

OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Minnesota Department of Administration



ABOUT GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Established in 2007 in response to a program evaluation by the Office of the Legislative Auditor on state grant-making, the Office of Grants Management's (OGM) mission is to standardize, streamline, and improve state grant-making practices and to increase public information about state grant opportunities.

FULFILLING OUR MISSION

Our office provides policy guidance, grant templates and other resources to support effective grant administration by the roughly 32 state agencies, boards, commissions, etc. responsible for state grant investments.

Core Services



Policy Development



Risk Assessment



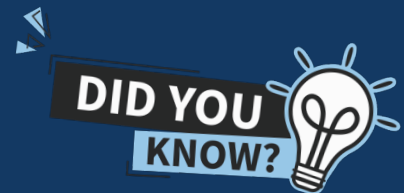
Training and Guidance



Partner Outreach

Minnesota has a decentralized state grant management system.

Grant decision making authority, implementation and performance monitoring reside with state agencies under authorities prescribed by statute and the Minnesota Legislature's grant appropriation language.



State grants are regulated by state law and policy.

Requirements span the full life-cycle of the grant, from pre-award through active grant to post-award and close-out. Policies cover requirements for requests for proposals, conflict of interest, application review, risk assessment, grant execution, grantee reporting, monitoring, payments, financial reconciliation, grant close-out, and final evaluation.

Grants are financial assistance paid or services furnished by a state agency via a third party to an eligible recipient.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT MEASURES

Grants Management oversight and accountability staff work closely with executive agencies to understand common and recurring challenges agencies face in their efforts to comply with grants policies.

2023 Statute Changes

- Grant contract approval is required.
- All grant agreements are subject to audit.
- Grant termination is permissible when the grant is not in the best interest of the state.
- Agencies are required to fully cooperate with Grants Management on grant oversight.
- A portion of grant funds can to be used for management if no other funds are provided to the agency.
- Pre-award risk assessments are required for grants of \$50K or more.
- Additional post-closeout grantee evaluation requirements for grants over \$25k, including making them public.
- Grantees can be suspended or debarred from grant eligibility for up to 3 years for convictions of crimes, among other reasons.

The work of the
Office of Grants
Management is
guided by:

Minnesota Statutes
16B.97-16B.991

450

individuals trained in FY25
(state staff and external partners)

February 2025

A virtual, on-demand standard training for
state employees will be available soon.

EARLY RISK ASSESSMENT DATA

In 2023, Statute 16B.981 created pre-award risk assessment standards, which were incorporated into OGM policy 08-06 updates. In late 2024/early 2025, OGM inquired with 5 agencies on the impact of the policy updates.



1513

pre-award risk assessments
completed



56

instances agencies requested information
to satisfy risk assessment concerns



4

grants awarded with increased
oversight/technical assistance



3

grants terminated with or
without cause



46

instances additional information
resolved risk assessment concerns



<10

non-award as a result of
risk assessment (estimate)