

# **Grants Workgroup Quarterly Newsletter**

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#### Website link:

Job aids posted on F&A website under Grants Accounting site under Grants Accounting:

Click here

# Grants Related Article/Links:

REI Systems and National Grants Management Association (NGMA) co-published an article called "How Agencies Can Improve Grant Management" which contains the summary of the results and analysis of the Annual Grants Management Survey. If you want to read full article, click here.

Forms required by the Federal agencies are posted in The Common Data Element Repository (CDER) library

### **Grants Updates**



- Thank you for your feedback on the Grant Information Sharing Website! Your input is valuable to us as we continue to develop this site. If you have any additional comments, please provide them to us so we can continue to improve this site. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to check out the site.
- Grants.gov released the Grants.gov mobile app last month which allows you to easily search for Federal grant opportunities on a mobile device and setup various notifications. This app can be downloaded from Apple's App Store or from Google Play.
- The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published the 2018 Compliance Supplement. The Compliance Supplement is a document published for auditors that provides information on Federal program objectives, procedures, and compliance requirements relevant to the audit. This document can also be used by auditees to gain an understanding of the Federal program objectives and compliance requirements in order to manage grants programs and prevent noncompliance issues. If you are interested in learning about the changes from 2017, Appendix V provides a summary of changes for the 2018 supplement. The 2018 Compliance Supplement is available on the OMB website: Click here.
- The <u>President's Management Agenda (PMA)</u> to modernize and streamline government highlights goals to improve the ability of agencies to deliver mission outcomes, provide excellent service, and effectively steward taxpayer dollars. The priority to improve performance and efficiency throughout government is evident through the several initiatives conducted over the past few years:
  - a. The Unified Shared Services Management (<u>USSM</u>)
    office, residing in the General Services
    Administration (GSA), provides strategy and
    leadership to make mission enabling services better,
    faster, and more affordable.
  - b. <u>The Opportunity Project</u> provided several tools designed to be used by the grant community.
  - c. <u>Performance.gov</u> provides a view into the Federal agencies' efforts to deliver a smarter, leaner, and more effective government. This site has information on the progress underway to cut waste, streamline government, and improve performance.

website. Click <u>here</u> to access forms.

As we mentioned in a previous newsletter, the new USAspending.gov website is live. Click <a href="here">here</a> to check out the new site and provide your feedback.

#### **Important Dates:**

<u>June 30, 2018</u> – Fiscal Year Fnd.

July 15, 2018 – Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (SSPAF) due to Grants Workgroup.

#### **Next issue:**

The next issue of our Newsletter will provide an update on the Period of Performance. Also Cross-Agency Priority (CAP) goal results will be made publicly each quarter through this site.

- d. Three key areas have been identified for modernizing government requires work:
  - a) Modern information technology
  - b) Data, accountability, and transparency
  - c) The Workforce for the 21st Century

#### Beta.SAM.Gov



As previously mentioned, the Integrated Award Environment (IAE) is a Presidential E-Government initiative managed by US General Services Administration (GSA). The IAE is in the process of transitioning 10 current operational systems into a single website, beta.SAM.gov, (replacing the current SAM.gov). While this is an ongoing effort, Federal Assistance, Assistance Listings (CFDA) will officially replace CFDA.gov on May 25, 2018 and users will be redirected to beta.SAM.gov.

There are several sites that are still in a demonstration status on beta.SAM.gov with the original sites still active. Such sites are listed below:

- Contracting: FBO.gov (FedBizOpps), FPDS.gov (Federal Procurement Data System), and WDOL.gov (Wage Determinations OnLine.gov) remain the authoritative sources for contract information. However, you can learn more about Contract Opportunities (FBO), Contract Data (FPDS), and Wage Determinations (WDOL) through beta.SAM.gov.
- Entities: SAM.gov (System for Award Management) remains the authoritative source for entity information at this time. But upon completion of the migration of the 10 sites, beta.SAM.gov will be replaced by SAM.gov.

Click <u>here</u> to see the <u>beta.SAM.gov\_website</u> and click <u>here</u> to watch beta.SAM.gov video.

# **Single Audit Findings Analysis**



The State's Single Audit Report for FY 2017 contained a total of 64 audit findings. In an attempt to understand how the State can improve on areas of noncompliance, the Grants Workgroup has analyzed the single audit findings, and activities allowed or unallowed and allowable costs/cost principles continue to be areas where noncompliance most frequently occurs.

Here is the analysis of audit findings by compliance requirements:

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	Sum of 2017	Sum of 2016	Sum of 2015	Sum of 2014
Activities Allowed or Unallowed	12	16		9
Allowable costs/cost principles	23			18
Cash Management	2	2	2	3
Davis-Bacon Act	0	0	0	1
Eligibility	16	11	7	18
Equipment and Real Property Management	0	0	1	0
Financial Statement Findings	0	2	2	3
Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking	7	5	3	3
Other	3	6	6	5
Period of Performance	7	3	6	2
Procurement and Suspension and Debarment	0	1	3	1
Program Income	2	1	1	0
Reporting	11	8	9	15
Special Tests and Provisions	11	8	10	8
Subrecipient Monitoring	6	11	14	11
Grand Total	100	94	109	97

Additionally, the following are most frequently noted as the cause of noncompliance:

- Lack of training
- Inadequate internal control
- Lack of sufficient subrecipient monitoring
- Inadequate review process
- Lack of documentation
- Inefficient tracking process
- Lack of adequate procedures/policies in the area of Risk assessment, review/oversight process, and perform reconciliation

Below are the links to the State's single audit reports:

- 1. 2017 Single audit report, click here.
- 2. Prior Years Single Audit Reports, click here.

# **Training Opportunities**



Year-end Grants Training is scheduled for the following times:

- Friday, June 1, 2018 8:30 to 12:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, June 5, 2018 8:30 to 12:00 P.M.

Materials will be available on the Division of Accounts Job Aids website by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The link to this site is below.

#### Grants Accounting>Year End Grants Accounting

Registration for the classes is available through Edison by the following: Navigator>>ELM>>Self Service>>Learning>>Find Learning>>type in"GROC2018".