

Activity at a Glance

- 13 comprehensive grant policies to improve grant-making
- 2 websites to provide information and assistance to grant-makers and grant-seekers
- 175,000 visitors to grant-seeker website annually/average visit 40 minutes
- 450 state employees participated in 12 training sessions

Activity Description

The Office of Grants Management (OGM) provides policy leadership and direction to foster consistent, streamlined interaction between executive agencies, funders, and grantees. This enhances access to grant opportunities and information and leads to greater program accountability and transparency. OGM is the central point of contact for allegations of state agency violations and "fraud and waste" in grant processes in accordance with M.S. 16B.98.

Population Served

OGM provides leadership on state grants management policies and procedures to executive agencies, boards, commissions, councils, and task forces. The public has increased access to grant opportunities and information.

Services Provided

The mission of OGM is to standardize, streamline, and improve state grant-making practices and to increase public information about state grant opportunities. OGM works closely with organizations on standardizing practices, policies, procedures, and on increasing public information about state grant opportunities, information, and resources. Standard policies for grants management in the executive branch that create greater oversight, consistency, and transparency for state grant expenditures have been implemented since the creation of this office. Training is provided to state employees on grant management policies and effective financial management of state grants. An informational website (<http://www.admin.state.mn.us/ogm>) for state grant-makers features legislation, policy, forms, templates, federal grants resources, best practices, training, and development links. In addition, a one-stop website (<http://www.grants.state.mn.us>) links all competitive state grant opportunities, providing increased access to grants. OGM works across executive branch agencies to provide public outreach and information on state grants for applicants and ensures the investigation of public complaints about fraud and waste in state grants. A variety of training courses on grant monitoring, outcomes, and policies are also provided. OGM also works with state agencies, boards, commissions, councils, and task forces to provide continuous improvement events (Lean) that lead to improving state grant-making practices.

Historical Perspective

Executive branch agencies in FY 2006 granted \$1.2 billion to nonprofits and local units of government as a mechanism to deliver programs, services, and other public benefits. OGM was created with a one-time appropriation in FY 2008; its creation responded to a January 2007 Office of the Legislative Auditor report on state grant-making that called for greater consistency and oversight in state grants. In July of 2010, OGM began receiving a general fund appropriation. Legislation was also passed that requires the commissioner of Administration (Admin) to recover the amount of the appropriation through deductions in state grants. State agencies now pay a share of OGM costs to Admin and these funds are returned to the general fund to offset the general fund appropriation. OGM is governed by a Grants Governance Committee that includes representatives from state agencies, the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Key Activity Goals & Measures

Admin Goal – To provide our customers with valuable services, products, advice, and expertise

(<http://www.admin.state.mn.us/admin.html>).

Measure: OGM provides customers with valuable services, products, advice, and expertise by increasing the transparency of government for citizens. Through its grant opportunities website, OGM provides information about state grant opportunities, as well as extensive information on state grants policies and best practices. The successful resolution of public complaints about fraud and waste in state grants is also a key outcome for the office.

ADMINISTRATION DEPT

Program: GOVT AND CITIZEN SERVICES

Activity: OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Narrative

Admin Goal – To reduce costs by working across government

(<http://www.admin.state.mn.us/admin.html>)

Measure: OGM reduces costs by providing training through a centralized office. OGM also works with the Enterprise Grants Management Community, a professional network of state grants administrators, to facilitate communication and sharing of best practices in grants management. Adding consistency to policies and procedures and using the Lean process to reduce inefficiencies in grant-making, OGM helps reduce costs and improve the quality of service of all state agencies.

Activity Funding

This activity is funded by a general fund appropriation. Legislation requires recovery of the appropriation to offset the general fund appropriation.

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<http://www.grants.state.mn.us/public/>

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Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	150	125	125	125	250
Subtotal - Forecast Base	150	125	125	125	250
Total	150	125	125	125	250
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	74	78	125	125	250
Arts And Cultural Heritage	23	121	0	0	0
Total	97	199	125	125	250
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	83	106	69	72	141
Other Operating Expenses	14	93	56	53	109
Total	97	199	125	125	250
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	1.2	1.6	1.0	1.0	