

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Participation in the Government-wide Streamlining and Grants.gov Efforts

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has a small grant-making program, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), which has an average appropriation of \$6 million. The Commission awards approximately 95-100 discretionary grants per fiscal year. The staff of the Commission numbers eleven at the present time. While we are not members of any of the working groups, a representative of the NHPRC, and often a NARA information technology staff member, attends the monthly meetings of the E-Grants Stakeholders so we can stay up-to-date on the progress of the group and participate in discussions and survey groups. The NHPRC has also been actively involved in providing program information to the group's research contractors and participated in a focus group for the first version of the Grants.gov site.

Internal Efforts to Create an Environment Conducive to Grants Streamlining and Simplification

General Approach

The NHPRC, along with NARA's policy staff and information technology staff, have been working to prepare for the changes that will result from the streamlining efforts. We have examined our core and non-core requirements for grant applications, and are working on how best to prepare our internal IT systems to interface with Grants.gov.

Preparing for the Recent and Coming Changes Affecting the Pre-Award Process

Electronic Synopsis

We actively participated in the pilot of FedBizOpps and currently have all our announcements posted in FedGrants.gov (the successor to FedBizOpps).

Announcement Template

We have and will continue to use the template in FedGrants.gov for all our announcements.

The Grants.gov Portal and Electronic Applications

We have reviewed and identified our non-core data elements and provided them to the Grants.gov team. We are continuing to analyze the need for these elements on a long-term basis. The NARA IT team is looking at ways to allow the electronic receipt of NHPRC applications and how to interface with the Grants.gov portal.