

Grants.gov Unveils New Feature for Recovery Act Funds

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In an effort to make American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded grant opportunities more accessible and visible, Grants.gov has added a new feature to its site that will allow users to quickly view all Recovery Act funding announcements on a single page.

The new feature retains the look and feel of the regular format of Grants.gov, with options to sort funding opportunities by opening and closing date, but grantseekers will no longer have to search through postings funded by regular appropriations laws when looking for ARRA-funded programs. As of Aug. 7, Grants.gov listed a total of 84 open Recovery Act grant programs. The main Grants.gov page, which makes no distinction between regular programs and those funded under the Recovery Act, showed 92 new entries posted just in the week ending Aug. 7.

The new feature also includes a link to Recovery.gov, the dedicated Recovery Act Web site, and news about upcoming, ARRA-specific webinars that Grants.gov will hold for grantseekers interested in applying for Recovery Act funding. Upcoming webinars include a three-part series that will orient new users to Grants.gov and the Recovery Act, offer a more detailed tutorial on methods of grantseeking, and answer users' questions about the Grants.gov registration and submission process. A separate webinar will describe how grantseekers can use the FedBizOpps.gov Web site to apply for federal contracts and other non-grant sources of federal funding. Attendance is free, and replays of the webinars will be available to view on Grants.gov.

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, whose agency maintains Grants.gov, said the new features are “making it easier for individuals to find critical and time-sensitive Recovery Act grants from all over [the federal] government.” And as a reminder, entities that receive Recovery Act funding will need to register at a new Web site, FederalReporting.gov, where they will have to submit quarterly financial reports detailing the Recovery Act dollars they spent. The Office of Management and Budget recently announced that the registration process for FederalReporting.gov will begin Aug. 17, and encouraged grantees to begin registering sometime in late August, to allow ample time before the first quarterly reporting deadline on Oct. 10.

Need More Information?

Grantseekers interested in registering for one of the free Grants.gov webinars may do so at: http://grants.gov/applicants/recovery_webinar.jsp.