

Announcement Services



About Announcement Services

Announcement Services automates the grant Funding Opportunity process, helping Partners plan for, create, and efficiently publish high-quality Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). Announcement Services promotes stronger grant application pools and increased competition, leading to more effective grant projects.



Benefits of Announcement Services

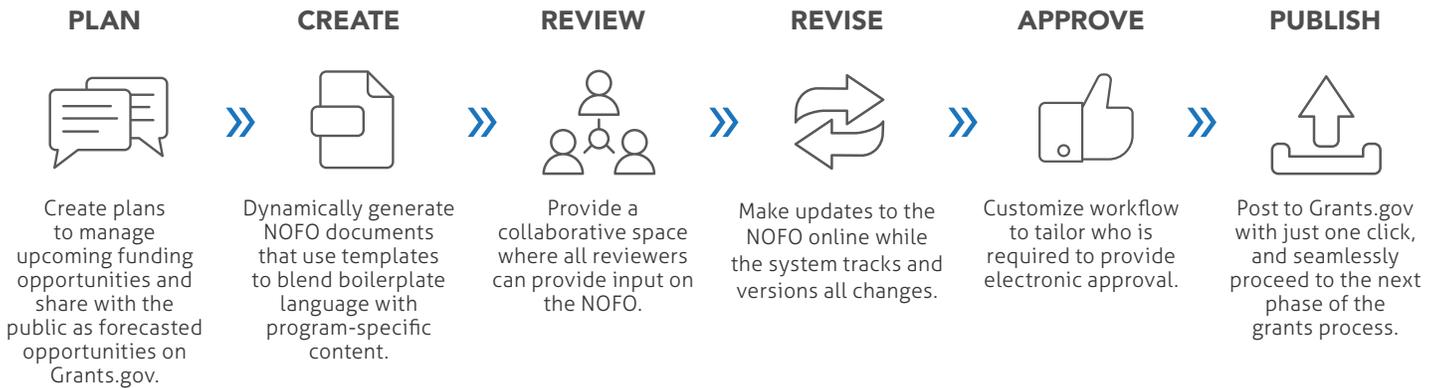
Announcement Services helps Partners plan and manage the Funding Opportunity process more efficiently. Announcement Services helps produce:

- › **Higher-Quality NOFO Documents:** Improves NOFO document quality, which promotes stronger grant applications and can lead to more effective grant projects.
- › **Shorter Approval Timelines:** Reduces time to get from planned opportunity to published announcement, which provides applicants more time to apply and improves planning for the downstream application review, approval, and award processes.
- › **Improved Resource Allocation:** Reduces costly and error-prone double-data entry and other administrative functions, which enable staff to shift focus to higher-value activities.
- › **Increased Traceability:** Greater transparency into all NOFO activities helps agencies better manage their workloads.

About GrantSolutions

GrantSolutions is a leading national grants services provider, managed by HHS, supporting the full Federal grant life cycle across 10+ Cabinet-level and independent Partner agencies. GrantSolutions Partners have worked together to encourage better use of data to drive more efficient and effective grants management practices and improve the return on the Federal taxpayer investment.

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Proven Results

Partners have achieved great results through using Announcement Services.

- › With Announcement Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) **reduced NOFO processing times by more than 44 percent**. HUD also standardized and streamlined its Funding Opportunity procedures, **eliminating 90 percent of its paper processes**.
- › The Administration for Children & Families **reduced the time to publish NOFOs from 3 days to 3 seconds and eliminated \$275,000 of inefficient IT support costs** to post and maintain public-facing Funding Opportunity sites.
- › Announcement Services' forecasting capability increases engagement with the wider applicant community. Partners using Announcement Services saw an **80 percent increase in applicant subscriptions** to planned Funding Opportunities since 2008.

Key Features

- › **Opportunity Forecasting:** Plan ahead and seamlessly post forecasted opportunities to Grants.gov.
- › **Configurable Document Templates:** Standardize content and control quality across NOFO documents by managing configurable templates of boilerplate language.
- › **Automated Routing for Review and Approval:** Automatically route NOFO documents to appropriate stakeholders for review and approval, removing the need for email attachments and paper processes.
- › **Single-Click Grants.gov Posting:** Seamlessly post finalized NOFO documents and application packages to Grants.gov with one click.
- › **Seamless GrantSolutions Grants Management Module (GMM) Integration:** Easily sync published NOFO data to the GrantSolution GMM, reducing the need to double enter the key announcement data.
- › **Task Lists and Reminders:** Use online task lists and friendly email reminders to help users understand when they need to perform a task and get to their work quickly.
- › **Online Collaboration:** Transparency enables program offices, budget officers, and grant officers to see where the NOFO is in the process and work on each concurrently.
- › **More Than 50 Configurations:** Tailor the system to established business processes, including configurable NOFO document templates, workflows, publication methods, system integrations, and many more.

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