

# Federal Grant Matching & the Nevada Grant Matching Program Training Q & A

## General Grant Matching Q&A

Q. If a specialized professional is volunteering his work, can his usual rates when not volunteering be used as a valuation?

A. Yes, specialized, or professional rates can be used when volunteering his or her work. Note, proper documentation and back up will need to be provided and approved as it deviates from the nationwide or set standard. Backup documents should include 3 to 5 sources demonstrating the specialized skill set and the requested rate. Remember to always speak with your Federal Program Officer and have this approved and documented.

Q. If a Federal Grant is passed through a state agency, is it still federal dollars?

A. Yes, federal funds follow the source.

Q. Can you have a mix of cash and In-Kind match?

A. Yes, you may have a mix of cash and in-kind match.

## NV Grant Matching Program Q&A

Q. What is the turnaround time on a GMP application decision?

A. Your average timeline from application to approval (notice provided) is about 2 to 3 weeks, at most.

Q. How much time should be built into an applicant's timeline for this process?

A. Review of an application in general takes our team about 28/48 hours upon receipt. It is suggested that at minimum two (2) weeks should be built into an applicant's timeline as the review process can on average take 2 weeks, at most, a month.

Q. Are grant matching funds on a first come first served basis? Is there a chance that the timing of applications that there would be no available funds?

A. To date, this has not happened. We recommend that you still submit your application and request for a match as sometimes obligated dollars are not awarded and can be re-obligated to another award. There are currently no pending or waitlisted applicants.

Q. Sometimes exhausting all potential sources of match happens a few days before the federal grant application submission deadline. If I submit a cost share match at this time will my application be denied?

A. An organization will become ineligible for the Nevada Grant Matching Program once a Notice of Award is issued. There is potentially still time to explore grant matches through the program during this in between period if the federal application does not require a letter of commitment prior to submission. We acknowledge that timing can be tricky and that there are various moving pieces when applying for federal grants, but currently once a Notice of Award is issued the program can no longer be leveraged as a match.