

# Application and Peer Review Services

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# Agenda

- Application Review Services
- Reviewer Recruitment Services
- Peer Review Support Services
- The Next 12 Months Big Changes Are Coming!



## Application Review Services: Pre Award Support

GrantSolutions' Application Review Services support activities is in the pre-award phase of the grants management lifecycle.

The System and services are dedicated to ensuring the success of peer reviews, the critical evaluation of grant applications. The peer review a keystone in the grant-making process for competitive, discretionary awards.



The **Application Review Services** delivers an all-inclusive solution to fulfill the requirements for peer review. ARM offers a transparent and defensible process, vetted by agencies throughout the government to deliver fair, competitive, and documented reviews.

Grant-making agencies utilize the **Reviewer Recruitment Services** to search and recruit the most qualified SMEs to objectively evaluate grant applications, informing the award decision.



# Benefits of Application Review Services

The online collaborative tool is a platform where Federal agencies engage peer reviewers to inform the selection of the best applications for award.



#### Flexible Workflows

✓ Configurable templates of seven transparent federally approved process models



### **Session Management & Oversight**

✓ Secure access for review panelists, and opportunities for Federal program oversight of the process



### **Automated Routing**

✓ Electronic documents automatically routed to appropriate stakeholders; eliminating paper and email needs



#### **Online Collaboration**

✓ Content is maintained and shared for virtual collaboration



### **Grant System Integration**

Shares data with grants systems for application and score transfer



#### **Documentation**

✓ Robust reporting, delivering all review outputs required for award-making



### Peer Review Services



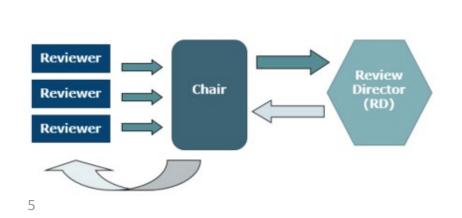
Applications and subject matter experts (SMEs) are grouped into review panels

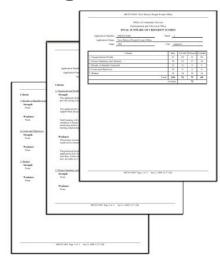


The SMEs, also known as reviewers, work independently to read and score the applications, and work within their panel to provide a detailed summary of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses



Federal program staff review the final evaluation comments and approve the outcomes resulting in final summary statements and a ranking list.





Rank	Raw	Application	
	Score	Number	Organization Name
1	100.00	2020000018	Maryland
2	99.00	2020000014	Indiana
3	99.00	2020000015	Texas
4	97.67	2020000012	New York
5	97.33	2020000022	Los Angeles
6	95.33	2020000013	Los Gatos
7	91.67	2020000011	Lucille Ball University
8	82.33	2020000020	Oregon
9	78.33	2020000019	South Carolina
10	63.33	2020000017	Minnesota
11	0.00	2020000010	Colorado

## Benefits of Reviewer Recruitment Services



### **Online Reviewer Registration**

• SMEs who may be potential reviewers self-register their expertise online and in direct response to agency needs



### **Simple Resource Management**

 Agency grantors have access to their robust pool of potential reviewers on demand, serving their needs year-round



#### **Enhanced SME Searches**

 Customized search options, allowing agencies to find potential reviewers whose skills and experience align with the evaluative criteria of an individual funding opportunity



# Application Review Supplemental Services



Grant-making agencies request ARM supplemental support services to assist them with all stages of their pre-award and general review activities.



Service offerings are designed to tailor to specific program office needs in the areas of peer review logistics support, reviewer and application management.



Program and Grants offices most often request support when their own resources are limited and they require short term assistance, and/or reviews are highly competitive and will benefit from peer review management experts.



## In the Works! ARM Model 8



• Dedicated workflow to support Field Reviews



• Enhanced functionality to support complex review configurations



Usability enhancements





## Q&A / Discussion

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