

Colorado Grant Management System

Automating the grant administration process for applicants and administrators

What is the Colorado Grant Management System?

The system is a configurable web-based tool that manages all phases of an outgoing grants management lifecycle including: Requests for Proposals, applications, reviews, award notifications, contract/grant award generation, grantee payments and reports, award modifications, grantee monitoring and grant close-out. A sophisticated and user-friendly reporting application makes building and generating reports quicker and easier.

What does it do?

Colorado's Grant Management System standardizes the grant management process. It creates one place for districts and CDE staff to manage grant projects from beginning to end, through a secure, online system.

How does this change the current system?

- Applicants will have access to funding and award opportunities from a variety of state agencies, not limited to CDE.
- For the first time, all CDE funding opportunities and awards will have one centralized, searchable location, making searching and applying for grant opportunities easier for applicants.
- Paper copy submissions will be significantly reduced. No more running to the post office or driving to Denver to meet a deadline.
- External reviews will be done electronically, saving time and money for volunteer readers.
- CDE staff is able to monitor each step of the process and track processes for efficiency.
- Notifications are automatically sent to applicants and CDE staff when action is required or steps are completed.
- Districts maintain a unique applicant profile, but are able to give access to multiple individuals coordinating on individual applications and projects.
- Users have access to grant information wherever they have internet access.
- Edit checks and submission conditions prevent incomplete

Development Tentative Timeline

- April 2013: Pilot Project – Early Literacy Grant
- August 2013: U.S. Senate Youth Program
- October 2013: Diagnostic Review Grant
- November 2013: School Improvement Support Grant
- March 2014: Math and Science Partnership
- March 2014: Tiered Intervention Grant
- April 2014: BOCES Funding Assistance
- June 2014: Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant
- June 2014: Migrant Education Program
- July 2014: Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant
- March 2015: Colorado Charter Schools Program
- March 2015: Green Ribbon Schools Award
- May 2015: 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- May 2015: Comprehensive Health Education
- May 2015: School Counselor Corps
- May 2015: Supplemental Education Services

applications and data entry errors, providing confidence to applicants that their application is complete and reducing the need for follow-up by CDE to gather missing information.

- Reporting becomes simplified and almost eliminates the need for data entry.

What are the benefits?

Automation

- Electronic and virtually paperless
- Electronic storage of grant paperwork that is accessible and retainable
- Automatic notification to grantees providing due dates and required submissions
- Speeds up the cash reimbursement process (still in development)

Process

- Streamlined, online functionality
- Uniform methodology for applicants and grantees
- Capability for online application reviewing, scoring, evaluation and notifications

Reporting

- Ease of reporting; drop and drag functionality
- Vast reporting capability (including geographic and financial graphing tools)
- Capability for online progress reporting and aggregation

Grantees

- Eliminates data entry errors
- Eliminates the need for duplicate systems
- Saves time
- One-stop shop for application, approval, tracking, budgeting, requesting funds, and reporting.

Where can I learn more?

- To learn about all the grant and award programs CDE offers visit:
www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards
- To access Colorado's Grant Management System visit:
<https://g3.state.co.us/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>

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