Governor’s Grants Office
An Overview by: Jennifer Colton, Director
What is a Grant?

- A Grant is a financial award given to a qualified recipient designated for a specific purpose.
Local Government Grant Opportunities

1. Identify your community and department’s needs. What will have the most measurable impact?
2. Research federal, state and foundation grant opportunities via grants.Maryland.gov
3. Prepare the information for the application
4. Submit the application
5. Receive the award
6. Manage the funds
7. Handle reporting/closeout instructions associated with the grant
- The Governor’s Grants Office (GGO) was established more than 15 years ago and is located in Crownsville with other state agencies and coordinating offices.

- More than $14 Billion is expended in the state of Maryland through Federal Grant Programs.

- The GGO is not a Grant Making Agency.
  - Individual state agencies and coordinating offices manage and administer grants directly – whether federal or state funds.
  - Our office does not administer grants.
Objectives

• Provide Training, Support, Resources and Information to our Stakeholders - making smart and efficient grants management decisions to better the state’s grants landscape

• Single point of contact across all state agencies in an efforts to identify and advertise grant opportunities

• Provide Technical Assistance on a variety of grants related topics

• Customer Service

• Networking – connect agency and community partners with each other, encourage and increase collaboration
Outreach Snapshot

• **Trainings Provided in 2019:**
  
  • Agency POC’s Engagement – 10 +
  
  • Workshops / Conferences – 10 +
  
  • Nonprofit / Community Organization Visits – 40+
  
  • **Annual Conference** – October 29, 2018

• **Resources & Information Available:**
  
  • Grants Office Website
  
  • Brochure
Annual Conference

Fall Conference hosts approximately 600 guests every year. Covers a range of grant-related topics for attendees from federal agencies, Maryland State grant-making agencies, other state government representatives, non-profits, and community organizations.
Ongoing Initiatives

Grants Management System Project
Through the Dept. of IT, $2.5 Million has been included in the Governor’s Major IT Project Budget. These funds are critical in the streamlining of processes, development of polices, training, development of resources and implementation of an enterprise solution for grants management.

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Legislation
Sen. Kagan’s “Common Application” bill
Adoption of the Federal Uniform Guidance
Creation of Council on Grants
Listening Sessions

Grants Management System Project
As part of our expanded capabilities, we will hold listening sessions with our stakeholders around the state throughout 2020
Please let us know if you, your staff, or any of your key constituents (businesses, non-profits, community groups) would like to participate
Questions / Comments

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