

CHAPTER 122
(CORRECTED COPY)

AN ACT establishing a Grants Management Office and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.52:18A-264 Grants Management Office, established.

1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a Grants Management Office to improve efficiency, streamline processes, reduce administrative burdens on both granting agencies and grant recipients, and facilitate development and implementation of a Statewide centralized grants management and accountability system.

b. The office shall be under the immediate supervision of a director, who shall report to the State Treasurer and who shall be a person qualified by training and experience to direct the work of such office. The director shall administer the work of the office and shall perform such other functions of the office as necessary to implement the provisions of P.L.2021, c.122 (C.52:18A-264).

c. The Director of the Grants Management Office shall:

(1) distribute federal grant notices, coordinate applications, and provide information on the grant process to departments;

(2) distribute weekly information produced by the Federal Funds Information for States of grant opportunities to departments;

(3) coordinate with liaisons designated by each department to determine department interest in grant opportunities;

(4) create and maintain a database of active grants from announcement and application through award, execution, and compliance;

(5) investigate whether applications for federal funds were submitted appropriately and in accordance with relevant deadlines, laws, rules and regulations and policies;

(6) act as a compliance officer to monitor and audit grants;

(7) conduct outreach to municipal, county, non-profit, and other interested stakeholders concerning State and federal grants opportunities;

(8) create and distribute training tools, standard operating procedures, and best practices guidelines; and

(9) produce seminars and events, including annual conferences for stateholders.

d. The Director of the Grants Management Office is authorized to call upon any Executive Branch department or agency, including staff in the Governor's Office, to supply the Grants Management Office with information or other assistance as the director determines necessary. Each Executive Branch department and agency is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the director within the limits of each department's or agency's statutory authority, and to furnish such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this law.

e. The Director of the Grants Management Office shall submit to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), annually a report that describes all federal funds received by State agencies in the preceding fiscal year.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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