

GRANTS QSMO

Grants QSMO In Partnership With

Council on Federal Financial
Assistance (COFFA):

**Grants Management Solutions and
Services Market Research Request
for Information (RFI)**

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1.0 Introduction and Background Information

1.1 The Grants Quality Service Management Office (Grants QSMO)

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-19-16, Centralized Mission Support Capabilities for the Federal Government, created the Quality Service Management Offices (QSMOs) for select mission-support functions: Grants Management, Cybersecurity Services, Core Financial Management, and Civilian HR Transaction Services. QSMOs are tasked with offering solutions (i.e., technology systems and associated non-technology services) that, over time, will improve customer satisfaction, automate processes, modernize technology, standardize data and related processes, and achieve efficiencies in time and money across the government.

In January 2021, OMB designated the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the Grants Management QSMO (Grants QSMO) to transform government-wide grants management end-to-end. The Grants QSMO's mission is to empower and enable applicants, recipients, and federal awarding agencies government-wide (see Appendix B) to maximize mission impact by facilitating development and adoption of customer-focused, innovative, and efficient solutions and services. The Grants QSMO partners with individual federal awarding agencies, inter-agency working groups and governance committees, state and local program managers and recipients, and industry professional organizations to assess opportunities to improve the grants information technology (IT) landscape, collaborate on solutions, and implement actions that move the government as a whole toward improved mission delivery through reliance on customer feedback loops and use of data as a strategic asset driving modernization of processes, systems, and services.

A key objective for achieving the Grants QSMO's strategic goals is to operate and govern a Marketplace of offerings that modernizes the aging IT ecosystem, meets customer demand and mission needs, and reduces the size and fragmentation of the federal grants IT landscape. The Grants QSMO launched the Grants QSMO Marketplace of Federal Shared Service Providers (see Appendix A) in September 2022. The Marketplace is an online catalog of Grants QSMO-validated federal shared solutions/services that provide quality, trusted services for grants management. The Marketplace covers functions and activities across the grants management lifecycle, as aligned to the Federal Integrated Business Framework (FIBF) for Grants Management (GRM) (see Section 2.0 and Appendix A). The Marketplace also provides federal awarding agency customers with detailed information about each solution/service to support and inform decisions regarding adoption of shared solutions/services, as well as information regarding mandatory federal solutions/services utilized in the grants management lifecycle. The Grants QSMO continues to expand and mature the Marketplace to provide options for solution/service offerings that address the varying needs of all federal awarding agency customers.

The Grants QSMO Marketplace Shared Service Providers do not have the capacity and capability to meet the needs of all 52 federal awarding agencies across the government. As a result, the Grants QSMO also advises agencies on procurement of commercial solutions and services, working with agencies to identify options through market research, draft Request for Proposals, and advising on technical reviews. As part of this duty, Grants QSMO facilitates market research with a government-wide review team to be better informed about the commercial market and to make recommendations to agencies about solutions that are likely to meet their needs. The market research process is discussed more fully in section 4.0 of this document.

1.2 Council on Federal Financial Assistance

The Grants QSMO is releasing its third market research Request for Information (RFI) in partnership with the recently formed Council on Federal Financial Assistance (COFFA).

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-23-19 established the COFFA in 2023 to improve government-wide cross-agency coordination, transparency, and accountability of federal financial assistance. It is comprised of the 24 agencies outlined in the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act and a representative from the Small Agency Council. As specified in the OMB Memo, Senior Financial Assistance Officers (SFAOs), as designated by the Deputy Secretary from each agency, will serve as representatives to the COFFA to fulfill key COFFA responsibilities in “providing strategic direction, policy recommendations, and priority-setting for other Government-wide grant-related activities (e.g., Financial Assistance Committee for E-Government (FACE), Grants Management Quality Service Management Office (QSMO)).”

Since inception, the COFFA has partnered with the Grants QSMO on issues such as administrative burden for agencies and applicants, technology, policy, and oversight concerns, and strategic direction for federal grant-making agencies. It is also assisting the Grants QSMO with the preparation of this RFI and review of responses. As a high-level, cross-government governance body focused on providing a single forum to inform federal financial assistance direction, the COFFA is a valuable partner to the Grants QSMO in helping further its mission.

2.0 Grants Management Functional Areas

The Federal Integrated Business Framework (FIBF) is a model that enables the Federal government to better coordinate and document common business needs across agencies and focus on outcomes, data, processes, and performance. It is the essential first step towards standards that will drive economies of scale and leverage the government’s buying power. The FIBF includes five components: Federal Business Lifecycle, Business Capabilities, Business Use Cases, Standard Data Elements, and Performance Metrics. Federal Business Lifecycles, functional areas, functions, and activities serve as the basis for a common understanding of what services agencies need and solutions should offer.

The FIBF for Grants Management (FIBF GRM) is the federal government mission-support Functional Area that the Grants QSMO uses to benchmark the capabilities of grants management systems, and to which it encourages federal Marketplace providers and commercial vendors to align. The FIBF GRM Business Lifecycle breaks the grants lifecycle down into 6 functional areas and 16 activities, as detailed in Table 1. Full descriptions of the FIBF GRM functions and activities can be found at <https://ussm.gsa.gov/fibf-gm/>.

Table 1: FIBF GRM Functions and Activities

GRM Service Function ID	GRM Service Activity
GRM.010 Grant Program Administration	GRM.010.010 Grant Program Set-up and Maintenance
	GRM.010.020 Grant Program Funding Opportunity
GRM.020 Grant Pre-Award Management	GRM.020.010 Grant Application Support and Receipt
	GRM.020.020 Grant Application Review and Selection
GRM.030 Grant Award Management	GRM.030.010 Grant Award Issuance
	GRM.030.020 Grant Award Payment Processing
	GRM.040.010 Grant Award Modification
	GRM.040.020 Grant Award Performance Review

GRM.040 Grant Post-Award Management and Closeout	GRM.040.030 Grant Award Financial Review
	GRM.040.040 Grant Award Compliance Review
	GRM.040.050 Grant Award Risk Management
	GRM.040.060 Grant Award Closeout
GRM.050 Grant Program Oversight	GRM.050.010 Grant Program Reporting and Review
	GRM.050.020 Grant Program Closeout
GRM.060 Grant Recipient Oversight	GRM.060.010 Grant Recipient Indirect Cost Rate Negotiation
	GRM.060.020 Grant Recipient Single Audit

2.1 Award Management Systems

While the Grants QSMO works with stakeholders to modernize the government-wide grants IT landscape for systems and services across the entirety of the grants business lifecycle, current demand in the federal government is for award management systems. Award management systems typically have functionality supporting these FIBF activities:

- GRM.020.010 Grant Application Support and Receipt
- GRM.020.020 Grant Application Review and Selection
- GRM.030.010 Grant Award Issuance
- GRM.040.010 Grant Award Modification
- GRM.040.020 Grant Award Performance Review
- GRM.040.030 Grant Award Financial Review
- GRM.040.040 Grant Award Compliance Review
- GRM.040.060 Grant Award Closeout

At a minimum, an award management system should have functionality to receive and review grant applications, issue notices of award, process award modifications, produce reports on key award data, and close out an award. These functions may be achieved through separate modules or through an end-to-end packaged system, and most systems will have capabilities in additional business lifecycle areas, such as posting Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) via a Grants.gov API or receiving performance reports from awardees.

The target respondents to this RFI are commercial vendors and/or integrators of award management systems. Grants QSMO is pleased to accept responses from vendors of solutions outside this specific category and will keep all responses available for agencies to review in the event an agency is seeking such a solution. The Catalog of Market Research will specifically feature award management systems.

3.0 Grants IT in the Federal Government

In 2023, 52 federal awarding agencies through their more than 120 sub-agencies administered approximately \$1.1 trillion in grants, managed via more than 100 unique award management systems. At the same time, Grants QSMO estimates agencies invested more than \$1 billion in 2023 for grants-related information technology, based on ITDashboard.gov investments data either categorized or described by reporting agencies as pertaining to grants. Further, based on system descriptions provided by agencies in ITDashboard.gov reporting, Grants QSMO estimates agencies will spend approximately \$400 million on award management systems in 2024.

The current validated federal grants shared service providers do not have sufficient capacity and capability to meet the expansive needs of the 52 grant-making agencies for grants IT systems and services. To address this gap in the Marketplace and meet the full scope of demands of awarding agencies, the Grants QSMO created and maintains a Catalog of Market Research to assist agencies seeking commercial solutions for their grants IT needs. Through its OMB-designated advisory role in grants IT acquisitions and its services in market research, the Grants QSMO seeks to ensure that federal awarding agencies find the best solutions to meet their needs while modernizing their grants IT systems in accordance with the Grants QSMO Seven Guiding Principles for Modernization (see Appendix A):

- Customer Focus and Improved Mission Delivery
- Guide Agencies on Adoption of Business, Data, and Technology Standards
- Make Purposeful and Strategic Investments
- Balance Promoting Innovation with Stability of Operations
- Adhere to CIOC, Security, and Emerging Technology Standards
- Treat Data as a Strategic Asset
- Employ Agile Development of Interchangeable, Interoperable Solutions.

The Grants QSMO maintains active and regular engagement across the federal government with grants professionals, including federal agency executives, Senior Financial Assistance Officers (SFAOs), Senior Accountable Points of Contact (SAPOCs), and others, to advise on grants IT investments. These engagements are designed to assist and advise partner agencies on IT strategy, investments, and acquisition solutions to meet grants systems demand and pursue modernization where applicable, fulfilling the Grants QSMO duty as defined by OMB.

When working with agencies to modernize their grants IT systems, the Grants QSMO advises agencies to consider federal shared services and leverage Grants QSMO market research. If those options cannot meet agency needs, agencies must complete an Investment Action Plan with the Grants QSMO in preparation for a new acquisition. In all cases, the Grants QSMO advises federal agencies to avoid building custom solutions. For further details about the Grants QSMO's role in agency investments, see the Grants QSMO Marketplace (Appendix A).

4.0 Grants QSMO Market Research Process

This RFI and the subsequent market research process will enable the Grants QSMO to assess the state of the commercial grants IT market, gather input from vendors on topics of interest to the Grants QSMO, and refresh the Catalog of Market Research with vendors likely to meet the grants IT needs of federal awarding agencies. The Catalog of Market Research, with periodic updates, will be the primary tool for Grants QSMO recommendations to agencies pursuing commercial acquisitions of grants award management systems until the next planned Grants QSMO RFI in 2026. Additionally, vendors providing solutions/services outside of grants award management systems will be included in a government-only reference library to support agencies' market research needs based on the applicable FIBF grants management area.

While inclusion in the Catalog of Market Research based on responses to this RFI represents no commitment from the government to award future contracts, Grants QSMO market research enables agencies seeking commercial grants IT systems to solicit a select pool of vendors in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 8.405/16.505 (see Appendix A).

Vendors should submit their responses to this RFI via General Services Administration's Market Research as a Service (GSA MRAS) no later than April 30, 2024, 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Following submission, the Grants QSMO will, in partnership with the COFFA, establish a team of governmentwide grants professionals to review submitted responses. In the past, the team has been comprised of about 20 reviewers from at least 10 agencies. Aligning to agency demand, the review team's priority focus will be award management systems as defined in section 2.1.

Following review of written submissions, vendors whose products are determined to have a high likelihood of being able to meet the needs of federal awarding agencies will be invited for individual (virtual) meetings with members of the review team. During vendor meetings, the team may ask clarifying questions about written responses, view live product demos, and/or request additional information not included in this RFI. Ultimately, based on the totality of information available, the review team in coordination with the Grants QSMO will decide on vendors/solutions to include in the Catalog of Market Research.

4.1 Market Research Priorities

The Grants QSMO works closely with federal awarding agencies to understand their challenges and identify solutions that are likely to meet their needs. As an outgrowth of that engagement, the Grants QSMO has developed this RFI in coordination with the COFFA, Grants QSMO Steering Committee, and an internal federal awarding agency working group to ensure the information requested throughout the RFI accurately reflects federal awarding agencies' highest priorities, as listed below.

Note that although these priorities form the basis for the team's review of RFI responses, this list should not be considered all-inclusive, and could change based on additional feedback from the review team. The team will review the totality of each vendor's response and exercise collective judgement to select vendors for the Catalog of Market Research of award management systems, as defined in section 2.1. Inclusion in the Catalog of Market Research is not a guarantee of future contracts, nor is non-inclusion a guarantee that a vendor will not have the opportunity to bid on future contracts. Agencies may release a solicitation to only Catalog of Market Research vendors based on FAR 8.405/16.505 (see Appendix A) or more broadly at the agency's discretion.

For the purpose of this market research, priorities include but are not limited to:

- Solution is an award management system, as described in Section 2.1 of this RFI;
- Solution is Software-as-a-Service;
 - While all award management system RFI responses will be reviewed and considered, the Grants QSMO strongly recommends SaaS solutions to agencies;
- Solution has out-of-the-box, highly configurable grants management functionality that does not require code changes for use by a federal agency;
- Solution has capabilities to scale varying sized federal government awarding agencies providing grants management SaaS solutions in accordance with [2CFR200](#);
- Solution aligns to the Federal Integrated Business Framework for Grants Management, per section 2.1 of this RFI;
- Solution can interface with Grants.gov, SAM.gov, Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC.gov), and other relevant systems such as Login.gov or financial systems in use by federal agencies;
- Vendor / system has processes to collect and act on customer and recipient user feedback;
 - Vendor / system prioritizes user-centered design;

- Solution features include a recipient-facing interface for information intake and communication, (e.g. request award modifications, submit performance reports, etc.);
- Solution has or is able to obtain FedRAMP certification or Federal Authority to Operate;
- Solution is able to produce Financial Assistance Broker Submission (FABS)-compliant data extracts to meet Governmentwide Spending Data Model (GSDM)/USAspending.gov federal award reporting requirements;
- Solution is available for federal acquisition via GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) and/or Government-Wide Acquisition Vehicles (GWACs);
- Solution demo adequately addresses the specified FIBF business cases.

5.0 Information Sought and Submission Instructions

Please review the questions below and provide your responses within the GSA Market Research as a Service (MRAS) system and the accompanying Excel workbook as indicated for each question. Complete and detailed responses will assist the Grants QSMO in providing relevant market research data to federal awarding agencies researching options for grants management systems and modernization efforts.

*In an effort to improve the customer agency experience, the Grants QSMO is giving vendors the option of allowing specific parts of their response to be included on the public side of Acquisition Gateway, a website operated by General Services Administration (see Appendix A). If you provide information that you *do not* want made public on Acquisition Gateway, please use the appropriate fields in the Excel workbook to indicate which information should be restricted to federal agency access only. Requests to restrict information from public availability *will not* impact consideration for inclusion in the Grants QSMO Catalog of Market Research.*

Please attend the Grants QSMO RFI optional office hour on Thursday, April 4, from 1:00-2:00 PM ET, using the following ZoomGov link:

<https://hhs.gov.zoomgov.com/j/1603183293?pwd=S2Q0ZCszMVBPR0d3OXVpSUFkSVVoZz09>

Meeting ID: 160 318 3293

Passcode: 121512

Once finalized, please submit your response no later than April 30th, 2024; 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

Please elaborate on the following:

I. VENDOR AND SOLUTION INFORMATION – EXCEL WORKBOOK:
please complete this workbook ONLY if your product is an award management system, as defined in section 2.1, which is currently in production or will be within 6 months. Upload your response to the RFI Survey in the “RFI Response Workbook” section.

The following list of sheets and information details corresponds to data fields in the Excel workbook. Please make all entries in the Excel workbook, using this document for reference.

SHEET A. SOLUTION DETAILS

1) *Solution Information:*

- a) Solution Name
 - b) Financial Assistance Broker Submission (FABS) File: Does your system produce a FABS data extract capturing federal award information that is compliant with the formatting, validation rules, and procedural requirements of the Governmentwide Spending Data Model (GSDM) (see Appendix A)? Please note that vendors considered for inclusion in the Catalog of Market Research may be asked to provide a sample data extract to demonstrate capability.
 - c) Document Storage: Please list the types of documents stored in the system (i.e., grant applications, application supplementary documents, etc.).
 - d) Document Storage Limitations: Please succinctly list relevant restrictions on document storage and retrieval, such as cybersecurity level (PII, PHI), document size, total storage availability constraints, document format limitations, download limitations, etc.
 - e) Available Languages: For recipient-facing systems, please list what languages are supported.
 - f) Solution Interfaces (see Appendix A: SAM.gov APIs, Grants.gov System-to-System): Please provide the interfaces/integrations your solution *already* includes, and indicate whether the interface is:
 - Standard: integration to the specified system is a standard component of your solution.
 - Available, Not Standard: integration capability is built but does not come as a standard component in the product. Can be added to the solution (possibly for a fee).
 - Not available: integration to the specified system does not currently exist for the solution.
 - g) Financial Assistance Types: What types of financial assistance are currently managed by your system? Financial assistance types are defined in USAspending (see Appendix A).
- 2) *FedRAMP Information (see Appendix A):*
- a) Infrastructure: Please indicate your infrastructure provider.
 - b) Infrastructure FedRAMP Status: What is the FedRAMP status for your solution/service at the infrastructure level?
 - c) Platform: Please indicate your platform provider.
 - d) Platform FedRAMP Status: What is the FedRAMP status for your solution/service at the platform level?
 - e) Software Application Name: What is the name of your solution software (as listed in the FedRAMP Marketplace, if applicable)?
 - f) Software Application FedRAMP Status: What is the FedRAMP status for your solution/service at the software level?
 - g) FedRAMP Package IDs: Please provide the FedRAMP package IDs as applicable for your infrastructure, platform, and software.
 - h) Authority to Operate (ATO): List any federal agencies from which you have an active ATO for *this specific award management system*.

To complete Sheet B: GRM Activity Alignment, refer to the FIBF Lifecycle and Activity Descriptions in the sheet or FIBF Grants Management Federal Business Lifecycle website (see Appendix A) for a full description of functions and activities. Indicate whether your solution already has functionality in each activity area and describe how your solution fulfills the function and activity requirement. Details about planned product updates can also be provided in the “Comments” column.

SHEET: “C. DEMO LINK”

If you have an existing grants management solution, please provide a link to recorded (e.g., video) demonstrations of your solution. The demonstrations should not exceed 60 minutes, total. Low-cost demonstration videos are encouraged. Please demonstrate the below scenarios (either together or separate, in a manner that addresses the business use cases flow of events):

- 080.GRM.L1.01 Discretionary Grants with Cost Share Requirement:
<https://ussm.gsa.gov/assets/files/GRM.Business.Use.Case.080.GRM.L1.01.Discretionary.Grants.with.Cost.Share.Requirement.v1.1.pdf>
- 080.GRM.L1.02 Non-Discretionary Grants to State/Local Governments with SubAwards:
<https://ussm.gsa.gov/assets/files/GRM.Business.Use.Case.080.GRM.L1.02.Non-Discretionary.Grants.to.StateLocal.Governments.with.Sub-Awards.v1.1.pdf>

SHEET: “D. CUSTOMER REFERENCES”

- a) Customer List: Please list up to 10 customers *of your award management solution* to demonstrate your experience in grants management and the maturity of your product.
- b) Small Business Partners: If applicable, please list any small business partners you have previously implemented with (if you would recommend implementing with them again in the future) and for which customer they partnered with you. Ex: Company A: Agency A, Agency B, Agency C.
- c) Please provide reference contact information and contract details (to be kept confidential) for *up to three* past performances from within the last 3 years that demonstrate your ability to scale to the federal workspace. Note that the RFI review team and Grants QSMO may contact your references to verify the work and solicit performance feedback.

Appendix A: Supplementary Resources (alphabetical)

Acquisition Gateway: [Acquisition Gateway](#) is a login enabled website maintained by General Services Administration (GSA) where Grants QSMO has centralized resources for federal awarding agencies, notably the results from Grants QSMO commercial market research. Following the Grants QSMO 2024 market research process, the Catalog of Market Research will be made publicly available on Acquisition Gateway.

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR): “[Federal Acquisition Regulation 8.405-2, Ordering procedures for services requiring a statement of work](#)” and “[16.505 Ordering](#)” describe the ordering procedures for agency solicitations.

Federal Integrated Business Framework (FIBF) for Grants Management: The [FIBF for Grants Management \(FIBF GRM\)](#) is the federal government mission-support Functional Area that the Grants QSMO uses to benchmark the capabilities of grants management systems, and to which it encourages federal Marketplace providers and commercial vendors to align.

FedRAMP: The [Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program \(FedRAMP\)](#) provides a standardized approach to security authorizations for Cloud Service Offerings.

General Services Administration (GSA) eLibrary: The [General Services Administration \(GSA\) eLibrary](#) is the primary repository for contractor awards, contractor information to include the Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) [[MAS SIN to NAICS alignment](#)], and IT Government Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs).

Government Accountability Office (GAO) report: Government-wide grants management modernization efforts by HHS Office of Grants and Grants QSMO were highlighted in [GAO-24-106008, Grants Management: HHS Has Taken Steps to Modernize Government-wide Grants Management](#). The GAO report findings highlight the work Grants QSMO has done to empower and enable federal awarding agencies, applicants, and recipients with modern tools to deliver on the federal grants mission.

Governmentwide Spending Data Model (GSDM): Formerly known as the DATA Act Information Model Schema (DAIMS), the [GSDM](#) “is the authoritative source for the terms, definitions, formats, and structures for hundreds of distinct data elements that tell the story of how federal dollars are spent.” GSDM defines the standards agencies use to report financial data to USAspending.gov. GSDM covers several different types of reported information, only some of which is contained in grant or award systems. For purposes of this RFI, the key relevant GSDM information is that reported to the Financial Assistance Broker Submission (FABS) module of the USAspending Data Broker in the format captured in the [GSDM Reporting Submission Specification \(RSS\)](#) [FABS tab], and subject to additional form and content requirements in the [Validation Rules](#) [rules with a ‘FABS’ label] and the [Practices and Procedures](#) [Section 2 + Appendix]. Note that a sample file in the FABS format is available on [Treasury’s GSDM homepage](#).

Grants.gov System-to-System: [Grants.gov System-to-System \(S2S\)](#) is an interface for Applicants and Agencies to perform the Find and Apply functions of grants management. Applicants and grantor agencies typically integrate the Grants.gov web services into their existing grants management systems to provide a seamless user interface to their grants staff.

Grants QSMO Marketplace: The [Grants QSMO Marketplace](#) is an online catalog of Grants QSMO-validated federal shared solutions/services that provide quality, trusted services for grants management. Marketplace providers cover functions and activities across the grants management lifecycle, as aligned to the Federal Integrated Business Framework (FIBF) for Grants Management (GRM). The Marketplace also provides federal awarding agency customers with detailed information about each solution/service to support and inform decisions regarding adoption of shared solutions/services, as well as information regarding mandatory federal solutions/services utilized in the grants management lifecycle.

Grants QSMO Seven Guiding Principles: The Grants QSMO Seven Guiding Principles for Grants Technology Modernization define the principles upon which the Grants QSMO acts in assessing the quality of solutions and services in use in the federal government and being considered for use by agencies planning IT modernizations. They can be found on page 2 of the [Investment Action Plan Template](#).

Investment Action Plan: OMB Memos M-19-16, M-21-20, and M-22-12 require agencies to engage the Grants QSMO when considering a grants IT investment. The Grants QSMO [Investment Review process](#) ensures an agency investing in grants IT aligns the project to the Grants QSMO’s Seven Guiding Principles for Grants Technology Modernization, leverages Grants QSMO market research, shared resources, and best practices, and avoids duplicative investments across the government. The [Grants QSMO Marketplace](#) website houses details about the Grants QSMO’s role in agency investment planning (see “How should federal awarding agencies use the Grants QSMO Marketplace” under Marketplace FAQs).

OMB Memos: The following OMB memos establish the Quality Service Management Offices, outline their duties, and create requirements for agencies to consult with the QSMOs on modernization.

- OMB Memo M-19-16 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/M-19-16.pdf>)
- OMB Memo M-22-12 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/M-22-12.pdf>)
- OMB Memo M-22-02 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/M-22-02.pdf>)
- OMB Memo M-21-20 (https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/M_21_20.pdf)

SAM.gov APIs: [GSA Open Technologies](#) contains links to Application Programming Interface (API) documentation for various government system APIs, including SAM.gov Entity Management, Opportunity Management, and others.

USAspending.gov: The [USAspending Data Dictionary](#) and Glossary (“Find Resources” dropdown menu, “Glossary”) contain details about financial assistance types. The types of financial assistance are listed in the data dictionary under “AssistanceType,” and definitions of the assistance types listed (e.g. Block Grant, Formula Grant, etc.) can be found by searching the Glossary for the relevant term.

Appendix B: Federal Awarding Agencies Partnering with the Grants QSMO

The Grants QSMO has identified 52 Agencies, Commissions, and Boards that award grants, collectively referred to as “federal awarding agencies” (outlined below with corresponding grants volume)¹.

	Agency	FY23 Grants Volume (Transactions)
1	AmeriCorps (AmeriCorps)	2,661
2	Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	600
3	Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC)	-
4	Delta Regional Authority (DRA)	64
5	Denali Commission (DENALI)	183
6	Department of Agriculture (USDA)	43,036
7	Department of Commerce (DOC)	5,697
8	Department of Defense (DOD)	24,112

¹ Based on USAspending.gov FY23 data. Excludes non-discretionary Medicare and Medicaid. Some agencies may not have grants volume because they did not issue grants or because they do not report grants to USAspending.



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9	Department of Education (ED)	27,867
10	Department of Energy (DOE)	10,703
11	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	260,909
12	Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	38,009
13	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	80,113
14	Department of Justice (DOJ)	2,465
15	Department of Labor (DOL)	8,069
16	Department of State (DOS)	13,202
17	Department of the Interior (DOI)	29,492
18	Department of the Treasury (TREAS)	2,513
19	Department of Transportation (DOT)	123,210
20	Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	5,077
21	Election Assistance Commission (EAC)	75
22	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	6,990
23	Executive Office of the President (EOP)	919
24	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	-
25	Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS)	-
26	Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC)	-
27	Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (GCERC)	80
28	Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)	1,281
29	Inter-American Foundation (IAF)	169
30	James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation (JMMFF)	-
31	Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC)	-
32	Library of Congress (LOC)	-
33	Marine Mammal Commission (MMC)	-
34	Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)	52
35	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	9,989
36	National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)	152
37	National Credit Union Association (NCUA)	-
38	National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	3,398
39	National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	1,948
40	National Science Foundation (NSF)	29,756
41	Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)	-
42	Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	123
43	Small Business Administration (SBA)	978
44	Social Security Administration (SSA)	-
45	Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC)	-
46	Southwest Border Regional Commission (SBRC)	-
47	U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF)	-
48	U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM)	15
49	U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)	6,659
50	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)	-
51	U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP)	-
52	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (WWISC)	-