

## **News Release**

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## GRANTS.GOV ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF "APPLY" PILOT

Washington, D.C. -- Grants.gov, a cross-agency initiative lead by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, today announced the successful completion of a pilot test of the new "Apply" feature on the government-wide Grants.gov Web site (www.grants.gov).

Apply is a function of Grants.gov that allows the grant community to download, complete and submit applications for grant opportunities offered by Federal agencies. The Grants.gov Program Management Office (PMO) used the pilot program to test the steps required in the application process. The pilot results will be used to refine the Apply feature in time for the official launch of the Grants.gov website on October 31, 2003. This launch will include the Apply feature as well as the Find Grant Opportunities feature, which currently allows the grant community to search for information on more than 600 grant opportunities from all 26 Federal grant-making agencies. The Find feature has been available to the grant community since July 14, 2003.

Over 20 grant-making Agencies fully participated in the Apply Pilot. These Agencies received 56 applications from 38 grant community pilot applicants. "I'm very pleased with the high level of commitment on behalf of the agencies and organizations involved," said Charles Havekost, Grants.gov Program Manager.

"This exciting announcement demonstrates that the Grants.gov team is nearing its goal of becoming the 'one stop grants shop' where organizations can easily find and apply for billions of dollars in Federal grant opportunities," Havekost added.

Grants.gov is the result of a collaborative effort among the Grants.gov PMO, its Executive Board, Federal Agencies, and a range of public and private sector partners representing the interests of the grant applicant community. Grants.gov is one of the 24 Federal cross-agency E-Government initiatives supporting the President's Management Agenda.

For more information, visit the Grants.gov website (<u>www.Grants.gov</u>).

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## **Grants.gov Apply Pilot Participants\***

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Environmental Protection Agency
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration
National Endowment for the Arts
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Science Foundation
U.S. Agency for International Development
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Social Security Administration

<sup>\*</sup>This list of pilot participants completed all required steps for completion of their role in the pilot. For agencies, completion required the participant to post an application package and download an applicant's completed application.