Grants 101

2021 Federal Grant Workshop Series
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Grants Overview

A grant is one of the government's tools for:

- Funding ideas and projects to provide public services
- Stimulate the economy
- Benefit the general public



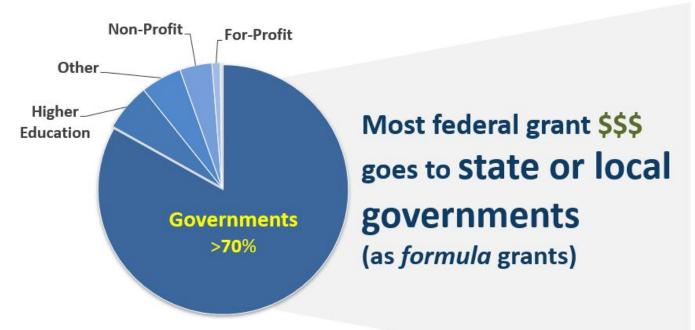
Fun Facts

- For FY2021, Washington state obtained total \$28.2B
- The WA-09 district obtained 0.92%- total of \$857.84M
- The top awarding agencies for Washington state are:
 - HHS: \$17.38B (18.69%)
 - ED: \$4.21B (4.53%)
 - DOT: \$3.20B (3.44%)
 - USDA: \$705.69M (0.76%)
 - HUD: \$586.59M (0.63%)



Who is Eligible to Apply for Federal Grants?

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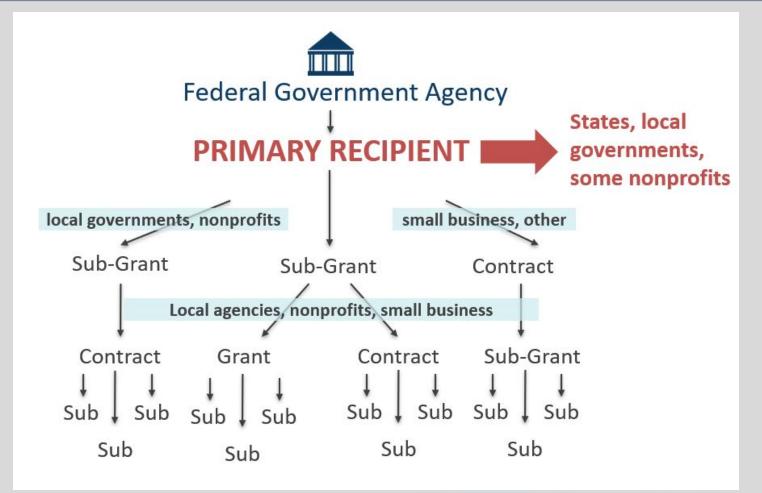


Types of Grants: Formula Grants

- Funds allocated to states and territories by formula based on quantifiable variables (e.g., for education formula grants, x dollars per public school pupil)
- States administer funds
- Includes large block grants
- Funds may be sub-awarded

- Examples:
 - Highway Planning & Construction (DOT)
 - Community Development Block Grant (HUD)
 - Crime Victim Assistance (DOJ)
 - School Improvement Grants (Ed.)
 - Homeland Security Grants (DHS)







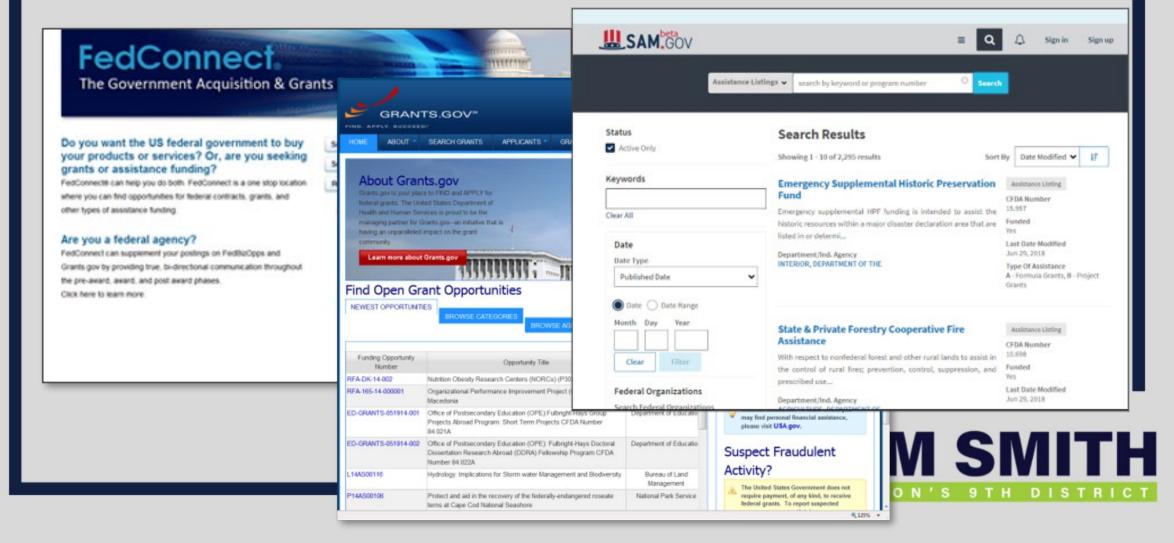
Type of Grants: Project Grants

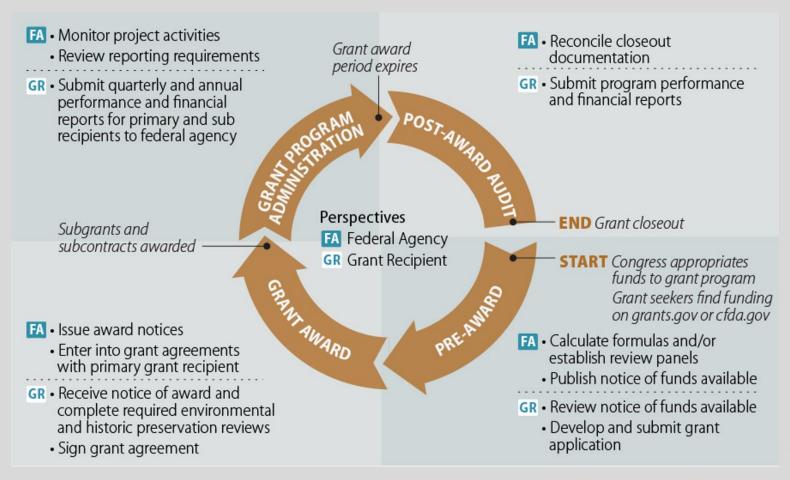
- Grants for specific objectives and projects
- These grants are awarded directly from the federal agency
- State/local governments, nonprofits may be eligible
- Very competitive

- Examples:
 - Assistance to Firefighters (DHS)
 - National Food Safety Education (USDA)
 - Aging Research (HHS)
 - Weather and Air Quality Research (NOAA)
 - COPS Hiring Program (DOJ)



Where to Find Grants?







Request for Assistance

- Help finding grants for specific projects
- Questions during the application process
- Contact Federal Agencies on organization's behalf



Letter of Support Request

- Encourage federal agency to give full and fair consideration to the grant application
- Materials Required:
 - Completed "Letter of Support" application
 - Letter draft
 - Name of the Grants Officer within the granting agency



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