



Important Information Regarding Grants.gov Enhancements

Grants.gov is excited to announce new site enhancements—marking another important accomplishment for Grants.gov and the Federal grant community. On Monday, December 19th, Grants.gov will fully merge the Fedgrants.gov website (www.fedgrants.gov), with no loss of functionality, to enhance the existing Grants.gov [Find Grant Opportunities](#) feature.

Also, beginning on Monday, December 19th, Fedgrants.gov will cease operations and all visitors will be redirected to the Grants.gov, THE single secure Web site to find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants.

Grants.gov System Downtime: In order to implement this new functionality, Grants.gov will experience system downtimes. Here is the information pertaining to the specific downtimes for each website:

- Grants.gov (www.grants.gov) will be temporarily unavailable beginning at 6:00 PM EST on December 16, 2005. During this time the grant community will not be able to download applications or submit applications. Beginning on Monday, December 19th, the grant community will be able to resume these activities.

Grants.gov Enhancements: The changes provide improvements for both Federal agencies and the grant community.

- For Federal agency representatives, Grants.gov will be a true “one sign-on” system. Federal agency representatives will no longer have a separate sign-on and database access to post opportunities and publish applications. Additionally, Grants.gov plans to update to an Oracle Text search engine to replace the current search engine. The combined functionality will define an opportunity and application package in a single flow with the same level of security used with the existing Grantor login process.
- For the grant community and Grants.gov users, the integration will be seamless and will provide many new benefits including:
 - Eliminate the need to visit or remember another URL, other than Grants.gov for all Federal grant information
 - Eliminate the need to open a new browser window and leave Grants.gov to access Federal grant opportunities
 - One-stop grant opportunity email notification and Grants.gov communication subscription services



- Use of the updated search functionality will be simpler than the current system and should not require training for either Grantors or grant community users.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period.

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