



eGrants: Automated Education Grants Management

Modifiable off-the-shelf grants management system

You've had those days. Too many tasks, looming deadlines, not enough time. Managing grant applications, on top of your other duties, can be overwhelming and time consuming. And it keeps you from focusing your efforts on your core goal: helping LEAs improve academic achievement. What if you could significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to manage grants?

Designed to improve SEA and school district efficiencies, eGrants automates the entire grant lifecycle. The system is entirely web-based, compatible with all major browsers and there are no technology implementation headaches. We will configure our software to securely fit with your agency and no licensing fees makes eGrants a cost-effective solution. What does that mean to you? An intuitive, user-friendly system with more accuracy, less paper and reduced administrative burden.

Our solution encompasses legislative mandates for education grants

Our software was built specifically for the education sector and ensures compliance with federal and state requirements. We are experts in navigating federal regulations and the system is highly adaptable to account for changes in legislation as they occur. Ready for a comprehensive, proven, reliable and compliant grants management solution? Then take advantage of our easy, quick and cost-effective approach.

DISCOVER

Our significant education grants knowledge enables our eGrants consultants to know the right questions to ask. Through collaborative discussions and demonstrations, HMB will examine any areas of process improvement and provide the SEA staff with a detailed understanding of the components available in the solution.

PLAN

Knowledge gained during the Discover phase is used to develop an integration plan for the eGrants system and your existing processes. We review the requirements to determine the optimal system configuration for your implementation and deliver solutions for process improvements. Lastly, HMB presents a finalized project scope to the SEA.

EXECUTE

The eGrants system is configured to match the requirements defined in the Plan phase. A test system is released to the SEA so that immediate feedback can be provided and discrepancies identified. Once the SEA agrees the system is ready for deployment, HMB conducts on-site trainings to ensure all staff is ready for the transition. After deployment, HMB backs up the implementation with our Active Support and Maintenance package.

What eGrants Means to You

- Streamlined and automated grant application processes
- Cloud-hosted solution – no local IT infrastructure required
- Less time spent administering grants
- Quicker access to information and completed applications
- Increased consistency across all grant applications
- Improved accuracy with built-in business rules
- Real-time status information for grant applications, payments and expenditure reports
- Ensured compliance with federal and state mandates
- Simplified fiscal processes
- Documented application version history for audit purposes

HMB has implemented eGrants solutions in the following state education agencies:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Kentucky
- Mississippi
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Utah
- West Virginia

The HMB Grants Management System provides comprehensive solutions in:

Planning

eGrants offers a comprehensive planning tool that aligns school plans with a single district plan. In addition, the planning tool allows districts and schools to create relationships between their strategic plans and grant funding. This unique design allows school districts to eliminate the redundancy that comes with creating separate plans for each grant application.

Allocation

eGrants provides an administrative component that allows the SEA to allocate grant awards for all grantees in just one easy step. Once the allocation amounts have been loaded, the system uses the award amount to place caps on budgeting and payment processing. This ensures only the appropriate funds are distributed.

Application & Budgeting

eGrants guides applicants through the entire grant process. All grant applications feature a consistent interface, which greatly simplifies training. The system offers state education agencies the flexibility to process groups of grants in a consolidated application or as a single grant. The application process includes budgeting, program activities, and document upload. In addition, the system's business rules ensure applications are not submitted with invalid entries. The system allows the grantee to initiate and complete budget revisions. Changes are tracked between revisions so that reviewers can quickly approve or reject budget amendments.

Payment Processing

Once the grant application receives initial approval, the local education agency may start requesting payments through eGrants' automated fund request process. Fund requests may not be submitted to the state until expenditures align with the approved budget amount. Additionally, eGrants has the capability to interface with the state accounting system to initiate the payment disbursement to the grantee.

Final Expenditure Reporting & Fund Carryover

At the end of the fiscal year, school districts are required to complete a final expenditure report. The final expenditure report must align with the approved budget amount. If the school district did not expend all funds, it may carry over the unspent award into next year. The carryover process is completely automated by eGrants.

Reporting

eGrants offers a rich reporting component that allows the SEA to aggregate any data being collected through the system. The reports module gives the SEA significant oversight into all areas of the grant application process, particularly in the monitoring of payments and expenditure reports.

Ready to see for yourself how eGrants can streamline your grants management process?

Register for a complimentary demo of our eGrants solution.
Call us at 614.221.6831 or email us at education@hmbnet.com

Why HMB

- Over a decade of experience in streamlining and automating grants management processes
- Understands the complexity and importance of staying up to date with federal and state regulations
- Responsive, available and flexible
- Personalized attention with expertise you can rely on
- Works collaboratively to get things done
- Listens to requirements and provides recommendations that work
- Our proven methodologies and solutions help you meet your goals
- Helps you navigate and adapt to evolving business technology challenges
- Offers an intuitive, approachable team with high retention rates that cares about solving your business technology challenges
- Dedicated to building strong relationships

Technologies Used

- Microsoft Windows Azure (Cloud Hosting)
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5
- C#
- ASP.NET
- Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle Database
- JavaScript/jQuery