

# Climate Program Office Review May 24-26, 2022

Pre-Recorded Presentation Supporting Review Activity Area 5: Portfolio Management, Administration and Organizational Excellence

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## **Presenters**





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# Overview

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- Grants Team Staffing
- Types of Grants
- Major Accomplishments
- Innovations
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Grants Processing Statistics
- Timeline
- Partners/groups
- Grants Routing Process
- Strategic Linkages
- Look Ahead



### Team Lead, Management and Program Analyst, (Fed)

• Grants processing, create internal office procedures, manage team's workload, advise Federal Program Officers on grants policy

### **Grants Management Specialist, (Fed)**

• Grants processing, reporting, NOFO preparation, managing the Microsoft Access grants tracking database, special request for applications (RFA's)

### Grants Management Specialist, (Fed)

• Grants processing, retention of records, web information for grants, GrantsOnline access, broad agency announcement (BAA) applications processing

### **Grants Coordinator (Affiliate)**

• Grants processing, progress and financial report tracking, special reports



- **Competitive Grant**: Grants that have been received as a result of the appropriate solicitation of proposals which are submitted through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (or NOFO). They are reviewed based on published evaluation and selection criteria. These applications may be for new awards or for amendments.
- Non-competitive Grant: Grants that have been received without a full and open competition. These applications may be used for new awards or for amendments. This also consists of transfers, renewals, and supplements.
- Broad Area Announcement (BAA): Small awards, conferences, and any application that would not fall under the competitive NOFO.



- Incorporated sexual assault & sexual harassment (SASH) language in our NOFOs
- Program Management Information Template
- Created and update Grants Guidance Information for FPO's.
- Processed 100% of awards by the GMD deadline which results in no late grant actions
- Ensured all federal forms are accurate



- Electronic Routing Slip
- Microsoft Access Grants Tracking Database
- NOAA Research & Development Database (NRDD)
- Panel Reviewer Scoresheet Template
- Program Information Sheet Template



**A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** includes all the relevant information and requirements for an applicant to assess their eligibility, competency, and interest in the funding opportunity.

The Grants Team's role in NOFO development includes:

- Meetings with program managers to discuss competition topics and details.
  - Draft competition information sheets, draft competition details in the NOFO.
- Any possible updates to the CPO website.
- Draft the announcement that will be posted on the CPO website.
- Finalize the NOFO and competition information sheets and submit to the Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD) for review and approval.
- Once approved, NOFO will be published on grants.gov and CPO website.
- Email CPO staff alerting them that the NOFO has been published.

## New Actions (FY17-21)

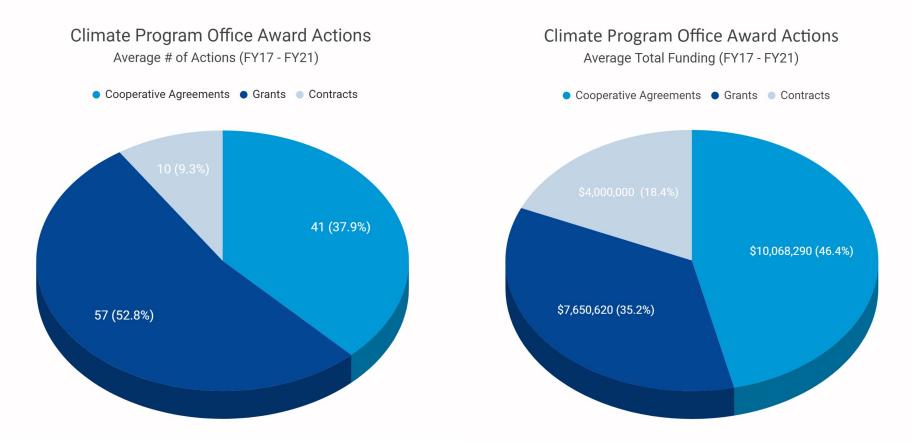
- Processed an average of 98 new grants, per year, totaling an average of \$18M.
- BAAs processed an average of 3 BAAs per year, totaling an average of \$331K.

## Continuations

• Processed an average of 112 continued funding actions, per year, totalling an average of \$24M annually.

# Grant Statistics (FY17-21)





# **Grants Timeline**



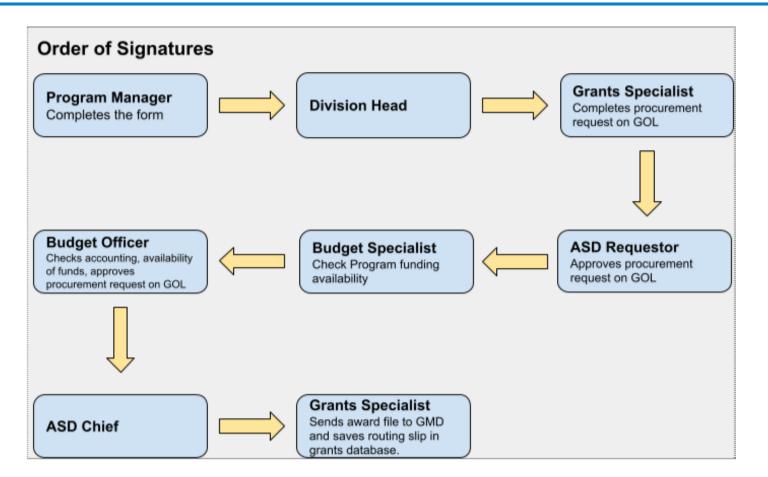




## We provide assistance to the following groups:

- OAR Headquarters
- Grants Management Division (GMD)
- Department of Commerce (DOC)
- Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD)
- Universities
- Non-profits
- State and Local Agencies
- International Entities

# **Grants Routing Process**



NOAR



Grants encompasses all Strategic Linkages.

- Process 100% of CPO grants and CI actions by the end of the third quarter.
- NOFO and financial assistance actions (grants, cooperative agreements, cooperative institutes, etc.)



• Grants Enterprise Management System (GEMS) is a new DOC systems modernization database which will replace the current system starting FY23 (October 2022).

• CPO virtual grant training with taped training sessions for new Federal Program Officers (FPO's)