

## News Release

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### **GRANTS.GOV SELECTED IN TOP 50 2005 Innovation in American Government Finalists**

Grants.gov was selected as one of fifty public sector initiatives to be named as a finalist for the esteemed 2005 Innovations in American Government Award. Often called "the Oscars" of government award programs, the Innovations Award, sponsored by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, draws attention to exemplary achievements in government problem solving, amplifies the voices of public innovators in communicating their practices, and serves as a catalyst for transforming creative and effective ideas into widely established best practices.

"This recognition, on the heels of being selected as an American Productivity and Quality Center Best-Practice Partner, speaks volumes about the impact Grants.gov is making across the Federal government and to citizens," Rebecca Spitzgo, Grants.gov Program Manager said. "We're proud to be recognized by such esteemed organizations as the Ash Institute and the Council for Excellence in Government for the Grants.gov program's innovative management and governance practices.

The Innovations in American Government Awards program, now in its 18th year, is administered in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government. The next phase in the award process is to narrow the pool of 50 finalists down to a field of 18 who will have the opportunity to be in the running for one of six \$100,000 grants to encourage replication of their innovation in other federal, state and local jurisdictions. This next round of selections will be announced in the late spring.

Launched in October 2003, Grants.gov is one of 24 E-government initiatives mandated through the President's Management Agenda (PMA) to provide easier access to the government for all citizens. Grants.gov is the single website where state, local, and tribal governments, colleges and universities, not-for-profits, research institutions, and other organizations can access, find, and apply for grants from more than 900 Federal grant programs representing more than \$360 billion in annual grant funds offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. Grants.gov serves over 4,000 registered grant seeking organizations, distributes nearly 900,000 grant opportunity email notifications to interested parties each week and has processed more than 1,800 electronic grant application submissions for over 500 Federal grant programs to date.

Led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Grants.gov is a cross-government collaborative effort governed and funded by all 26 Federal grant-making agencies.

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