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# Grants Management Training

Module 1: Introduction

Module 2: Demonstrating Financial Management System and Internal Controls Capability

Module 3: Applying for a Grant

Module 4: Accepting a Grant Award

Module 5: Managing a Grant

Module 6: Closing Out a grant

Check it out: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-management-training-applicants-and-recipients>

# COVID-19 Grant Flexibilities

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment has issued

[RAIN-2020-G02 EPA Frequent Questions on Grant Issues in Response to the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#)

FQs relating to:

- Grant procedures
- Allowable costs
- Disruption of operations
- Procurements
- Extensions
- Grant competitions
- Suspension and debarment



# Update to 2 CFR 200

- Majority of changes go into effect November 12, 2020
  - See [Guidance for Grants and Agreements](#) published in the Federal Register for details
  - Sec. 200.205: merit review for discretionary non-competitive awards
- Sec. 200.216 and 200.340 went into effect August 13, 2020
  - See [RAIN-2020-G05](#) for details

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# Competition

*The basics on competing for EPA assistance programs*

February 2021

# Finding EPA Competitive Opportunities on Grants.gov

- Find current competitive opportunities
  - Synopses includes important info: funding amounts, eligible entities, submission deadline, and more
- Searchable by Assistance Listing number (CFDA number), keyword, agency, type of entity, etc
  - [Discretionary Grant Programs at EPA](#)
- Sign up for automatic notifications of opportunities

# Applying on Grants.gov

- Apply online using Grants.gov (required for initial application)
  - Must Register – Obtain Unique Entity Identifier (e.g. DUNS), register with SAM, Setup Username/password, authorization
    - Please Note: **As of April 2022**, the DUNS number will no longer be the official identifier for doing business with the U.S. Government. Information about this transition can be found at The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)'s [website](#).
  - *Ensure when you apply for an opportunity that the DUNS you use is assigned to your organization – if it isn't you may be deemed ineligible*



NEW



# Applying on Grants.gov Workspace

- Workspace is the only method of submitting an application
  - Reuse forms & auto-populate data
  - Collaborative
  - Detect errors earlier
  - Best submission process for users with connectivity issues
- Learn more about [Workspace](#)
- View our [recorded webinar](#) training about Workspace

# Apply Using Workspace



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# SEARCH GRANTS

## BASIC SEARCH CRITERIA:

Keyword(s):

Funding Opp #:

CFDA Number:

SORT BY:

DATE RANGE:

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## OPPORTUNITY STATUS:

Open (2065)  Closed (1396)  Archived (19938)

## FUNDING INSTRUMENT TYPE:

All Funding Instruments  
 Cooperative Agreement (568)  
 Grant (1630)  
 Other (43)  
 Procurement Contract (42)

## ELIGIBILITY:

All Eligibilities  
 City or township governments (1008)  
 County governments (1018)  
 For profit organizations other than small businesses (952)

## CATEGORY:

All Categories  
 Agriculture (31)  
 Arts (see 'Cultural Affairs' in CFDA) (6)  
 Business and Commerce (15)  
 Community Development (29)

## AGENCY:

All Agencies  
 All Agency for International Development (63)  
 All Corporation for National and Community Service (2)

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Funding Opportunity #	Opportunity Title	Agency	Open Date ↓	Close Date
<a href="#">AMS-NOP-13-0061</a>	Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program FY 2013	Agricultural Marketing Service	08/01/2013	08/30/2013
<a href="#">SA-SYLEP-800-13-GR-51</a>	Saudi Young Leaders Exchange Program	U.S. Mission to Saudi Arabia	08/01/2013	08/30/2013
<a href="#">G13AS00105</a>	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Gulf Coast CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
<a href="#">G13AS00109</a>	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Basin CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
<a href="#">G13AS00110</a>	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Lakes Northern Forest CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
<a href="#">NPS-13-NEO-0107</a>	Assessment of natural resource conditions at Hopewell Furnace NHS, Gettysburg NMP, and Eisenhower NHS	National Park Service	08/01/2013	08/06/2013
<a href="#">PAR-13-300</a>	NLM Express Research Grants in Biomedical Informatics (R01)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
<a href="#">PAR-13-301</a>	The Role of the Cytoskeleton in Cellular Aging (R21/R33)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
<a href="#">G13AS00106</a>	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Gulf Coast CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/2013
<a href="#">PAR-13-295</a>	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R21)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
<a href="#">PAR-13-296</a>	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R01)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
<a href="#">PAR-13-299</a>	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R03)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/2016
<a href="#">L13AS00170</a>	BLM AK CESU - Scenario Planning for Energy and Resources Development	Bureau of Land Management	08/01/2013	08/23/2013
<a href="#">NOAA-NMFS-PRPO-2014-2003832</a>	FY 2014 Species Recovery Grants to Tribes	Department of Commerce	08/01/2013	10/29/2013
<a href="#">NOAA-NMFS-PRPO-2014-2003811</a>	Species Recovery Grants to States (Section 6 Program)	Department of Commerce	08/01/2013	10/29/2013
<a href="#">NNH13ZDA001N-PMDAP</a>	ROSES 2013: Planetary Mission Data Analysis Program	NASA Headquarters	08/01/2013	10/11/2013
<a href="#">PA-FPH-14-022</a>	FY14 Region 9 Nevada (not including Clark, Douglas or Washoe counties) Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health	08/01/2013	04/01/2014
<a href="#">PA-FPH-14-020</a>	FY14 Region 9 Republic of the Marshall Islands Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants	Office of the Assistant Secretary	08/01/2013	04/01/2014

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# Competitive Opportunities

- EPA Program Office Websites
  - In addition to Grants.gov, some program office websites have funding opportunity information (ex: Office of Air and Radiation: <http://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding>)
- Assistance Listings/Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA):
  - <https://beta.sam.gov/>
  - Read more about assistance programs
  - Typical funding amounts, types of projects funded, eligible entities, and more



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## LEARNING CENTER

# Assistance Listings

This site is the official source

The federal government provides assistance to the American public in the form of projects, services, and activities. It supports a broad range of programs—such as education, health care, research, infrastructure, economic development and other programs—through grants, loans, scholarships, insurance, and other types of financial assistance.

SAM provides detailed, public descriptions of federal assistance listings available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public,

Legacy website



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# Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants - Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act

## Assistance Listing

Overview

Authorizations

Financial Information

Criteria for Applying

Applying for Assistance

Compliance Requirements

Contact Information

History



Note: This Assistance Listing was not updated by the issuing agency in 2018. Please contact the issuing agency listed under "Contact Information" for more information.

Assistance Listing

Department/Ind. Agency  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CFDA Number  
66.424

Related Federal Assistance  
[66.510](#) , [66.610](#) , [66.034](#) , [66.436](#) , [66.716](#)

[View available opportunities on Grants.gov related to this Assistance Listing](#)

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## Overview

### Objectives

1) To support surveys, studies, investigations, demonstrations, and training associated with source water and drinking water; (2) To develop and expand capabilities of programs to carry out the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Funding Priority FY 2016 Funding Priority - Fiscal Year 2016: Funding priorities include providing assistance for the following: (1) research on the occurrence of contaminants in drinking water; (2) source water protection and treatment methods and measures to protect water quality in the distribution system and at the tap; (3) tribal source water protection program support and tribal operator certification program support; (4) tribal capacity development





Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants to identify health effects associated with drinking water contaminants. Funding priorities also include providing assistance for the following training and technical assistance activities: (1) training personnel who manage or operate public water systems; (2) training personnel for occupations involving the public health aspects of providing safe drinking water; (3) training to develop and expand the capabilities of states and municipalities to carry out the SDWA; and (4) technical assistance to enable small public water systems to meet the requirements of SDWA.

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## Examples of Funded Projects

**Fiscal Year 2017:** Assisting states in effective implementation of SDWA requirements; assistance to states in ground water protection and conservation; developing utility planning tools; capacity development support; and source water protection through prevention.

**Fiscal Year 2018:** NA

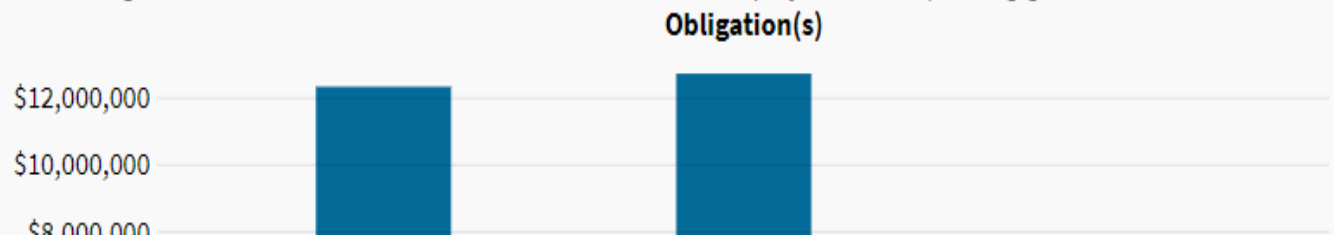
## Authorizations

National Environmental Policy Act , Section 102(2)(F)

Safe Drinking Water Act , Section 1442, Public Law 104-182

## Financial Information

*These funding amounts do not reflect the award amounts that are displayed on USASpending.gov*



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# Other Resources

- [Competition Resources](#)
- Grants.gov Resources
  - [Applicant Resources](#)
  - [Organization Registration](#)
  - [Grants.gov User Guide](#)
  - [Workspace Information](#)



# Preparing Applications

- Each funding opportunity announcement has unique instructions and requirements
- Read the announcement for:
  - Eligibility information, deadlines, application content, review criteria, and more
- [EPA's Competition Policy](#)
  - Familiarize yourself with EPA's policy on competition

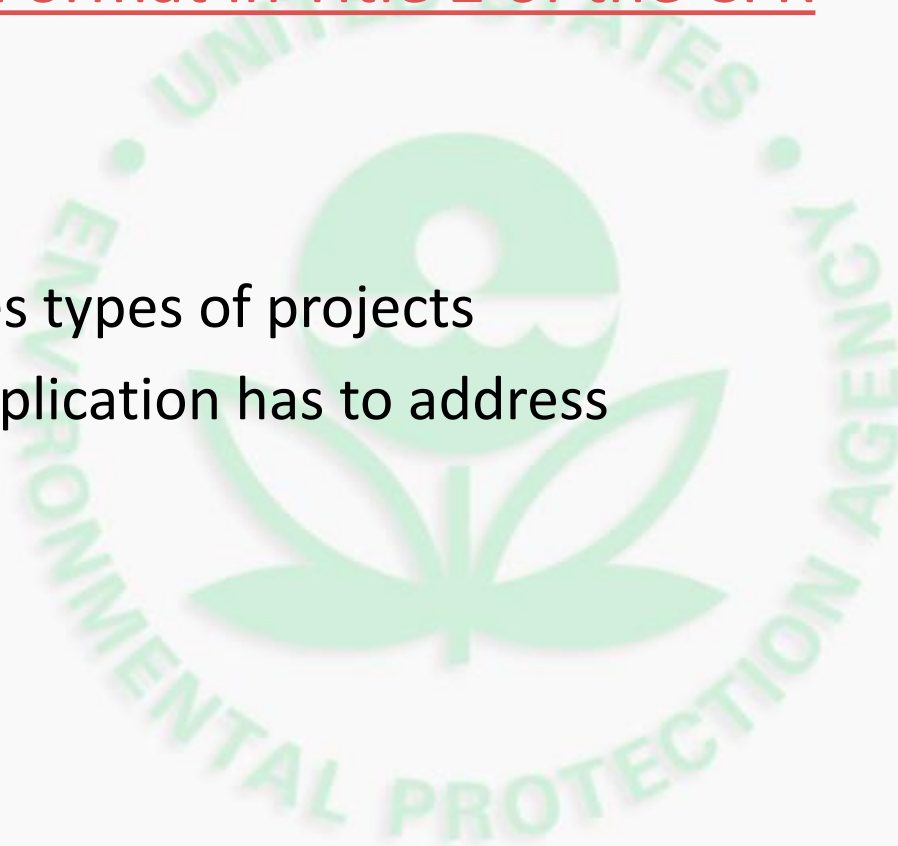
# Types of Announcements

- Request for Application (RFA)
  - Submission includes all forms and certifications necessary for award
  - The standard type of solicitation as of October 2018
  - For a list of forms, see [RAIN 2018-G07 Full Application Submission with Initial Proposal Submission Requirement](#)
- Other less common types:
  - Request for Proposals (RFP): Abbreviated application: workplan and a few forms
  - Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP): Consists of 2 Phases
    - (1) EPA receives initial proposals
    - (2) EPA requests full proposals from highest ranking applicants

# Announcement Contents/Highlights

→ See [OMB Format in Title 2 of the CFR](#)

- Section I
  - Describes types of projects
  - What application has to address



# Announcement Content/Highlights

- Section II
  - expected number of awards
  - expected funding amount
- Section III
  - list of eligible entities
  - Cost share/matching requirements if any
  - Threshold eligibility criteria:
    - may include legal, policy, relevance, programmatic, administrative, and/or financial criteria that have the effect of making an applicant, application, or project eligible or ineligible for award

# Announcement Highlights

- Section IV
  - Content and form of application
    - Address Section I (program info), Section III (threshold criteria) and Section V (evaluation criteria)
  - Submission method (electronically thru grants.gov is required for initial applications)
  - Submission dates and times
  - Pay attention to deadlines and page limits
  - [Administrative and National Policy Requirements](#)

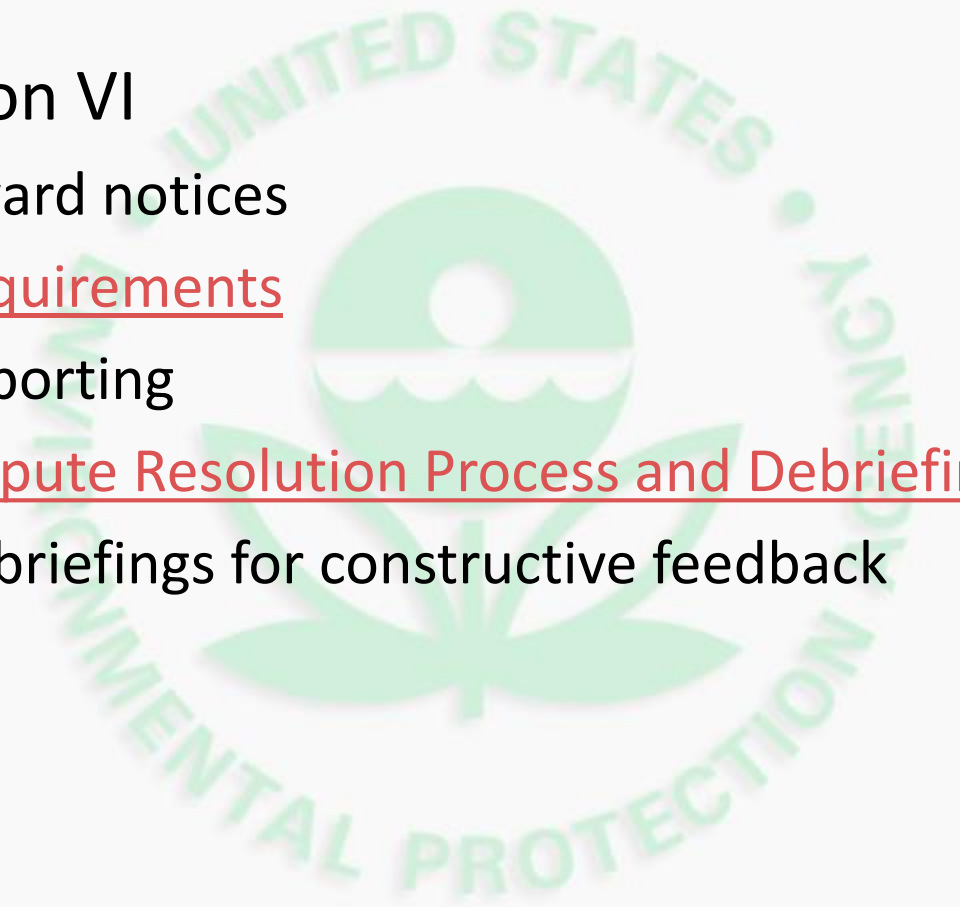
# Announcement Highlights

- Section V
  - Ranking criteria
    - Criteria used to evaluate applications
    - Must address ranking criteria in applications such as
      - Programmatic Capability
      - Past Performance under grants
      - Environmental Results-plan for measuring progress towards achieving outputs/outcomes
      - Timely Expenditure of Grant Funds
      - Budget and Leveraging
      - Technical approach
    - Other factors (in some announcements)
  - Review and selection process



# Announcement Highlights

- Section VI
  - Award notices
  - Requirements
  - Reporting
  - Dispute Resolution Process and Debriefings
  - Debriefings for constructive feedback



# Announcement Highlights

- Section VII
  - Agency Contacts
- Section VIII
  - Other information



# Modifications

- EPA occasionally modifies announcements
  - Due dates, clarification of requirements, etc
- Automatic Notification
  - Sign up on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for automatic notification of modifications to specific announcements
  - Modifications posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

# Communications with Applicants

- See Section 11 of the [Competition Policy](#)
- Limitations on what can be discussed and when
- Pre-proposal Assistance
  - Many programs will post Q&As on a website
  - Some programs offer conference calls/webinars where applicants can ask questions
  - This type of information is usually in Section IV or VII of announcements, if applicable

# Communications with Applicants

- EPA **can**:
  - Answer applicant eligibility questions-if uncertain if you are eligible or your project is eligible ask before proposal submission
  - Clarify info on administrative aspects of proposal submission
  - Respond to requests for clarification of the announcement

NOTE: Clarifications that result in changes to the announcement must be communicated (via modification to the announcement) to all potential applicants

# Communications with Applicants

- EPA **cannot**:
  - Offer to write applications for applicants
  - Review or comment on draft applications
  - Provide information on the Agency's approach to evaluating applications beyond what is described in Section V of the announcement
  - Provide a competitive advantage to any applicant

# Competitive Process

1. EPA prepares announcement
2. EPA posts announcement on program office website and grants.gov
3. EPA receives applications from applicants
4. EPA evaluates applications and makes selections
5. Issues awards

Note: Award Official will check the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) prior to award to ensure applicant is qualified (see 2 CFR 200.205)

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