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Ask Early, Ask Often

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What is Grants.gov?

- A single source for finding grant opportunities
- A standardized manner of locating and learning more about funding opportunities
- A single, secure and reliable source for applying for Federal grants online
- A simplified grant application process with reduction of paperwork

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Grants.gov Current Status & Next Steps

- All 26 grant-making agencies are required to post all discretionary grant programs in the Grants.gov Find
- OMB has directed agencies to post in Grants.gov Apply:
 - 75% of their funding opportunities in FY 2006;
 - 100% of their funding opportunities in FY 2007.



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NSF Grants.gov Lessons Learned in FY 06

- Since June 2005, 1,038 proposals submitted via Grants.gov
 - 565 successfully submitted (54% success rate)
 - 473 required correction and resubmission (46%)
- Of the eight programs requiring submission, 444 proposals were submitted
- Of the 214 programs with optional submission, 594 proposals were submitted using Grants.gov
- When submission through Grants.gov was an option, 1% of the applicants chose to submit through Grants.gov.

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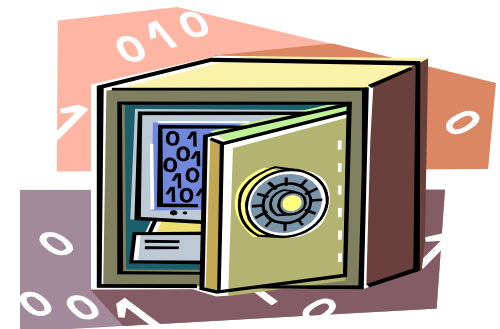
Major Problems Encountered

- Applicants submitting applications with attachments that are not in PDF.
- The PI or Co-PI typed their name differently in various portions of the application and the software could not tell if this was the same or another individual.
- Problems with registration
- Applicants had varying success in submitting proposals, some taking as many as four attempts before successful insertion into FastLane.



NSF Implementation in 2007

- By close of FY 2006, 79% of NSF funding opportunities had been posted in Grants.gov Apply
- Those programs designated required in FY 06 will remain required in FY 07
- Unless otherwise specified, optional submission for the vast majority of NSF programs

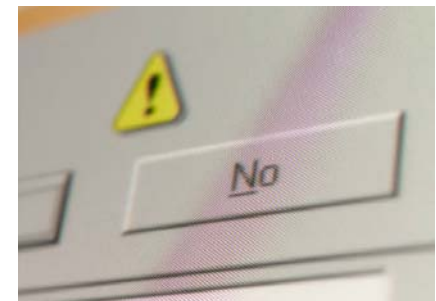


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NSF Implementation in 2007 (Cont'd)

- Will not be used until a Grants.gov solution has been developed, for:
 - Separately submitted collaborative proposals
 - Fellowship programs that require submission of reference letters





And, please don't forget....

- NSF also does not accept applications through Grants.gov for:
 - Letters of Intent
 - Preliminary Proposals
 - Changed/Corrected Applications
 - Continuations
 - Supplemental Funding Requests





NSF Grants.gov Required in 2007

- Antarctic Artists and Writers (OPP)
- Scientific Computing Research Environments for the Mathematical Sciences (MPS)
- Living Stock Collections (BIO)
- Advanced Learning Technologies (CISE)
- CEDAR, GEM, and SHINE Postdoctoral Research (GEO)
- Research in Disability Education (EHR)
- Infrastructure Materials Applications and Structural Mechanics (ENG)
- Geography and Regional Science (SBE)

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Words to Live By....



- File attachments must be in pdf
- Check to ensure the program does not require mandatory submission!!
- Check the institutional names used!
- Use the Checklist!
- Read the Grants.gov Application Guide
- Follow any special instruction in the funding opportunity
- Allow extra time for editing!!!

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SF 424 (R&R) & the R&R Subcommittee



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What is the R&R?

- A group of agency representatives (both technical & policy) from agencies that sponsor research who provide guidance and feedback to the Grants.gov PMO on issues related to the SF 424 (R&R)
 - The R&R was originally formed to provide agency feedback and comments on the SF 424 (R&R)



Which agencies participate in the R&R subcommittee?

- NSF (Chair)
- NOAA
- NIH
- DOT/FAA
- DOE
- Grants.gov
- USDA/CSREES
- DoED
- ONR
- HRSA
- AFOSR
- DoD
- NASA
- OMB
- EPA

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What is the R&R role in Forms Development?

- Agency specific forms – each agency must bring forward to the R&R any new agency specific forms prior to sending the Grants.gov for development
 - Goal is to create a streamlined process for agency use of previously approved forms by another agency



What is the R&R role in Forms Development? (Cont'd)

- The R&R must approve any new forms for cross-agency use prior to their being added to the SF 424 forms family
- Examples:
 - *Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants* (for Faith-based programs)
 - SF 424 B – Assurances for non-construction programs



On the To-Do List

- Develop a listing of types of programs that are not supported by Grants.gov:
 - Collaboratives
 - Fellowships (specifically no support for Reference Letters)
 - Multi-project proposals
 - Multi-component solicitations
 - Preliminary proposals that need parsed sections

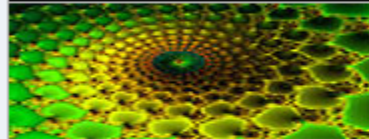


On the To-Do List (Cont'd)

- Collaborative proposal development component of Grants.gov
 - Requirements team has been formed and is just about finished with requirements development process
- Application File Update for Grants.gov
- Improved Versioning Control of forms in Grants.gov
- Streamlining of process for use of cross-agency forms



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Grants & Cooperative Agreements:

- [NSF's Response to the Community Regarding Hurricane Katrina](#)
- [Policy & Guidance](#) (including the [Grant Proposal Guide \(GPG\)](#), and [Grant Policy Manual \(GPM\)](#))
- [Examples of Activities that Demonstrate Broader Impacts](#)
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QUESTIONS????



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