

EY Grants Accelerator

Accelerate citizen outcomes with efficient grants management

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Governments struggle to get critical funding to their communities quickly

Key challenges:

- ▶ Poor strategic planning due to limited awareness of funds, failure to improve programs, and lack of any impact-oriented plans
- ▶ Inadequate due diligence as a result of faulty financial projections and inability to assess grantee's credibility
- ▶ Inferior monitoring systems because of inefficient program management, high cost of control, and inadequate performance audits and impact assessment
- ▶ Reporting errors brought about by non-compliance with international standards, inconsistent reporting, and unsystematic recordkeeping
- ▶ Frauds and embezzlement on account of improper payments and diversion of funds from stipulated areas

Fast, scalable, and rapidly deployable grants solution built on Microsoft Power Platform

EY Grants Accelerator (EYGA) helps governments get critical funding out to their communities quickly during times of crisis, with a host of features including world-class economic and financial policy design, fraud detection, cybersecurity, risk, and program management, and digital product development knowledge. Supporting a wide variety of use cases throughout federal, state, and local governments, EYGA provides a rapidly deployable integrated solution for managing the broad grants disbursement process and monitoring from a single platform.

Increases visibility and traceability across the grants management process

The EYGA solution focuses on three key objectives of governments to streamline their grants management programs:

- ▶ Maximize available funding
- ▶ Minimize risk
- ▶ Target right beneficiaries

EYGA provides a flexible and adaptable solution for governments to automate and improve their grants management process. EY teams and Microsoft further help federal agencies and grant recipients with a suite of services that takes the complexity out of the grants management landscape – allowing end-to-end monitoring of funds using consistent business logic and increasing visibility and traceability across the grants management process.

Benefits of EY Grants Accelerator

- ▶ Helps avoid administrative failures, negative press coverage and, reputational damage caused by assistance delays experienced by other states/counties
- ▶ Improves transparency and visibility of broad-based application process and reliable near-time reporting
- ▶ Increases “surge capacity” for clients during the crisis, acting as a trusted advisor rather than in a transactional capacity
- ▶ Reduces negative audit and claw back risk by guiding client officials on how to design and provide COVID-19 financial relief programs, capturing reliable data on applicants and, supporting compliance through easy-to-use application and call center support
- ▶ Achieves a meaningful impact on residents who receive funding or information about the disbursement efforts

1. Organize

- ▶ Provide guidance to applicants regarding grant program requirements
- ▶ Maintain call center to address questions and facilitate application and disbursement

2. Intake

- ▶ Participants apply for funds by providing documentation for verification
- ▶ Automation may be applied to facilitate documentation acceptance

3. Process

- ▶ Rulesets drive automated approvals for applications where applicable
- ▶ Applicant may be contacted if additional documentation or clarity is required

4. Disburse

- ▶ The bank receives disbursement file and disburses the appropriate funds amount
- ▶ Funds disbursements are tracked and recorded in accordance with program guidelines

5. Track and report

- ▶ Notify applicants of status as application is being processed
- ▶ Provide relevant metrics and reporting to the governmental bodies and the public

Supporting distribution of \$130m in COVID-19 stimulus to citizens of a county in Florida

A county in the state of Florida required assistance to distribute \$130m in Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated to it under the federal CARES Act (H.R. 748). The program provided funding for essential public health and safety expenditures related to COVID-19 pandemic, including enhanced testing and contact tracing, direct assistance to individuals experiencing financial hardship, a variety of human service needs, critical economic relief to the local business community, and direct COVID-19-related costs incurred by the county, constitutional and judicial offices, and a prominent city in Florida.

Client challenges

- ▶ Lack of resources (people, process and technology) to distribute funds quickly while adhering to federal guidelines
- ▶ Global pandemic accelerated the urgent need to provide support to county citizens

Client benefits

- ▶ Offer support to county citizens receiving the financial assistance needed to survive the pandemic
- ▶ Deploy new governance and processes focused on COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with federal guidance and policies
- ▶ Gain better understanding on how the pandemic is impacting the county citizens and where greater assistance is needed

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