gov
- Organization Registration
- Searching for Grant Opportunities
- What's In a Grant Opportunity?
- Applying with Workspace
- Tracking Application Submissions
- Applicant Tips and Support Resources



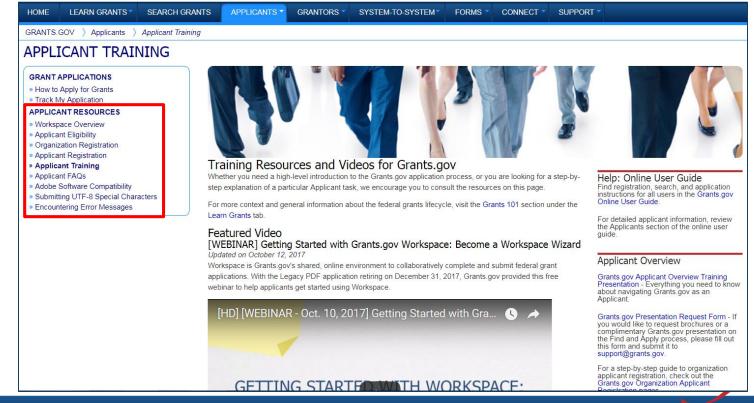


Search Grants and Applicant Tabs on the Homepage





Applicant Resources: Videos, User Guide, Training Content, FAQs and More



Highlights from the Learn Grants tab



Grants 101: An introduction to the key phases of the federal grant lifecycle

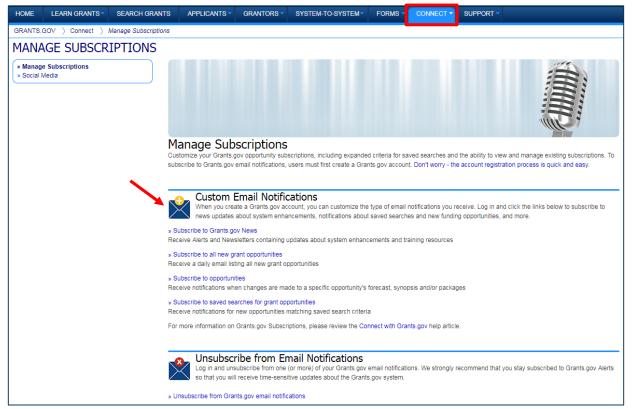
Grant Policies: Summaries and tables explaining how federal grant policies are formed

Grant Terminology: Essential terms and definitions from the Common Data Element Repository Library (C-DER Library)

Grant Events: Upcoming grant trainings, conferences, and webinars



Subscriptions and Email Notifications



Further Resources

- Get Started help article
- Navigation help article



Registration

Organization Registration Overview

- Organizations need these <u>before using Grants.gov</u> to apply for federal grants:
 - Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number
 - Active System for Award Management (SAM) registration
- **Grants.gov Account**: You only need one. Uses unique email, username & password.
- **Profile(s)**: Can have multiple within account. Corresponds to applicant organization you represent.

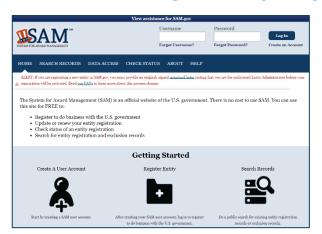


Registration: Before Grants.gov

Dun & Bradstreet (DNB) and the System for Award Management (SAM)



- Register with DNB at <u>http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform</u>
- Requires TIN from IRS and organization information
- You will be issued a DUNS Number
- 1 − 2 business days

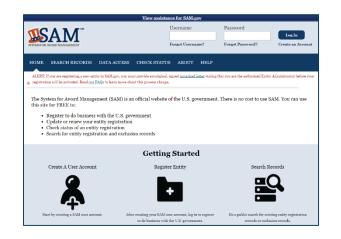


- Use DUNS to register with SAM at <u>www.SAM.gov</u>
- Establish E-Business Point of Contact (**EBiz POC**): Individual who oversees all activities for organization within Grants.gov and approves the AOR
- Establish Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN)
- Up to 2 weeks (after notarized letter received by SAM)

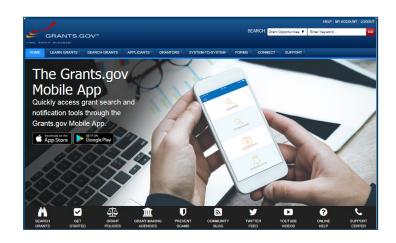


Registration: Before Grants.gov

SAM and Grants.gov





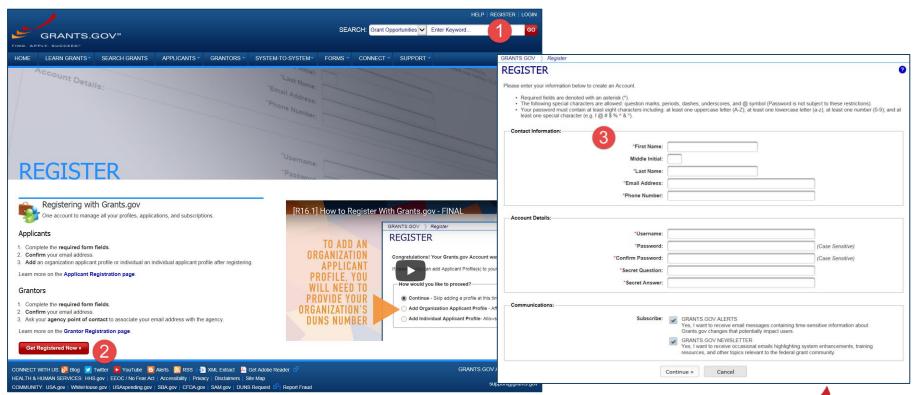


- Organization data, EBiz POC information, and MPIN are electronically transferred from SAM to Grants.gov
- The organization is set up in Grants.gov and people within the organization are now able to register with Grants.gov and add profile to associate with organization
- NOTE: EBiz POC must <u>renew SAM registration annually</u>



Registration: Grants.gov Account

Accounts enable subscription management



Registration: Add Profile, Get Roles

Profile associates you with organization. EBiz POC assigns roles to your profile.

GRANTS.GOV) Register	
REGISTER	2
Congratulations! Your Grants.gov Account was successfully created.	
If needed, you can add Applicant Profile(s) to your Account now. However, if you do not need a Profile or prefer to add your Profile(s) later, you can Continue to your Grants.gov logged in features.	
How would you like to proceed?	
Continue - Skip adding a profile at this time	
Add Organization Applicant Profile - Affiliates you with an Organization and with additional access allows you to apply for Opportunities on behalf of the Organization	
Add Individual Applicant Profile- Allows you to apply for Opportunities on your own behalf	
Please complete to Add an Organization Profile and click Save:	
*DUNS:	
*Profile Name:	
*Job Title:	
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Registration: Grants.gov Roles

EBiz Point of Contact, AOR role, Workspace Manager role



Users with **Standard AOR role** can submit applications

One organization can have many users with AOR role

Each **organization** has one EBiz POC

EBiz POCs assigned in SAM.gov

EBiz POC approves users' affiliation with organization

EBiz POC assigns roles: **AOR** or Workspace Manager

Users with **Workspace** Manager role can create workspaces

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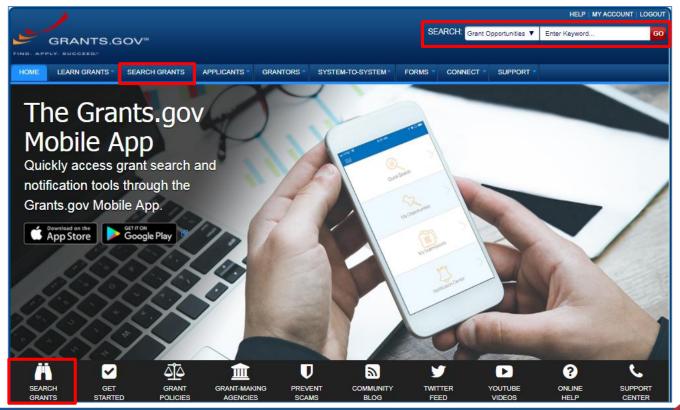
Further Resources

- Register help article
- My Account help article

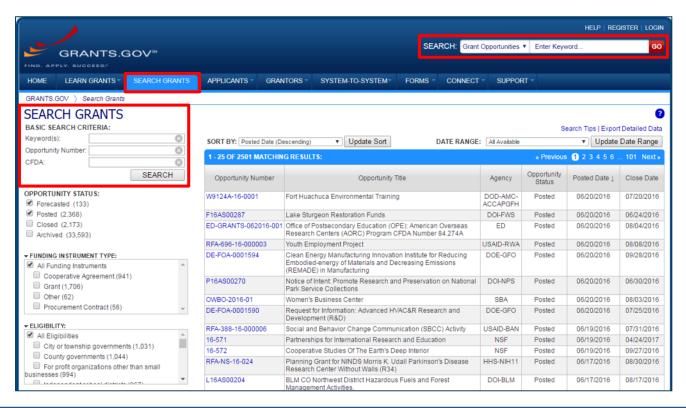


Search Grants

Using the Grants.gov Search Fields



Find – Basic Search



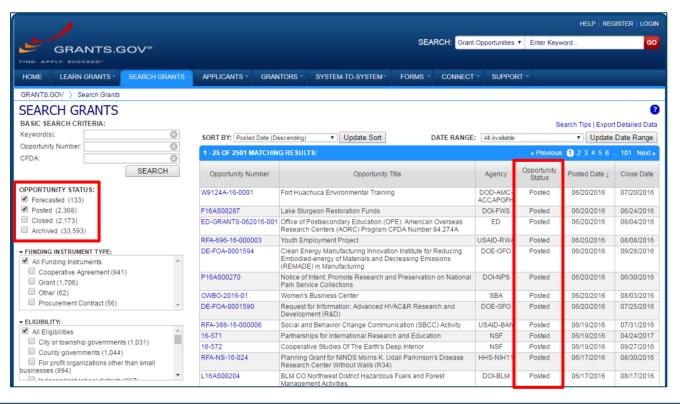
Search for grants and forecasts by entering a keyword.

In Search Grants tab, search by:

- Keyword
- Opportunity Number
- CFDA Number



Opportunity Status



Select the Opportunity Status to find what you are looking for:

Forecasted - Potential grants in the near future

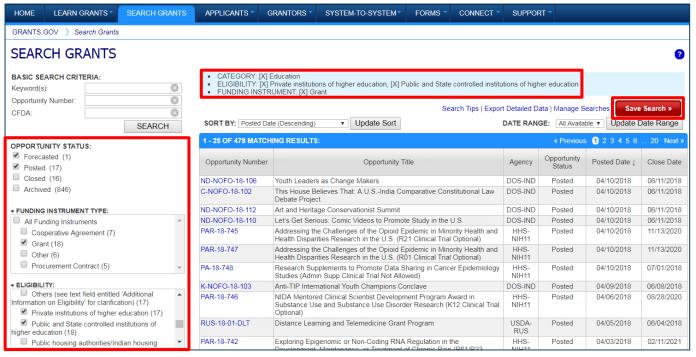
Posted - Currently open grants

Closed - Recently ended grants

Archived - Past grants available for reference



Sign In and Save Your Search



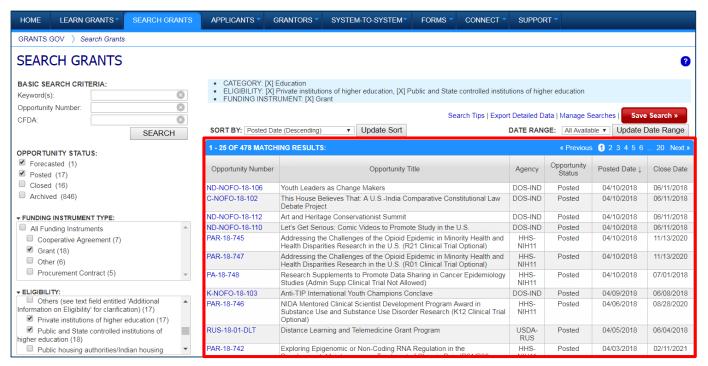
Refine your search by selecting criteria options:

- Category
- Eligibility
- Funding Agency
- Opportunity Status
- Date ranges

Click Save Search button to store this set of search criteria to receive emails

Click Manage Searches link to review your saved searches

Search Results



Search results and criteria are reset when the clicking the Search button

Search results are refreshed when criteria options are changed

Search Results can be saved



Further Resources

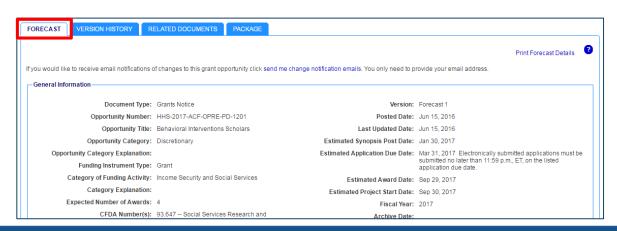
<u>Search Grants</u> help article

Forecast



A Forecast is a projection of an estimated funding opportunity. Contains information, such as:

- Estimated Post and Due Dates
- Estimated Program Funding Amount
- Estimated Award Date



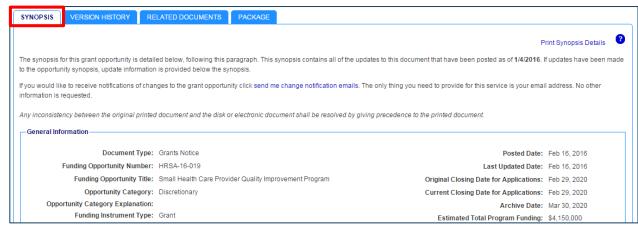


Synopsis



When agencies receive funding, a Forecast can become a funding opportunity Synopsis

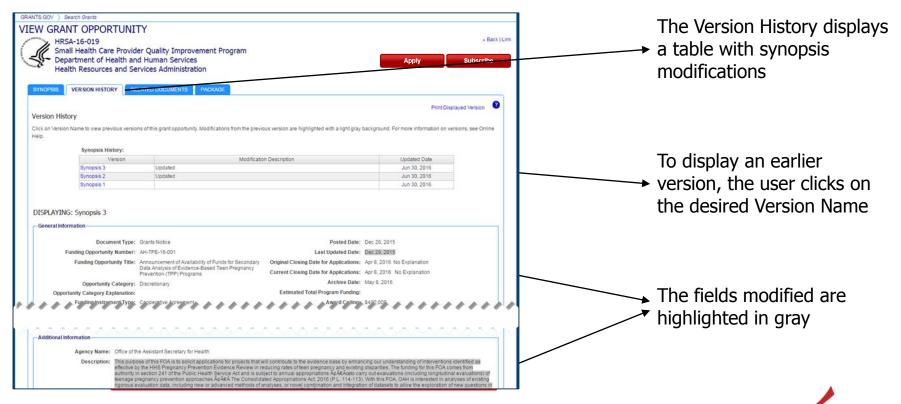
The Synopsis contains basic information about the funding opportunity, such as:



- Funding Opportunity
 Number
- Open/Close date
- Program Funding Amount
- Number of Awards



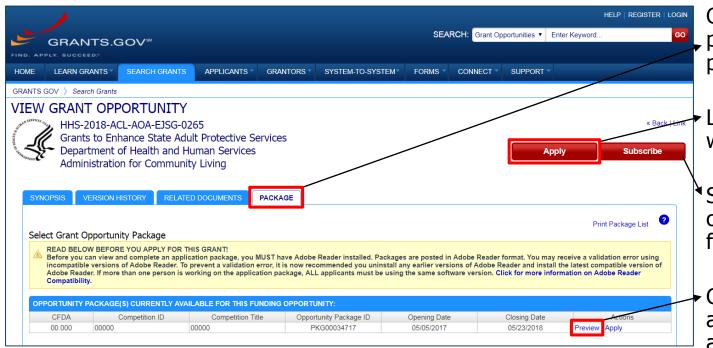
Version History



Full Announcement – Under Related Documents Tab



Workspace Application and Instructions



Click the Package tab to preview the application package forms

Log in to create a workspace to apply

Sign up for emails of changes made to this funding opportunity

Click Preview link to access read-only forms and application instructions



Applying with Workspace

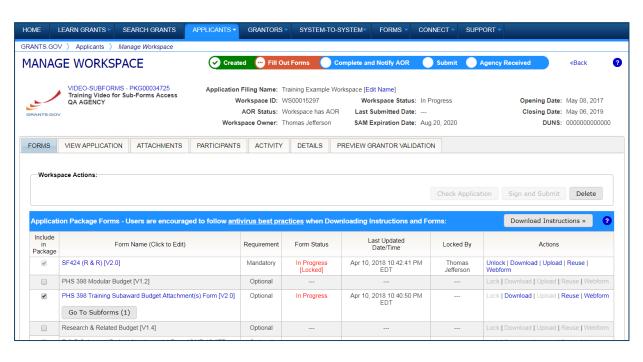
Workspace Topics

- What is Workspace?
- Workspace Owner (creator) adds collaborators
 - Participants tab
- Complete the application in the Forms tab
- Submit when you are done



What Is Grants.gov Workspace?

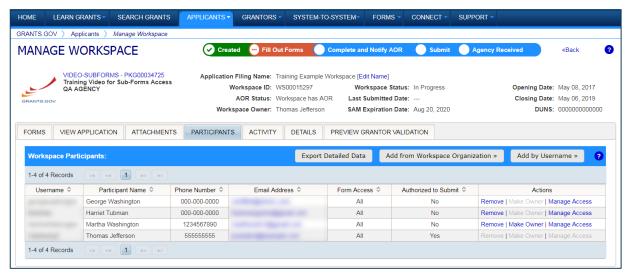
The online space on where you work on your grant application



Workspace is a shared, online environment where members of a grant team may simultaneously access and fill out forms within an application.



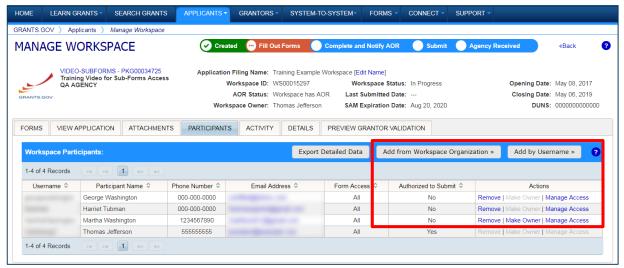
Workspace: Add Participants



The Participants tab lists the members, or "Participants," of a workspace who work as a team to complete the required forms for a federal grant.



Workspace: Add Participants



Adding Participants:

Click the Add from Workspace Organization button to search for a user within your organization

Click the **Add by Username** button to add a user from outside your organization

Removing Participants:

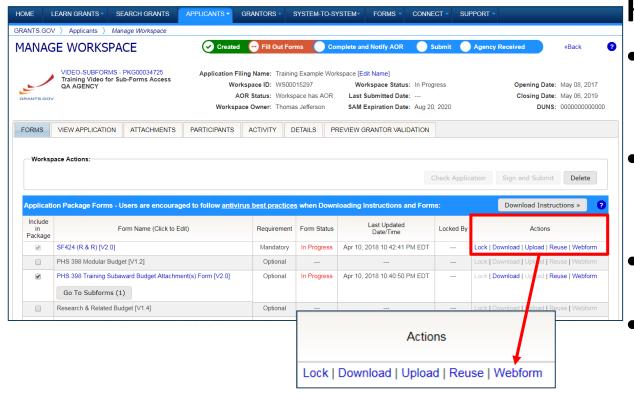
Click the **Remove** link on the Participant record in the workspace

Reassigning Ownership:

Click the **Make Owner** link in the Actions column



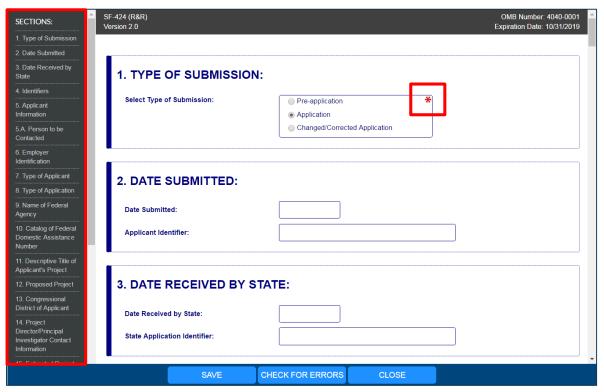
Completing Workspace Forms



Key Actions:

- Fill out Webforms (online)
- Download and Upload PDF forms
- Lock/Unlock forms
- Reuse forms from other workspace

Completing Webforms



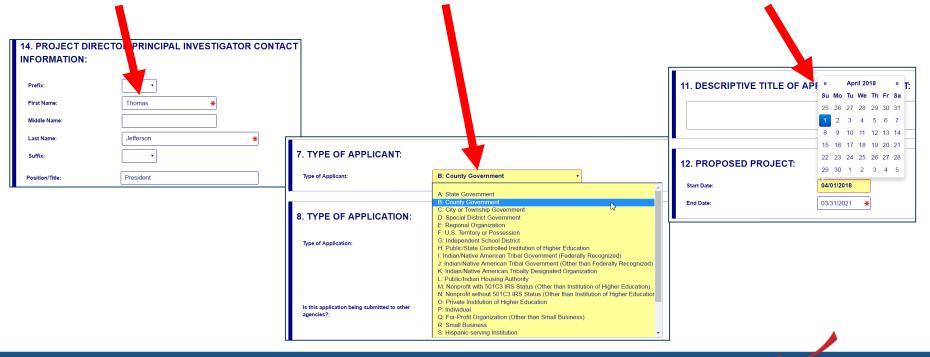
Webform Basics:

- Complete online forms in web browser
- Navigate by clicking sections
- Tab through form fields
- Required fields have red asterisk



Open text entry

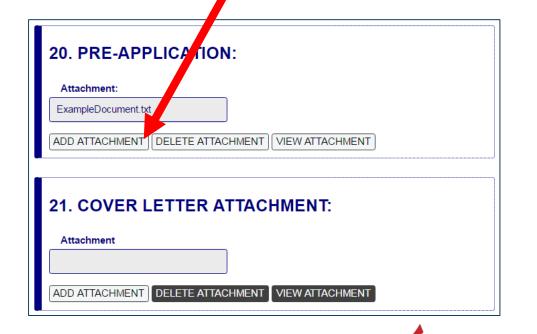
Drop-down menu
 Dates/calendar

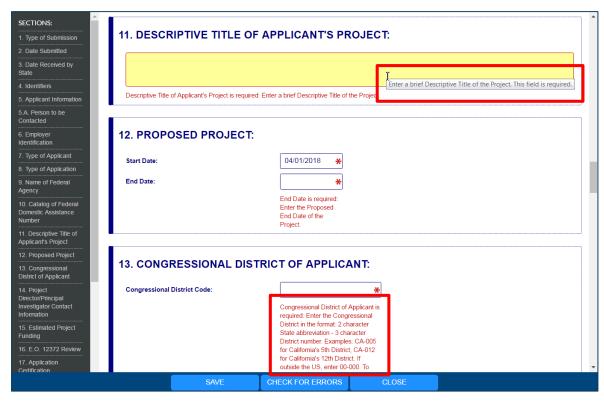


 Radio buttons (multiple choice)



Attach files within online form

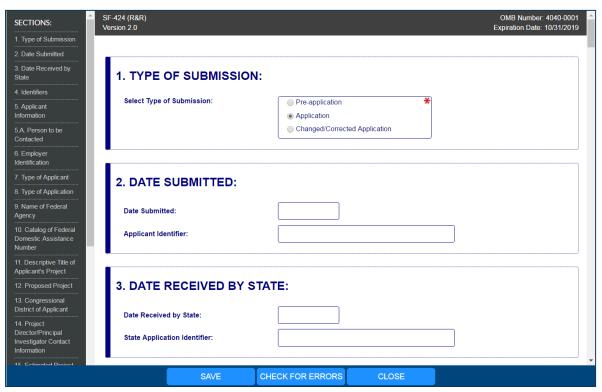




More Features:

- Hover mouse over form fields for help
- Error messages explain how to fill out form fields

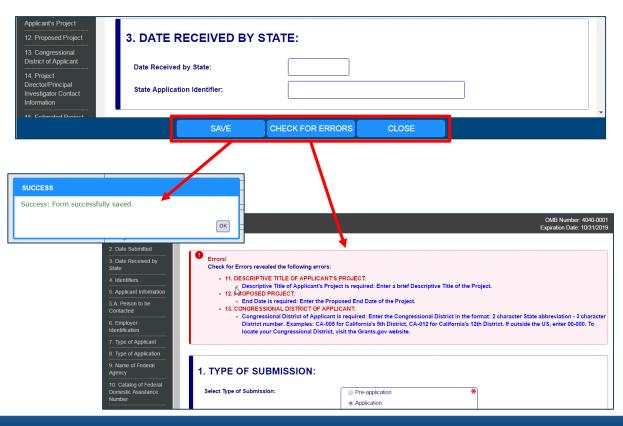




More Features:

- Autosave occurs every 5 minutes
- Complete SF-424
 first to pre-populate
 form fields and save
 time

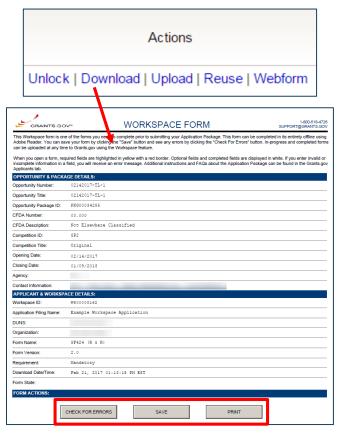




- Save: Stores your form data & attachments to Workspace
- Check for Errors:
 Form validation &
 field-level errors
- **Close**: Exits the online form



Completing PDF Forms

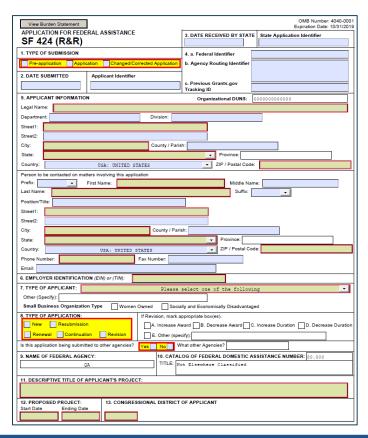


PDF Form Basics:

- Option to download PDF forms to complete in Adobe software
- Upload PDF forms to workspace
- Upon uploading, data shared between online and PDF versions of forms



Completing PDF Forms

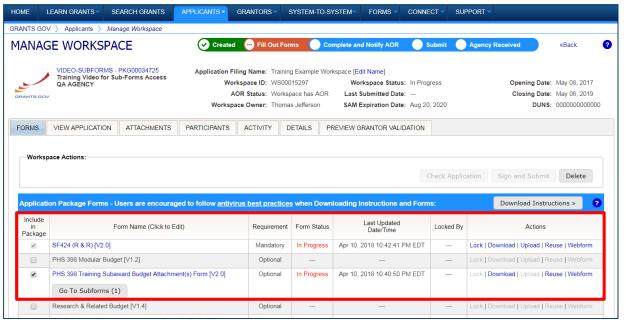


PDF Form Basics:

- Tab through form fields
- Required fields have red border and yellow shading
- Hover mouse over form fields for help
- Error messages explain how to fill out form fields



Completing Workspace Forms

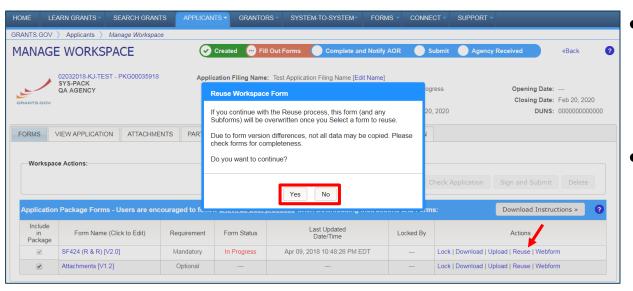


Workspace Features:

- Reuse past forms
- Cross-form & upfront validations
- Data retained for five years



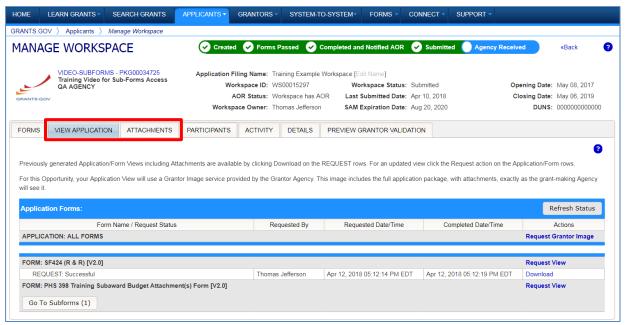
Reusing Workspace Forms



- Click Reuse link to import a form from another workspace
- Reusing an old form will overwrite all current form data



View Application & Attachments Tabs



View Application Tab

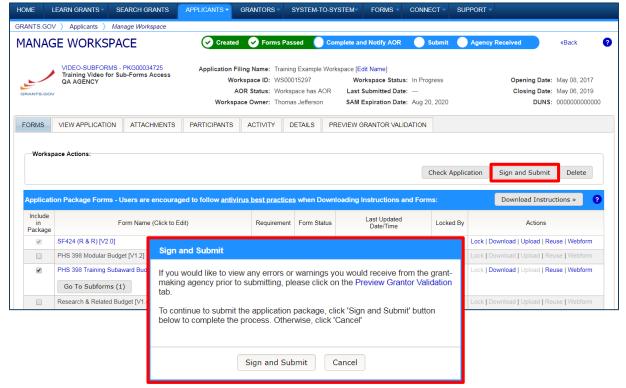
Download entire application or forms with PDF attachments

Attachments Tab

Download the PDF attachments added to application forms



Workspace: Submit Application



Process:

- Workspace Owner notifies users with AOR role
- User with AOR role submits
- Workspace Owner or user with AOR role may choose to Reopen Workspace



Further Resources

- Workspace Overview page on Grants.gov
- Video: Learning Workspace Series on Grants.gov YouTube
- Manage Workspace help articles
- <u>Latest Blog Posts about Workspace</u> at Blog.Grants.gov

Tracking Your Application Submission

After Submitting Your Application

- Make sure you receive an on-screen confirmation receipt
- Document your Grants.gov Tracking Number
- The date/time stamp is the official time of submission
- You will also receive email confirmations

Submission Confirmation Messages

Receipt Email

- Your application has been received by Grants.gov
- Grants.gov E-mail Verifying Receipt (with Track My Application URL)

Validation or Rejection Email

- Grants.gov E-mail Verifying Successful Submission
- **OR** Rejection Due to Errors with a description of issue

Transmission to Agency

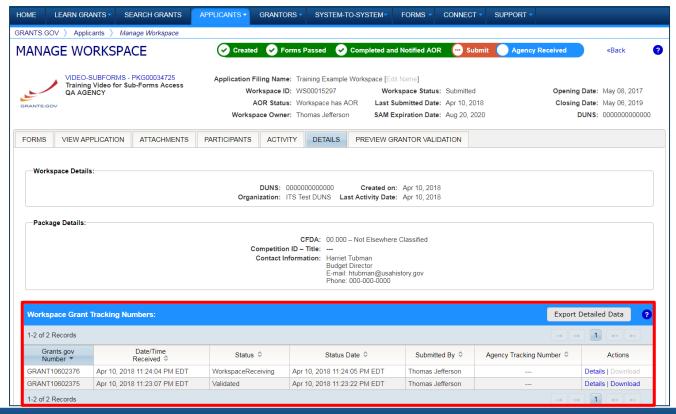
The Agency has received the Agency Retrieval Email from Grants.gov

Agency Emails

 The Agency may also send you an agency tracking number, notes, or other confirmation emails

Tracking Your Application

Details Tab of Submitted Workspace



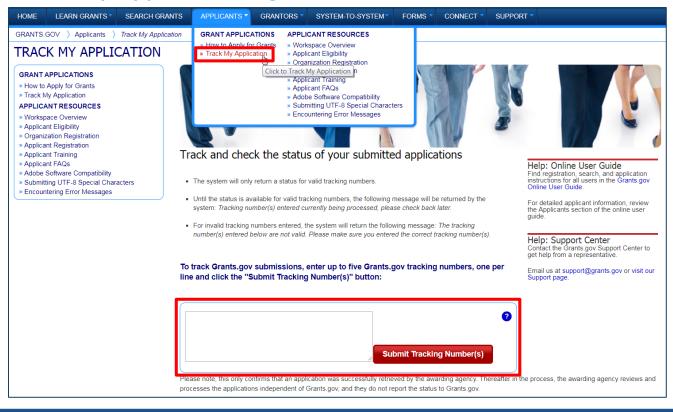
Track your application status and information by accessing the **Details tab** of the submitted Workspace

Download link provides a zip file of the submission



Tracking Your Application

Track My Application Page



May also track application status by entering Grant Tracking Number.

Status information:

- Received
- Validated
- Rejected with Errors
- Retrieved by Agency
- Agency Tracking
 Number Assigned



Further Resources

- Workspace Details Tab help article
- Check Application Status help article
- Track My Application (Not Logged In) help article

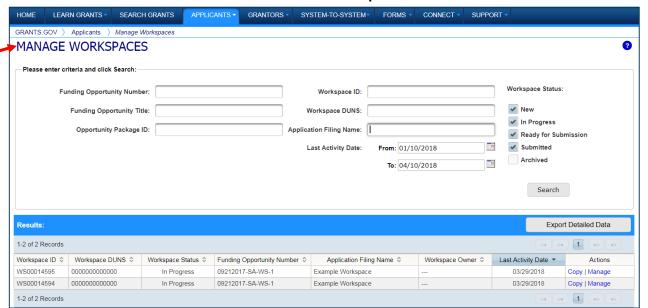
Applicant Management

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Key Actions

- EBiz POC and users with Expanded AOR role can perform workspace actions at organization level
- EBiz POC cannot submit a workspace



Further Resources

- Manage Applicants help article
- Manage Organization Profile help article

Tips for Applicants

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Crafting Grant Proposals and Submitting Applications

- Register and submit early
- Thoroughly read and follow all of the instructions provided by the agency
- Fill out SF-424 forms first
- Include sufficient program and budget details
- Recommend completing the option forms in the application

- Limit application file size / file name characters (50 characters or less)
- Use only UTF-8 characters in file names
- Use correct DUNS number when creating a workspace
- Make sure you have Grants.gov compatible PDF software (Adobe Reader)

Applicant Support & Resources

Support Center available 24/7 (closed on Federal holidays)

- Email: support@grants.gov
- Phone: 1-800-518-4726 (toll-free) | 1-606-545-5035 (international)

Resources

- Workspace Overview: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html
- YouTube Training & Webinar Videos: https://www.youtube.com/user/GrantsGovUS/featured
- Online User Guide: https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/GetStarted/GetStarted.htm
- FAQs: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-faqs.html
- Grants.gov Self-Service Web Portal: https://grants-portal.psc.gov
- Blog: https://blog.grants.gov/



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