

GrantSolutions User Guide

Grantor Process: Submit Performance Progress Report on Behalf of Recipient

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Introduction

GrantSolutions provides comprehensive management of Performance Progress Reports (PPRs) for Grantors and Grant Recipients. Federal Grants staff schedule report cycles, determine due dates, and in addition to Grant Recipient staff, Federal Grants staff can electronically submit PPRs. PPRs submitted by Grantors are on behalf of Grant Recipients.

PPRs submitted by Grantors must be on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis, as directed by the Federal agency. When required, a final PPR is submitted at the completion of the award agreement.

ROLES AND ACTIONS

Grantors with the following roles can **initiate**, **view**, **edit**, **submit** and **delete** the PPR:

- Grants Management Officer (GMO)
- Grants Management Specialist (GMS)

PPR STATUSES

PPR statuses change depending on steps taken in the workflow. The PPR statuses are:

- Not Started: Neither Grant Recipient nor Grantor has entered any data in the report
- In Progress: Grant Recipient or Grantor has entered data in the report and not yet submitted
- *Submitted*: Grant Recipient has submitted the report to the Grantor, or Grantor has submitted the report on behalf of the Recipient
- In Review: Grantor has started the review process
- Accepted: Grantor has approved the PPR
- Returned: Grantor has returned the PPR to the Grant Recipient for edits
- Past Due: The PPR Due Date is in the past and the report has not been submitted

The table below details possible actions based on the workflow status.

Workflow Status	Possible Grant Recipient Actions
Not Started	Start Report
In Progress	Edit Report, Print, Download (PDF)
Submitted	View Report, Print, Download (PDF)
In Review	View Report, Print, Download (PDF)
Accepted	View Report, Print, Download (PDF)
Returned	Edit Report, Print, Download (PDF)

Note: Available actions are also dependent on a user's GrantSolutions role.



NOTIFICATIONS

Grant Recipients that can edit and/or submit the PPR receive email notifications from GrantSolutions in the following instances:

- 14 days before the PPR is due
- One day after the PPR is due if the report was not submitted
- When the PPR is submitted by the Grant Recipient
- When the PPR is submitted by the Grantor on behalf of the Grant Recipient
- When the PPR is accepted by the Grantor
- When the PPR is returned by the Grantor for changes

Login and Access Performance Progress Reports List

The GrantSolutions "Manage Reports" screen contains all Grant Projects and associated PPRs for a Grant Program grouped by the current reporting period, past reporting periods, and upcoming reporting periods.

To log into GrantSolutions and access PPRs, complete the following steps:

1. From a browser such as Internet Explorer or Google Chrome, navigate to www.grantsolutions.gov and click the **Login** button.



Figure 1: GrantSolutions Home page - Login button



2. The "GrantSolutions Login" screen appears. Enter your **Username** and **Password** and click the **Submit** button.

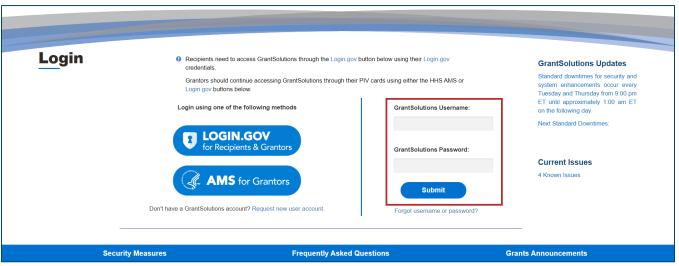


Figure 2: GrantSolutions Login screen

3. The "Grants List" screen appears. To access PPRs, click the **Grants Management** drop-down in the Grants Management Module (GMM) menu bar and select **Manage Reports**.

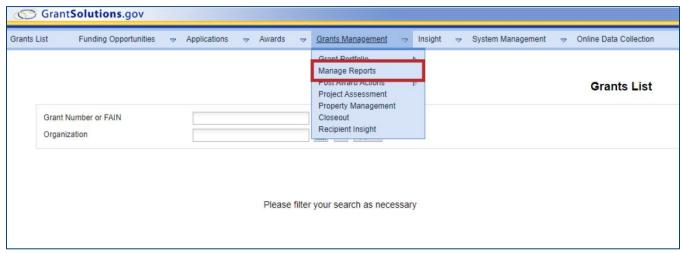


Figure 3: Grants Management tab with Manage Reports option



4. On the "Manage Reports" screen, select a **Search By** option and type corresponding text in the **search** field. If needed, press **Enter** from the keyboard to activate the search.

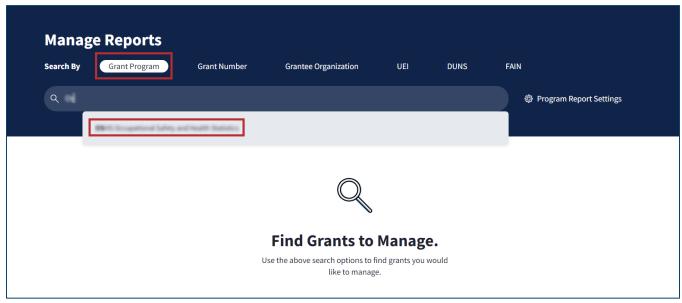


Figure 4: Manage Reports screen with Search section

5. In the results table, click the **View All Reports** button for the desired Grant Project.

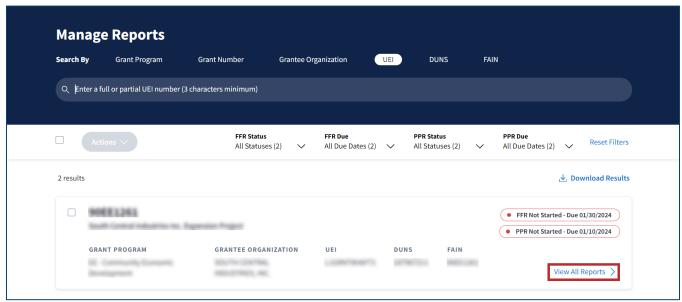


Figure 5: Manage Reports screen with results and View All Reports button



When the screen refreshes, reporting period sections appear below with both FFRs and PPRs.

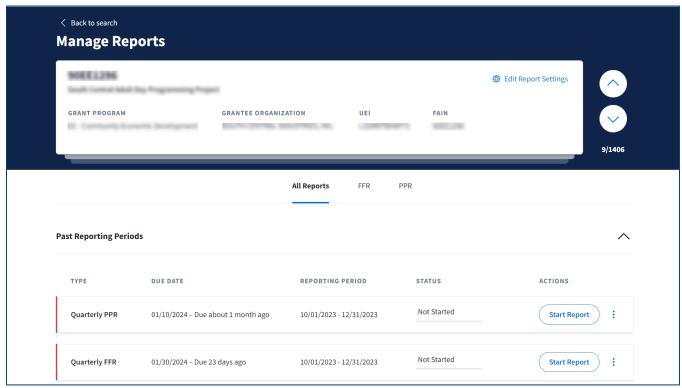


Figure 6: Manage Reports screen



Enter and Submit the Performance Progress Report

Grantors can enter and submit an PPR on behalf of a Grant Recipient once the report period start date has passed. Although PPRs can be submitted late, they will be marked as *Past Due*.

Only PPRs in the *Past Reporting Periods* or *Current Reporting Periods* sections can be started; reports in the *Upcoming Reporting Periods* section are not editable.

To enter and submit an PPR, complete the following steps:

1. From the "Manage Reports List" screen, click the **Start Report** button for the desired PPR with the *Not Started* status.

Note: Alternatively, if the report is started and bears the *In Progress* status, click the **Edit Report** button to complete and submit.

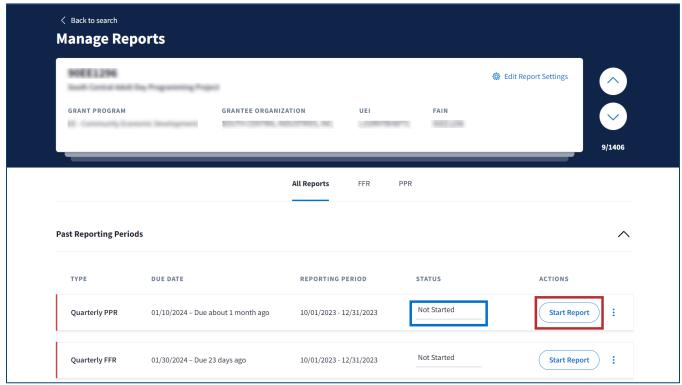


Figure 7: Manage Reports screen with Not Started status and Start Report button



2. The "Performance Progress Report" screen appears. The PPR is divided into several easy to use sections that are combined into a standard format when downloaded or printed. Additionally, to avoid loss of information, the PPR automatically saves as Grantors enter data.

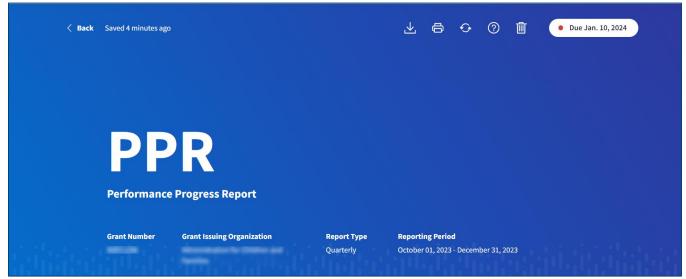


Figure 8: Performance Progress Report screen

The top of the screen contains information about the form, Grant Project, and actions. The PPR header line located at the top of the screen is always visible, even as Grantors scroll through the report and enter data. This header line contains the following:

- a. Back button: Click to return to the "Reports List" screen
- b. Saved status: Last saved time (i.e., 3 minutes ago, 7 days ago, etc.)
- c. Tool-bar:
 - i. Download a zip file with the PDF version of the PPR and any attachments
 - ii. Printer-friendly version of the report (prints what is on the screen)
 - iii. Reset the form and remove all data entered by the Grant Recipient
 - iv. Open the "More Information" page containing PPR instructions
 - v. Delete the form (**Note**: This feature is only available for PPRs that are *In Progress*; a PPR form outside of this status does not have this feature)
- d. **Due Date**: The date the report is due to the Federal agency



Figure 9: PPR header line

3. Scroll down the page to begin entering report data.

The left side of the screen describes the purpose of a section and any instructions. For example,



in the *Review your report details*, Grantors are instructed to verify the pre-filled data and to enter additional information in the appropriate fields as required.

The right side of the screen contains pre-filled information and open fields where data can be entered. Pre-filled information is generally read-only when followed by the lock (\bigcirc)icon.

Click an **information** ()icon for more details about that field.

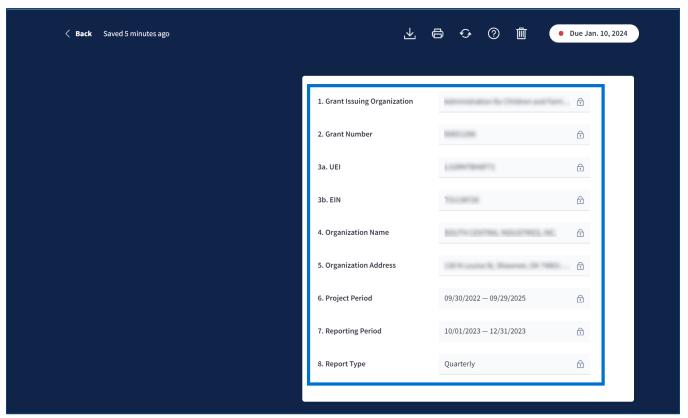


Figure 10: PPR Review your report details section



4. Scroll to the *Report on Your Performance* section and provide a performance narrative in the **Start typing** field. There is a 2000 character limit for narratives provided.

To add an attachment, either select a file by clicking the **Choose Files to Upload** button or **drag and drop** a file from your computer to the PPR *Add Attachments* box. Attachments must follow the requirements listed below:

- Supported file formats include xls, doc, pdf, jpg/jpeg, png and ppt
- A total of 5 files may be uploaded, and the combined file size cannot exceed 5GB
- Do not upload any files containing personally identifiable information, such as name and social security number or any other information that could be used to distinguish a person's identity

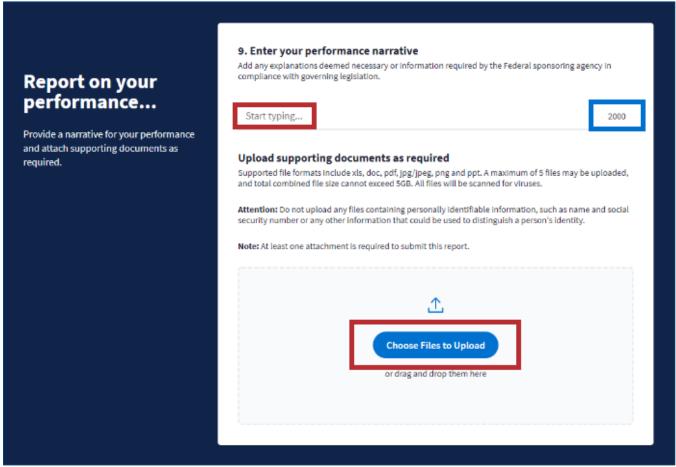


Figure 11: PPR screen with performance narrative line and Choose Files to Upload button



5. After uploading an attachment, the attachment appears. Simultaneously, a "Your attachment was uploaded successfully" message appears in the lower-left corner of the screen. Add additional attachments as needed.

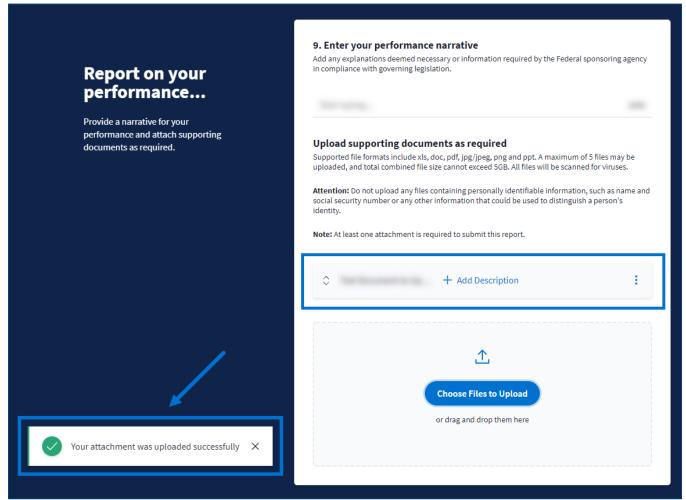


Figure 12: PPR screen with Your attachment was uploaded successfully message



6. In the attachment row, include a description of the attachment by clicking the **Add Description** button.

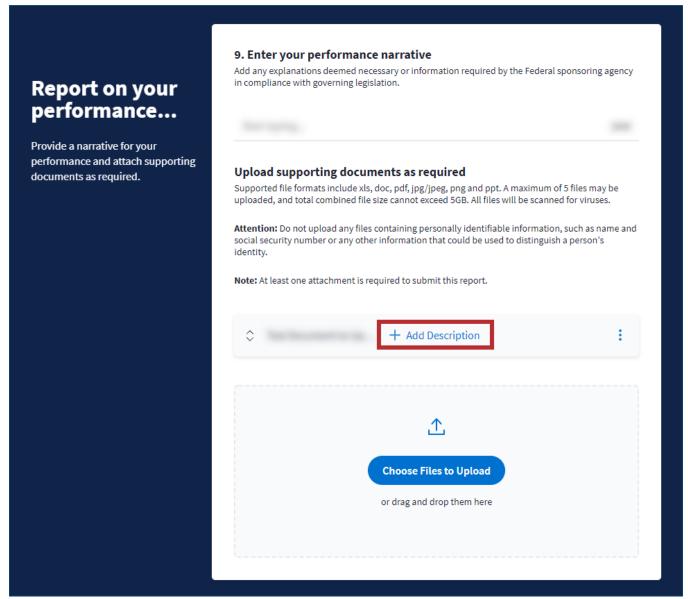


Figure 13: PPR screen with Add Description button



7. On the "Add Description" screen, enter text in the **Enter description** field within the 200 character limit. Click the **Done** button to save and close the screen.

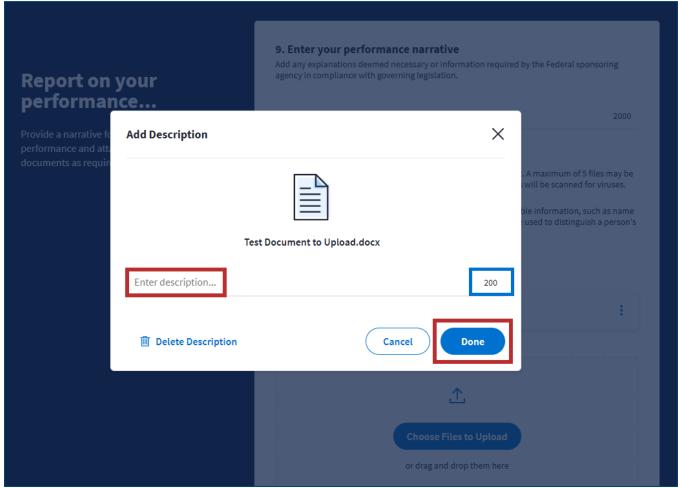


Figure 14: PPR screen with Add Description screen with Enter description line and Done button



- 8. The "Performance Progress Report" screen reappears, and the description is viewable. Click the **Actions List icon (three vertical dots)** to perform additional functions:
 - Edit description: Change the description of the attachment.
 - **Delete attachment**: Remove the attachment and any description.
 - View original file: View the contents of the attachment.

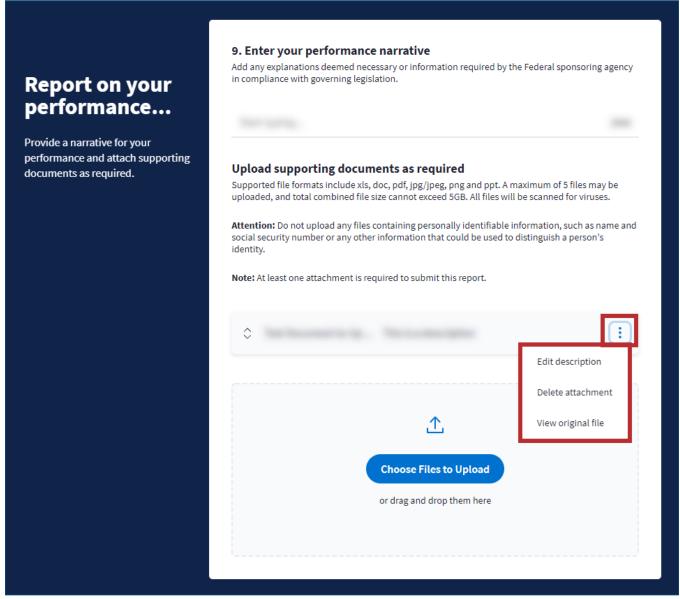


Figure 15: PPR screen with ellipsis button options



Note: After deleting an attachment, the "Your attachment was successfully deleted" message displays in the lower-left corner of the screen.

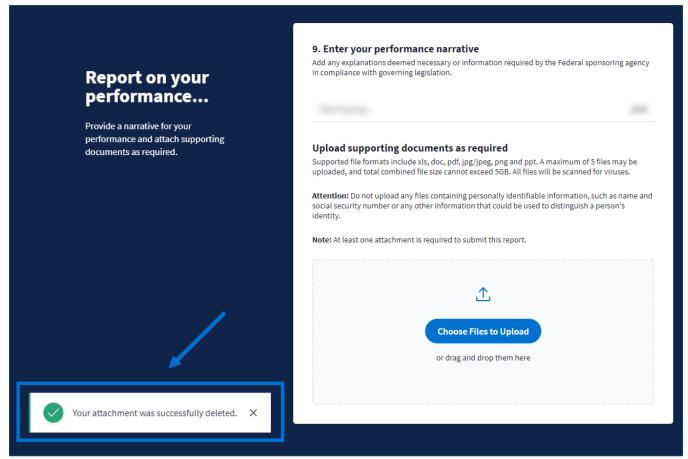


Figure 16: PPR screen with Your attachment was successfully deleted message



9. Scroll to the *Finish and Submit* section. Review and verify that all information is accurate. Certify and sign the form, and click the **Submit Report** button.

Note: The **Submit Report** button will only display if at least one attachment is included with the form.

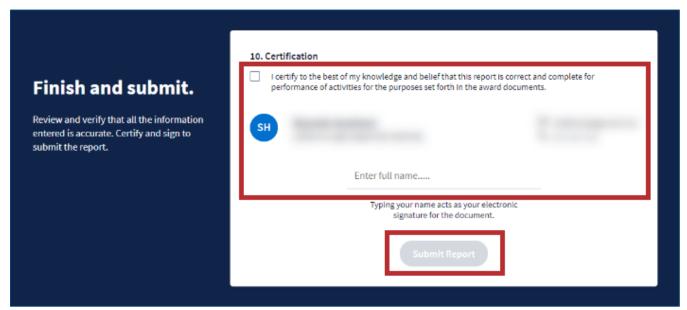


Figure 17: PPR screen Certification line and Submit Report button

10. The "Successfully submitted Performance Progress Report" message appears. To return to the "Reports List" screen, click the **Back** button.

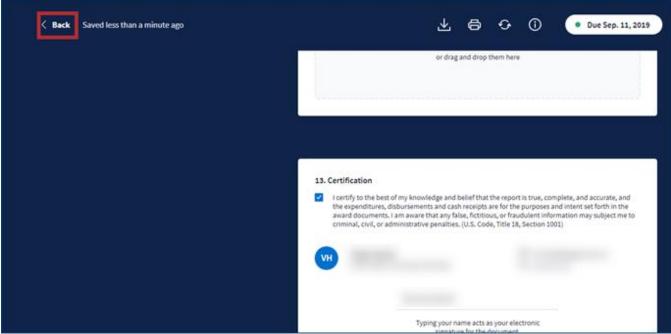


Figure 18: PPR screen with Successful message and Back button



11. "Manage Reports" screen appears and the PPR status is *Submitted*. The report can be viewed at any time and the workflow status tracked from the *Status* button.

Note: The Status button indicates the Grantor submitted the report.

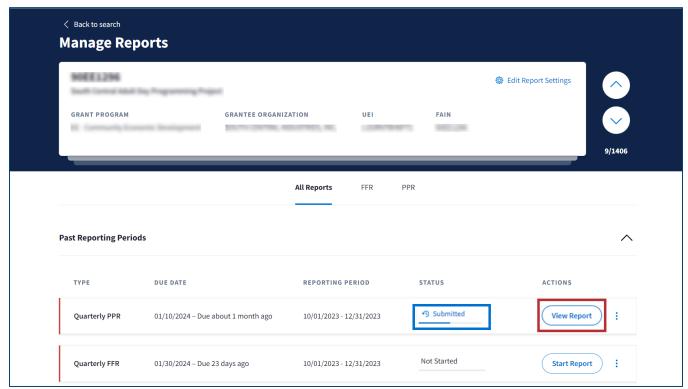


Figure 19: Manage Reports screen with Submitted status and View Report button



The Recipient receives an email notification when a report is submitted. Recipients click the **View Report** button to view the report.

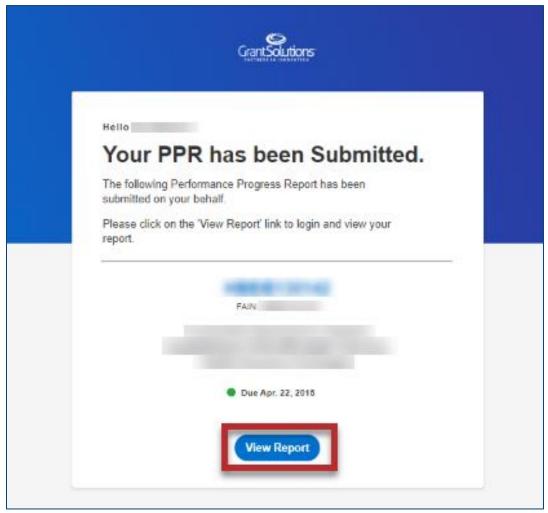


Figure 20: Submitted notification email with View Report button