



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

NEVADA'S FEDERAL GRANT RESOURCE

**Updates, State Plan, Strategic Plan and Monitoring
An Overview**

About Us

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance, or OFA, was created with the passage of Assembly Bill 445 of the 81st Legislative Session

Vision

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance supports our stakeholders in obtaining, increasing, and maximizing federal assistance.

Mission

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance reduces barriers by providing inclusive, collaborative, comprehensive, and centralized support in obtaining federal dollars for Nevada.



Introduction

OFA's New Initiatives

Nevada State Plan for Maximizing Federal Assistance

5-Year Strategic Plan

OFA & State Agency Monitoring



*The most terrifying words in the English language are:
I'm from the government and I'm here to help.
~Reagan*



The Nevada Newsroom: Highlights from Stakeholder Engagement

- *The Nevada Newsroom, OFA Blog*
 - Launched end of 2024
- *Digital Footprint*
 - Website Attracted 44,453 views
 - 14,000 New Users
 - 2,700 Returning Visitors
 - 1,079 New Email Subscribers
 - 409 New LinkedIn Followers
 - New Facebook page
- *Statewide In-Person Training*
 - 2 CFR 200 Updates
 - Tribal Partner Workshops
 - 500+ Participants

The partnership with the OFA is a collaborative approach. Whether it is assisting with compliance requirements, offering training opportunities, or providing strategic advice - their commitment to clear communication and timely support has been evident in every interaction and make collaboration in Nevada far more successful.

*Connie Lucido
County Grants Administrator, Washoe County*



New Initiatives and Collaboration

- 2025 Silver State Grant Conference
 - In collaboration with Washoe County
 - *Currently Sold Out ~300 Attendees*
- The National Grants Management Association
 - Creation of a State Chapter
 - *Strengthen engagement among state grant professionals*
- State Agency Monitoring
 - *Current Pilot underway with Governor's Office of Energy*
- Partnership with the Office of Project Management
 - *Support of Grant Module Build*
 - GRANT Repository and Data Collection
- Member of Grants Capacity Building Coalition
 - *Partners include, New Mexico, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Kansas*
- A coalition to create a community of practice to help inform each of our own practices and explore ways we can collaborate to leverage resources
- Collaboration with State Procurement
 - Leveraging NEVADAePro, NOFO in ONE place
 - Soft Launch, February at Silver State Grant Conference
 - [Creating a Grant Subaward in NEVADAePro](#)
- *Enhancing Federal Grant Management in Nevada Project*
 - *Anticipated Benefit: Equipping state and no-state employees (subrecipients) with up-to-date knowledge on federal compliance requirements*
 - *Signal a shift in thinking—federal funding is a viable revenue stream for state projects and an opportunity for strategic growth and community support*



Overview

Nevada State Plan for Maximizing Federal Assistance

Background

- Nevada Consistently Ranks Near the Bottom in Federal Grant Funding Per Capita
 - Nevada's smaller population relative to other states
 - Fragmented grant management
 - Insufficient state agency capacity
 - Lack of proactive strategies to align funding opportunities with state priorities
 - Lack of real-time monitoring tools to track grant performance and compliance.
- Historical Barriers and Legislative Challenges
 - Task Forces have underscored the need for more centralized grant management processes
 - Lack of coordination across state agencies
 - Complex approval processes for state agencies to receive federal funding
 - The burden of proving non-supplanting often deters agencies from applying for grants
 - State agencies face reduced general fund appropriations when federal grants are received, discouraging pursuit of federal funding.



Nevada's Philosophy

Adopting a strategic and proactive approach

Marked Turning Point

Act as a Convening Agent

Position Nevada as a competitive force in securing federal grants to:

Increase our federal funding per capita

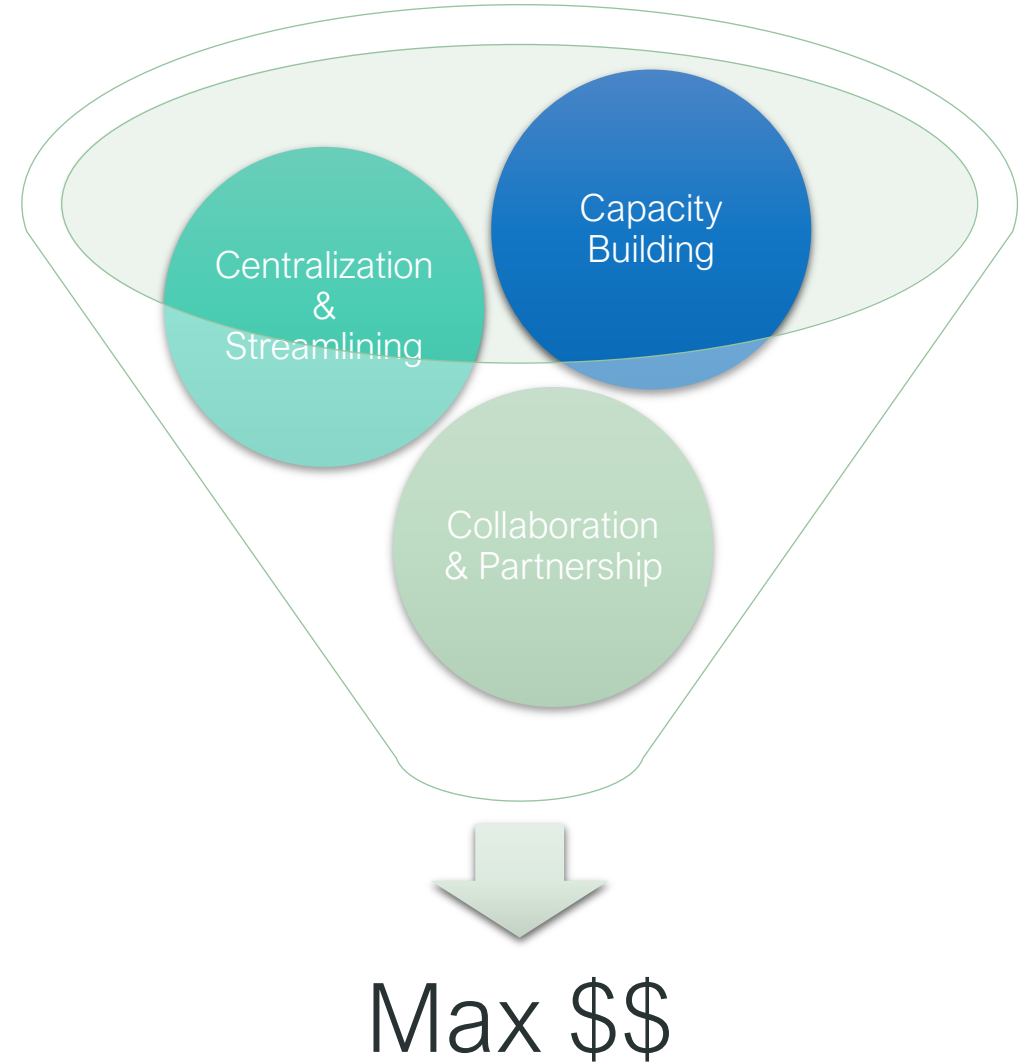
Improve services for Nevada residents

Relieve pressures on local budgets



3-KEY AREAS

- **Capacity Building**
 - *Emphasizing training*
 - *Providing resources*
 - *Serving as a prime recipient and pass-through entity*
- **Centralization and Streamlining**
 - *Consolidate grant application, tracking, and reporting*
 - *Ensure real-time monitoring*
 - *Standardize procedures and data gathering/sharing*
- **Collaboration and Partnership**
 - *Fostering partnerships with local government, nonprofits, & private sector*
 - *Maximize impact of federal funds*
 - *Public=private partnerships and long-term economic development*



STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES

Goal

Increase the number of federal grants awarded to Nevada by 10% in the next year.

Target Areas

Healthcare, education, and workforce development.

Actions

Launch targeted training workshops for state agencies, expand grant technical assistance, writing, and management support, and introduce basic compliance measures to streamline the grant application process (i.e., statewide guidance memos)

Measurable Outcomes

Number of grants (discretionary and non-discretionary) awarded to the State of Nevada.

Percentage increase in grant funds secured.

Number of workshops and training sessions conducted for state agencies.



MEDIUM-TERM OBJECTIVES

Goal

Strengthen grant management capacity by supporting the implementation of the Centralized Grant Management System (CGMS) across all state agencies.

Target Areas

Grant application processes, compliance, financial tracking, and inter-agency coordination.

Actions

Roll out the CGMS to streamline grant tracking, reporting, and monitoring; improve data-sharing systems between state and local agencies; and enhance compliance procedures through automated tools.

Measurable Outcomes

Number of agencies using the CGMS.

Compliance improvement percentages across agencies.

Reduction in administrative burden for grant applications.

Improved reporting accuracy and timeliness.



LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES

Goal

Enhance Nevada's ability to compete for discretionary grants by building a statewide culture of collaboration, compliance, and innovation.

Target Areas

Discretionary grants, public-private partnerships, and long-term economic development projects.

Actions

Foster partnerships with local governments, private sector entities, and community organizations to pursue large-scale, transformative federal grants; establish best practices for grant management across all sectors; and continuously improve grant application strategies based on past performance.

Measurable Outcomes

Number of discretionary grants pursued and awarded.

Total federal funds received.

Jobs created through federal-funded projects.

Improvement in statewide ranking for federal funding per capita.



TIMELINES

Outcomes Chart				
Phase	Strategic Goal	Actions	Measurable Outcomes	Timeline
Short-Term	Increase number of federal grants by 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Conduct workshops for state agencies (2) Expand grant support (3) Streamline compliance measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 10% increase in grants awarded (2) Number of workshops conducted (3) Number of monitoring site visits conducted (4) Number of site visit findings (5) Percentage increase in federal funds secured 	1 Year
Medium-Term	Strengthen grant management capacity via CGMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Implement CGMS across all state agencies (2) Improve data-sharing protocols (3) Automate compliance tracking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Number of state agencies using CGMS (2) Compliance improvement percentages (3) Reduction in administrative burdens (4) Improved reporting accuracy and timeliness 	2-3 Years
Long-Term	Build a statewide culture for competing for discretionary grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Foster public-private partnerships (2) Establish best practices (3) Create continuous improvement processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Number of discretionary grants awarded (2) Jobs created through grants (state positions?) (3) Increase in total federal funds received by state agencies (4) Improvements in Nevada's federal funding per capita ranking 	4-5 Years and beyond

Policy Recommendations

Legislative and Regulatory Changes

- *Address legislative barriers, such as supplanting of federal funding for state agency general fund allocations.*
- *Align state laws with federal grant requirements to improve eligibility and competitiveness (e.g., Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and budget timelines).*

Legislative Policy Adjustments

- *Foster public-private partnerships to maximize the impact of federal funds.*
- *Align state agency strategies with federal funding priorities to increase grant opportunities.*

Collaboration with the Legislature and Executive Branch

- *Establish a formal coordination structure between the Executive Branch and Legislature to ensure unified grant efforts.*
- *Facilitate regular updates and feedback loops on grant progress and resource allocation.*

5-Year Strategic Plan



Highlights of the 5-Year Plan

Mission

To reduce barriers by providing inclusive, collaborative, and centralized support in securing federal dollars for Nevada.

Vision

Maximizing federal assistance to benefit all stakeholders in Nevada.

Core Values

Integrity, Accountability, Collaboration, Excellence, Transparency, Innovation, Responsiveness, Sustainability

Key Strategic Goals:

1. Enhance proposal review and grant management capacity.
2. Streamline award negotiation, setup, and post-award monitoring.
3. Strengthen compliance, advisory, and regulatory services.
4. Expand education, training, and outreach.
5. Coordinate site improvement visits and audits.

Implementation and Road Map

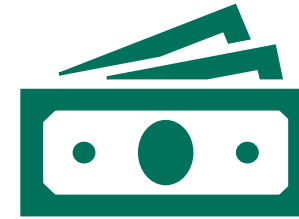


Implementation Phases

Phase 1 (Year 1): Launch CORE.NV pilot program; develop statewide grant proposal standards; provide comprehensive agency training.

Phase 2 (Year 2): Expand adoption of CORE.NV system; host the Nevada Grants Conference; establish an online compliance knowledge hub.

Phase 3 (Years 3-5): Fully integrate compliance systems; foster collaboration through peer-learning networks; conduct statewide audits and site visits.



Anticipated Impact

Increased Federal Funding: Drive a 10% growth in awarded grants in our state.

Enhanced Efficiency: Centralized systems to streamline grant processes.

Strengthened Capabilities: Advanced training programs for stakeholders.

Improved Compliance: Real-time monitoring and robust reporting mechanisms.

OFA State Agency Monitoring



MONITORING



SUSTAINED COMMITMENT
TO COMPLIANCE



NON-COMPLIANCE CAN
RESULT IN COSTLY
FINANCIAL PENALTIES



COLLABORATIVE EFFORT
WITH STATE AGENCIES TO
CONDUCT ROUTINE
INTERNAL MONITORING

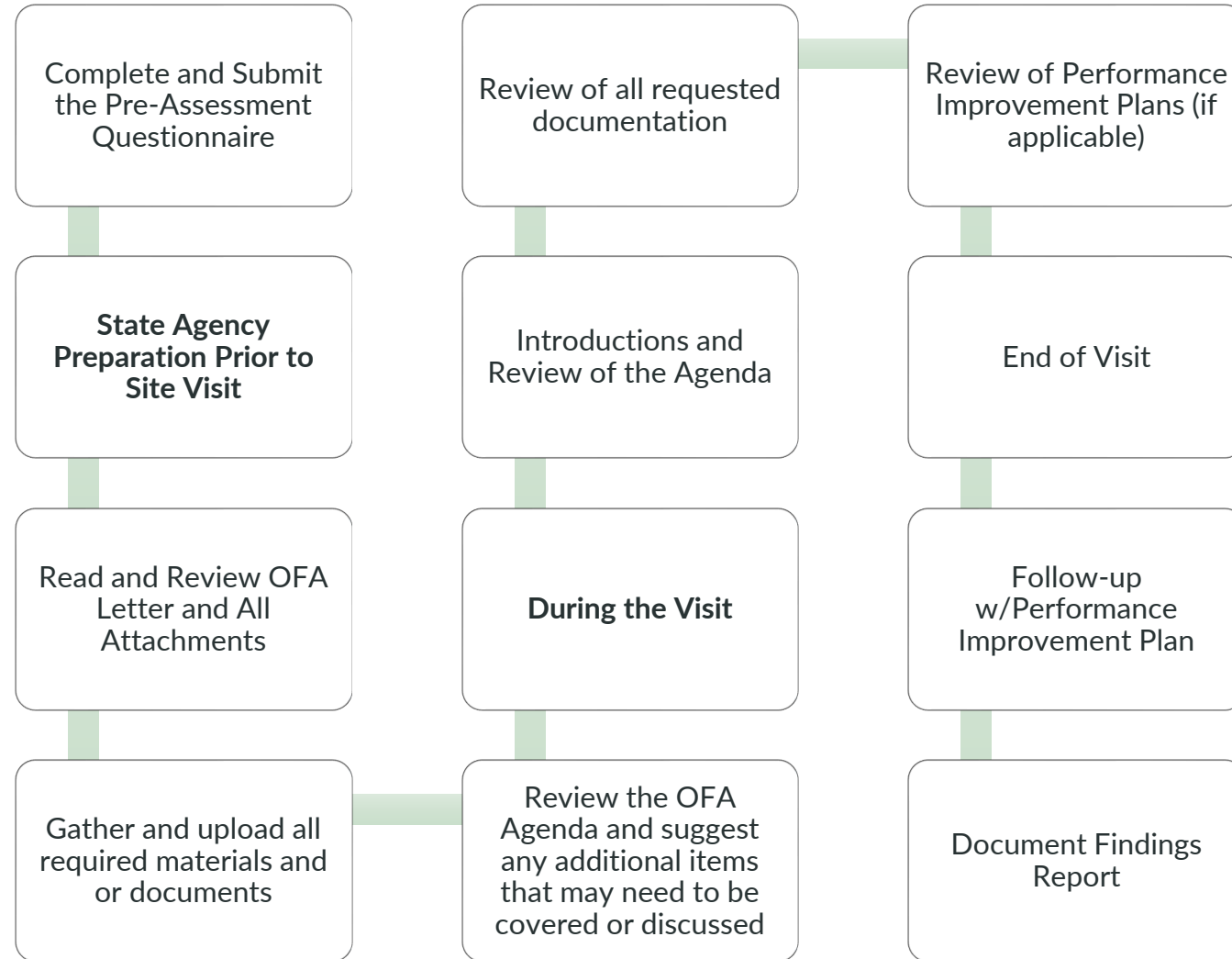


ENSURE PROGRAMS ARE
MEETING GOALS,
SPENDING FUNDS
APPROPRIATELY AND
COMPLYING WITH
FEDERAL GUIDELINES



PROVIDES CONTINUOUS
VISIBILITY INTO GRANT
ACTIVITIES

What does this look like?



Pre-monitoring Self-Assessment Questionnaire

The Pre-Monitoring Self-Assessment Questionnaire (PRSAQ) is completed by the agency point-of-contact officer prior to the site visit to:

- Evaluate the adequacy of existing procedures, both as written and actually performed
- Ensure that written procedures and actual processes are the same
- Inform future monitoring conducted by the OFA

Each agency should review its procedures at least annually, or upon OFA request, to ensure compliance with the minimal internal control standards required by state and federal regulations. Complete this PRSAQ to evaluate and identify potential internal risks as well as to understand organizational financial and management strengths in managing awards. Assessing risk helps determine the scope of monitoring activities.

Please complete the following questions and submit all related documents as necessary.

Section A. General Information

State Agency

Name

Point-of-Contact

Name:

Address:

Phone #

Email

UEI #

Registered with SAM.gov?

Expiration

Date of

Current SAM

Registration?

(XXX) XXX-XXXX
Yes/No
MM/DD/YYYY

Section B. Eligibility

Is your state agency presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in any transaction by any federal department or agency?

Yes

No

If yes, please skip the rest of this questionnaire, sign and return.

Section C. State Agency Information

Name of designated federal awarding agency, if applicable:

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Nevada GRANTS Repository

Establish the state's federal award repository to collect information on federal awards and spending. This repository will improve Nevada's ability to manage federal funds by:

- Providing an up-to-date comprehensive list of all federal awards
- Improving the federal funding information included in Nevada's state budget
- Delivering timely information on federal awards
- Improving the ability to plan and respond to changes
- Assisting partners in ensuring all federal funds are effectively spent
- Providing transparency

The Nevada GRANTS will be updated annually with information provided from state agencies in conjunction with annual reviews and monitoring by the OFA. State agencies will be asked to:

- Upload all financial award and requested monitoring documentation and notices to an established SharePoint location
- Complete an inventory of federal awards
- Participate in review and monitoring of their organization and their federal award processes



Role of the Nevada Advisory Council

1

Developing
compliance
recommendations

2

Assisting in the
Development of
the Monitoring
Schedule

3

Providing
feedback on
compliance tools
and processes



Building a Culture of Compliance

Not a one-time effort!

Requires ongoing vigilance and a commitment to continuous improvement

Training & Capacity Building for Compliance

Training on Federal Regulations

Workshops and Webinars on Best Practices

Mentorship and Technical Assistance

The Role of Technology in Enhancing Compliance

Automate Compliance Tracking

Provide Real-Time Monitoring

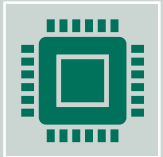
Streamline Reporting



Data Gathering and Assessment



Nevada GRANTS *the* Repository



Enable the state to make immediate progress while more advanced systems are developed and implemented



The state will implement a centralized database --

Supported by the CORE.NV Grants Management System

Track all federal grants pursued and awarded by state agencies

Centralize grant data, improving transparency and allowing for more effective tracking of grant performance across the state

Outlined in the OFA 5-Year Strategic Plan.





Questions