

# Grants.gov

## Program Overview

This “Program Overview” is a general introduction to the Grants.gov website for those who are unfamiliar with the program. The information provided is introductory.



# Grants.gov's Mission

## Mission Statement

The Mission Statement defines Grants.gov, identifies its purpose and goals, as well as the managing agency for the website. Individuals and organizations who used Grants.gov in the past would be familiar with the mission statement.

Grants.gov is the federal government's single site for federal grants with a mission to provide a common website to simplify competitive discretionary grants management and eliminate redundancies. The Department of Health and Human Services is the managing partner for the Grants.gov initiative, one of the 24 E-Gov initiatives generated in response to The President's Management Agenda.



# Grants.gov Background

- Established as a Governmental Resource; E-Grants Initiative
  - Part of the President's 2002 Fiscal Year Management Agenda to Improve Government Services to the Public
- Concept Originates in the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Public [Law 106-107](#))
  - P.L. 106-107 Enacted in November of 1999

The background section recounts the history of the website.

# Grants.gov's Overview

Simplifies the grants management process while creating a centralized, online process to Find and Apply for over 1,000 grant programs from the 26 federal grant-making agencies.

The Overview section repeats some of the information from previous slide. Why do you think this information was repeated?

Streamlines the process of awarding over \$500 billion annually to state and local governments, academia, not-for-profits and other organizations.



# Grant-Making Agencies

- Agency for International Development
- Corporation for National and Community Service
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Archives and Records Administration
- National Endowment for the Arts
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Science Foundation
- Small Business Administration
- Social Security Administration
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This list of grant-making agencies can be cross-referenced with the funding categories on the following slides.

# Funding Categories

- Agriculture
- Arts
- Business and Commerce
- Community Development
- Disaster Prevention and Relief
- Education
- Employment, Labor and Training
- Energy
- Environmental Quality
- Food and Nutrition Health
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- Housing
- Humanities
- Information and Statistics
- Law, Justice and Legal Services
- Natural Resources
- Recovery Act
- Regional Development
- Science and Technology
- Social Services and Income
- Security
- Transportation
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The funding categories match the search categories on the website.

# Recovery Act and Grants.gov

- Grants.gov plays a significant role in the Recovery Act by helping applicants find and apply for the new grant opportunities
- Information on Recovery Act grant opportunities are available on Grants.gov

Recovery Act and Grants.gov:

<http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp>

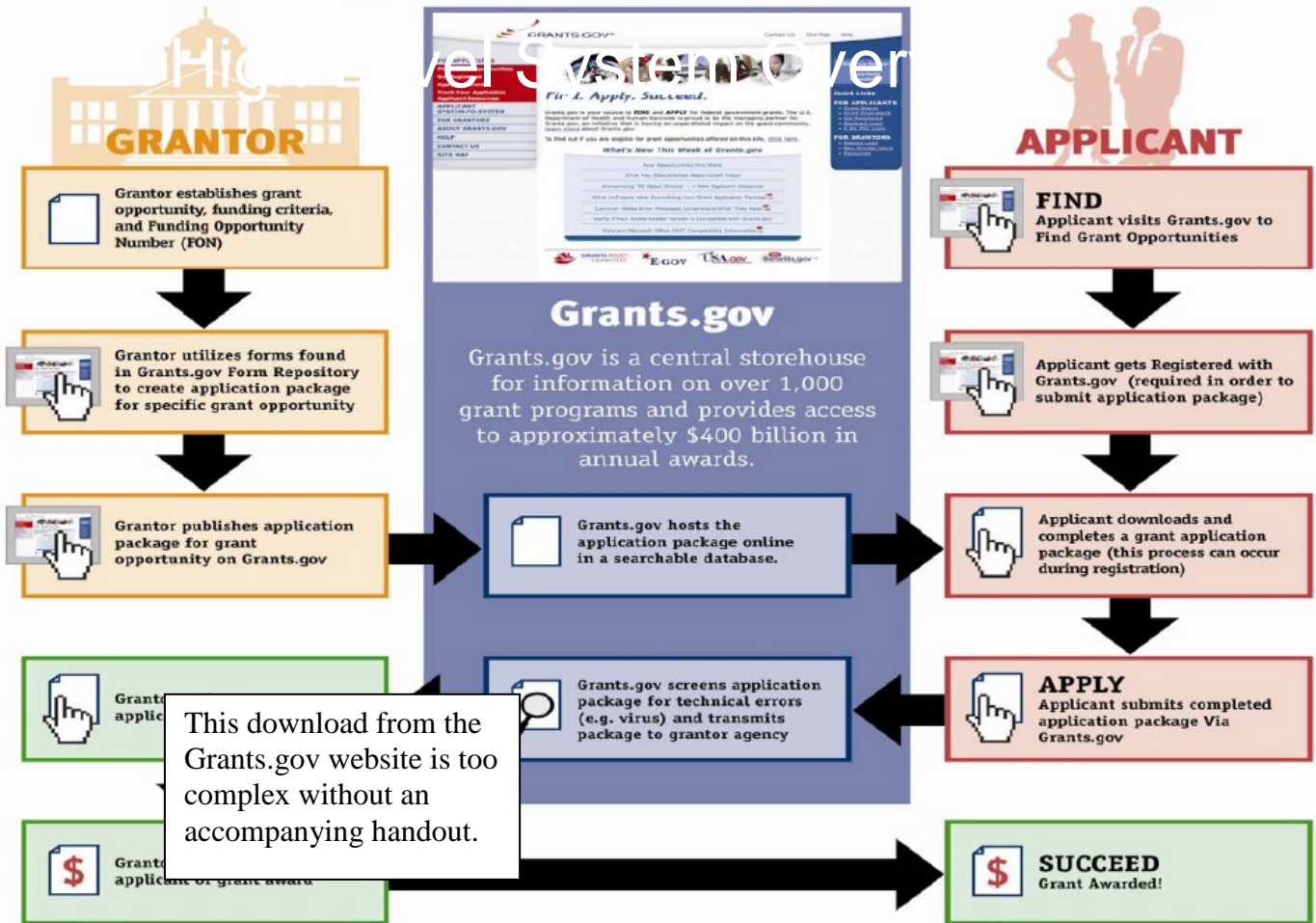
- Grant information can be found by agency on the Recovery Act page and Grants.gov or by going directly to opportunities posted on the Find Opportunities page and doing a search using the Recovery Act category:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=?mode=CATSEARCH&fundActivity=RA>

The Recovery Act has been included in this presentation on Grants.gov. Why do you think the designers included this information?



# The Life of a Grants.gov Application Package





# Services Provided

- For Applicants

- Search for Grant Opportunities
- Download Application Packages
- Complete Application Packages On or Offline
- Submit Completed Application Packages (Registration Required)
- Track the Status of Submitted Applications

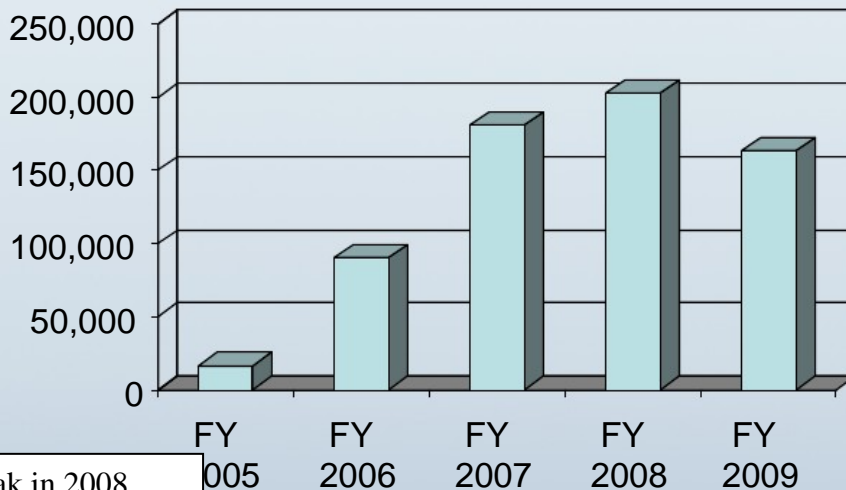
- For Grantors

- Unified Federal Form System
- Post Grant Opportunities
- Post Related Application Packages
- Retrieve Application Packages (for reward review)
- Assign Tracking Numbers

Though applicants are the primary audience for this presentation, this slide identifies the services for grantors as well.

# Submission Growth

## Applicant Submissions



Applications peak in 2008, then drop in 2009. What reasons might account for those numbers?

# Resources and Support

- Online Support (Applicant Resources page)

- ([http://grants.gov/applicants/app\\_help\\_reso.jsp](http://grants.gov/applicants/app_help_reso.jsp))
- Animated Tutorials
- Brochures (Overview/Registration)
- FAQs
- User Guides
- Troubleshooting

The presentation concludes with contact information for potential applicants.

- Personalized Support (Contact Center)

- Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- Toll-Free Phone Number: **1-800-518-4726**  
M-F 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. ET

