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Governor's Office of Federal Assistance

Grant Matching Program

Notice of Funding Opportunity



Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Funding Agency: Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA)

Funding Opportunity Title: Grant Matching Program (GMP)

Application Period of Performance: Aligns with Federal Grant Award

Deadline for Applications: Accepting rolling applications

Total Amount Available: \$1 million annually, subject to availability of funds

Grant Matching Program (GMP) Description

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA) administers the Grant Matching Program (GMP) to assist eligible Nevada organizations in meeting the non-federal match requirements associated with competitive federal grant opportunities.

By investing state matching funds, the Grant Matching Program helps maximize federal funding brought into Nevada, strengthens statewide grant capacity, and supports projects that improve the lives of Nevada residents.

The Grant Matching Program is administered by the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 223.496.

Program funding is awarded on a rolling basis, and each application is evaluated individually. Applications are not ranked competitively against one another but are reviewed to ensure eligibility, statutory compliance, program readiness, and responsible stewardship of public funds.

Whenever possible, applicants are encouraged to request matching funds before accepting a federal award. Requests submitted after receipt of a federal Notice of Grant Award (NoGA) may also be considered if received within ninety (90) calendar days of the federal award date and funding remains available. This program offers a 2:1 match only.

Eligible Applicants

The Grant Matching Program is available to eligible organizations located within the State of Nevada that are pursuing competitive federal funding opportunities requiring a non-federal match or cost share.

Eligible applicants include:

- Nevada State Agencies
- Nevada Local Governments
- Nevada Tribal Governments
- Nevada Nonprofit Organizations

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements identified in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).



- Be legally authorized to receive and administer grant funds.
- Possess a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), when required by the federal awarding agency.
- Be registered or eligible to register as a vendor with the State of Nevada.
- Demonstrate the administrative, financial, and programmatic capacity necessary to successfully manage grant funds.
- Demonstrate that all reasonable sources of matching funds have been explored prior to requesting assistance through the Grant Matching Program.

Organizations determined to be ineligible at any point during the review process will be notified by OFA.

Eligible Funding Opportunities

- Be a competitive federal grant opportunity; or
- Be a competitive federally funded state pass-through opportunity resulting from a competitive federal award.

The funding opportunity must also:

- Require a non-federal cash match or cost share.
- Be open to the applicant organization under the terms of the federal funding opportunity.
- Support activities that will be performed within the State of Nevada or primarily benefit Nevada residents.
- Be consistent with the applicant organization's mission, authority, and scope of services.
- Comply with all applicable federal and state laws.

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance reserves the right to determine whether a funding opportunity satisfies Grant Matching Program eligibility requirements.

Match Requirements

Grant Matching Program funding is intended to satisfy required non-federal matching obligations that enable eligible applicants to receive competitive federal funding.

Applicants requesting matching funds must demonstrate that:

- A non-federal match is required by the funding opportunity.
- The requested amount complies with the limitations established under NRS 223.496.
- All reasonable sources of matching funds have been exhausted.
- The proposed project will provide measurable benefits to Nevada.
- The request satisfies the minimum return-on-investment requirement established under Nevada law.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit Grant Matching Program requests before accepting a federal award.

Requests submitted after receipt of a federal Notice of Grant Award (NoGA) must be received by OFA within ninety (90) calendar days of the federal award date and remain subject to available funding.



Grant Matching Program funds may only be used to satisfy required matching obligations identified within the federal funding opportunity.

Award Information

The Grant Matching Program (GMP) provides state matching funds to eligible applicants to satisfy a portion of the required non-federal match or cost-share for competitive federal grants and qualifying federally funded state pass-through grants.

Award Amount

- Award amounts are based on the documented non-federal match requirement identified in the federal or qualifying state pass-through Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- GMP may provide up to 33% of the required non-federal match, subject to **NRS 223.496**, available funding, and program eligibility.
- Awards are contingent upon legislative appropriation and the availability of funds.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Before beginning the application process, use this checklist to determine whether your organization and funding opportunity may be eligible for Grant Matching Program funding.

Is My Organization Eligible?

Your organization should be able to answer **YES** to each of the following questions.

- ☐ Our organization is located in Nevada.
- ☐ We are eligible to apply for the identified federal funding opportunity.
- ☐ We are one of the following:
 - State Agency
 - Local Government
 - Tribal Government
 - Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ We have explored and exhausted all reasonable sources of matching funds.
- ☐ We have the organizational and financial capacity to administer grant funding.
- ☐ We are registered, or are eligible to register, as a vendor with the State of Nevada.
- ☐ We have obtained a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), if required.

Is My Grant Opportunity Eligible?



- ☐ The funding opportunity is competitive.
- ☐ The funding opportunity requires a non-federal match or cost share.
- ☐ The proposed project will benefit Nevada residents.
- ☐ The project aligns with our organization's mission and purpose.
- ☐ The requested match will meet the minimum return on

Eligible and Ineligible Uses of Funds

Grant Matching Program funds may be used to satisfy:

- Required cash match.
- Required cost share.
- Other allowable non-federal matching requirements are identified within the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- Matching obligations associated with eligible competitive federally funded state passthrough opportunities.

Ineligible Uses

Grant Matching Program funds **may not** be used for:

- Formula grant opportunities.
- Block grants.
- Entitlement funding.
- Emergency funding requests.
- Matching requirements that are optional rather than required.
- Retroactive reimbursement of expenditures incurred before execution of the Grant Award Agreement.
- Activities that do not directly benefit the State of Nevada.
- Matching obligations are prohibited under federal or state law.
- Projects that fail to meet statutory program requirements.

Grant Matching Program funds may not be used to replace or supplant other funding sources when those funds remain reasonably available to the applicant.

Application Process

The Grant Matching Program utilizes a two-step online application process designed to verify eligibility before a full application is submitted.

Applicants are encouraged to begin the application process as early as possible to allow sufficient time for review before applicable federal funding deadlines



Step One – Eligibility Assessment

The application process begins with the online Eligibility Assessment. This assessment is designed to determine whether both the applicant organization and the identified funding opportunity meet the minimum eligibility requirements established for the Grant Matching Program.

Applicants will be asked a series of questions regarding their organization, the proposed funding opportunity, and the required non-federal match.

Organizations that meet the minimum eligibility requirements will receive access to the online Grant Matching Program application. Completion of the Eligibility Assessment does not constitute approval for funding.

Step Two – Online Application

Applicants determined to be eligible must complete the online Grant Matching Program application and submit all required supporting documentation.

The application collects information necessary to evaluate the request, including but not limited to:

- Applicant organization information.
- Federal funding opportunity information.
- Required match calculations.
- Organizational capacity.
- Project description.
- Proposed outcomes.
- Budget information.
- Required certifications.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all information submitted is complete, accurate, and supported by the required documentation.

Applications remain in draft status until officially submitted through the online application system.

Incomplete applications may delay the review process or result in the application being returned without further consideration.

Supporting Documentation

Applicants must submit all documentation requested by OFA in order for an application to be considered complete.

Supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to:

- Organizational budget.
- Organizational chart.
- Mission and vision statements.
- Letters of commitment for additional matching funds, when applicable.
- Required certifications.
- Other documentation requested by OFA to verify eligibility or support the funding request.



Failure to provide requested documentation may result in delays or denial of funding consideration.

Review and Award Process

Following submission, each complete application undergoes a structured review process designed to ensure fairness, consistency, transparency, and compliance with program requirements.

Technical Review

OFA conducts an initial administrative review to verify that:

- The applicant is eligible.
- The funding opportunity meets program requirements.
- Required documentation has been submitted.
- Required registrations have been completed.
- The application is complete and internally consistent.

If additional information or clarification is needed, OFA may contact the applicant during the technical review process.

Applications that fail to meet minimum eligibility requirements or remain incomplete may not advance to independent review.

Independent Review

Applications that successfully complete technical review are evaluated by an independent review committee using established evaluation criteria.

The review committee evaluates the Grant Matching Program application—not the federal grant application.

Evaluation may include consideration of:

- Organizational capacity.
- Demonstrated need for matching funds.
- Alignment with organizational mission.
- Public benefit to Nevada.
- Organizational readiness.
- Long-term sustainability.
- Financial stewardship.
- Service to underserved, rural, or frontier communities.
- Overall strength of the funding request.

Each application is evaluated on its own merits and is not scored competitively against other applications.

Funding Recommendation

Following completion of the independent review process, recommendations are provided to the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance for final funding consideration.

OFA reserves the right to:



- Approve the request as submitted.
- Approve a reduced funding amount.
- Approve funding with conditions.
- Request additional information.
- Deny the request.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the funding decision.

Letter of Commitment

Applicants approved for funding will receive a conditional Letter of Commitment indicating OFA's intent to provide Grant Matching Program funding.

The Letter of Commitment serves as confirmation that matching funds have been reserved, subject to:

- Receipt of the federal Notice of Grant Award (NoGA)
- Successful completion of all program requirements; and
- Execution of a Grant Award Agreement.

A Letter of Commitment does not authorize expenditure and is not a grant award.

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Award Administration

Applicants receiving a federal award must notify OFA and submit a copy of the federal Notice of Grant Award (NoGA) or other official award documentation.

Prior to the release of Grant Matching Program funds, recipients must execute a Grant Award Agreement with OFA.

The Grant Award Agreement establishes the terms and conditions governing the award, including:

- Approved funding amount.
- Period of performance.
- Payment provisions.
- Reporting requirements.
- Compliance responsibilities.



- Record retention requirements.
- Other applicable grant conditions.

Grant Matching Program funds will not be disbursed until the Grant Award Agreement has been fully executed by all required parties.

Recipient Responsibilities

Recipients are responsible for administering Grant Matching Program funds in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, the executed Grant Award Agreement, and program requirements.

Recipients are expected to:

- Use Grant Matching Program funds solely for their approved purpose.
- Maintain complete and accurate financial and programmatic records.
- Submit required financial and programmatic reports in accordance with the Grant Award Agreement.
- Notify OFA of significant changes affecting the project, budget, or period of performance.
- Cooperate with monitoring, audits, or other oversight activities conducted by OFA or other authorized entities.
- Maintain records for the period required under applicable federal and state record retention requirements.

Failure to comply with program requirements may result in corrective action, suspension of payments, repayment of funds, termination of the award, or ineligibility for future Grant Matching Program funding.

Payment of Funds

Grant Matching Program (GMP) funds will be disbursed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the executed Grant Award Agreement.

Prior to the release of funds, recipients must satisfy all applicable pre-award requirements identified by the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA), including submission of the federal Notice of Grant Award (NoGA), execution of the Grant Award Agreement, and any additional documentation required by OFA.

The method and timing of payment will be identified within the Grant Award Agreement. Payment may be contingent upon completion of specific award conditions or submission of required documentation.

OFA reserves the right to withhold or delay payment until all applicable program requirements have been satisfied.

Definitions

For purposes of this Notice of Funding Opportunity, the following definitions apply.

Assistance Listing (ALN) - The unique identifying number assigned to a federal assistance program in SAM.gov. Formerly referred to as the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number.



Competitive Federal Grant - A discretionary federal funding opportunity for which eligible applicants compete through a published Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Formula, entitlement, or block grants are not considered competitive federal grants for purposes of the Grant Matching Program.

Cost Share - The portion of total project costs contributed by non-federal sources, as required by the federal awarding agency. Cost share may include cash or allowable in-kind contributions when permitted by the funding opportunity.

Grant Matching Program (GMP) - The State of Nevada program established pursuant to NRS 223.496 and administered by the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance to provide matching funds for eligible competitive federal grant opportunities.

Letter of Commitment - A conditional notice issued by OFA indicating its intent to provide Grant Matching Program funding upon successful receipt of a federal award and satisfaction of all program requirements. A Letter of Commitment does not authorize expenditures or guarantee payment.

Match (Matching Funds) - The non-federal contribution required by a federal funding opportunity as a condition of receiving a federal award.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - The official announcement issued by a funding agency describing an available grant opportunity, including eligibility requirements, funding availability, application instructions, and evaluation criteria.

Notice of Grant Award (NoGA) - The official award document issued by a federal awarding agency notifying an applicant that funding has been approved.

Prime Recipient - The organization that receives a federal award directly from a federal awarding agency.

State Pass-Through Entity (PTE) - A State of Nevada agency that receives federal funding directly from a federal awarding agency and subsequently makes subawards to eligible organizations.

Technical Review - The administrative review conducted by OFA to verify application completeness, eligibility, required documentation, and compliance with Grant Matching Program requirements before an application advances to independent review.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) - The unique identifier assigned through SAM.gov that identifies organizations conducting business with the federal government



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