

Crowe Horwath Grant Management Accelerator

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Business Challenge

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) has imposed heightened expectations for the transparent and responsible governance of grant-making agencies. Government agencies are scrambling to institute policies, procedures and systems to comply with the new regulations' requirements for monitoring where stimulus funds are invested, what parties are responsible for spending those dollars, and the results of such investments.

A number of key obstacles exist. Chief among these challenges are task-oriented legacy systems, undocumented standards, limited visibility to information across the organization, unclear expectations and fragmented policies, and ongoing reductions in staff. Agencies are in need of a universal system that provides easier access to critical information. In addition, a system is needed that automates their growing workloads, enabling them to continue providing quality service despite personnel cutbacks; and preventing the risk of fund mismanagement or inaccurate fund distribution. Another important factor is achieving compliance with ever changing reporting and audit regulations.

Solution

Crowe Horwath presents Grant Management Accelerator, a fully configurable solution that provides agencies, in either the grantee and grantor role, a way to manage grants more responsibly and transparently. The solution provides

the flexibility and controls needed to collaborate with key decision makers and stakeholders, while complying with stringent state and federal grant program regulations.

Grant Management Accelerator consists of a pre-built framework that rapidly addresses a significant portion of government agencies' grant management needs. This solution helps to standardize policies, procedures and processes throughout the standard six phases of the grant management process: Preparation, Notification, Intake, Evaluation, Negotiation and Administration.

For applicants/grantees, Grant Management Accelerator provides easy access to grant applications, detailed progress updates, timely information and transparent visibility into performance and results. In addition, the solution offers accessible collaboration with grant program experts, error reduction and streamlined processes. Agency/grantor benefits include flexible and controlled role-based processes, workload capacity management, and centralized, electronic storage of all support documentation and correspondence. Agencies also benefit with support for distributed workforce, collaboration with citizens and key stakeholder groups, improved efficiency, and quality and speed of service to constituents.

Value Proposition

Crowe's Grant Management Accelerator supports constituent service through Web-enabled and automated grant application and management processes. This provides increased transparency and compliance for the management of grants and empowers agency staff with an automated solution for the grant process.

In addition to better managing relationships, increasing operating efficiencies, improving compliance, accountability and overall performance, Grant Management Accelerator also:

- Enables staff to handle a 50-100% increase in the number of grants managed annually;
- Scales across multiple agencies;
- Provides fraud detection and audit tracking;
- Allows grant and program directors to focus on the constituent and community impact on future programs;
- Assists agency departments in maximizing available ARRA funds by meeting all reporting and compliance requirements; and
- Increases the frequency and availability of funds due to the accurate and timely reporting to Federal Grantors.

Company Description

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