

AMS Advantage® ERP Grant Lifecycle Management

“With the new AMS Advantage Grant Lifecycle Management module, the County can manage the grants application tracking process more consistently across the County. On going grants monitoring is particularly important now, given the tough economy.”

- Robert Davis, Assistant Auditor-Controller, Los Angeles County, CA

Los Angeles County, California is utilizing the Grant Lifecycle Management module at multiple departments including the Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Community and Senior Services. The County will continue to rollout the module to additional departments in the coming months.

IMPROVE TRACKING, OVERSIGHT AND CAPTURE OF GRANT FUNDS

Securing grant dollars can be a time-consuming, labor-intensive and often costly endeavour for state and local governments. Paper processing, redundant data entry, inconsistent processes and a general lack of collaboration can increase the risk of dollars being lost. In fact, many organizations utilize spreadsheets to manually manage grant proposals which further exacerbates the ability to effectively manage grant funds. Yet, grants are the number one way organizations secure the supplemental dollars necessary to fund critical citizen services.

What governments need is a centralized solution that streamlines the management of grant funds throughout the lifecycle. Organizations can improve efficiency as well as save time and money by automating the process of tracking and developing grant funds. More timely and accurate information for management can improve decision making, reduce the risk of losing funds once they are awarded and increase funding awards.

At CGI, our AMS Advantage® ERP solution is built-for-government, including a powerful combination of technology and comprehensive, integrated business applications. With the new Grant Lifecycle Management module, available within the AMS Advantage Financial Management solution, clients manage the entire grants lifecycle efficiently and effectively, from opportunity to closing. It is also integrated with the Cost Accounting module, making the management of funds post-award easy and efficient. The Grant Lifecycle Management module can be used separately or in conjunction with the Cost Accounting module.



Grant Lifecycle Management in Action

Organizations that pursue additional grant funds for projects due to changes in funding structures, or just the ever-present need for additional funding, will benefit from the central repository. By managing each stage in the lifecycle centrally, from opportunity to closing, organizations improve efficiency and productivity. With greater access to information, organizations improve control, analyzing funding streams to understand “lost” funds and increase the capture of new funds.

The Grant Lifecycle Management module addresses your business challenges and brings the following benefits:

Business Challenges	Business Benefits
Little or no visibility into grant opportunities and the processes to pursue funds	Increased efficiency in the pursuit and capture of grant funds
Lack of coordination, collaboration or communication across departments or within teams	Simplified grant tracking at all organizational levels via central repository with automated workflow
Little or no knowledge behind the decisions to apply for or decline a grant opportunity	Enhanced staff requirement forecasting potentially resulting in additional grant funds
Little or no reporting capability often leads to assumptions and less effective decision making	Record and identify patterns for missed or lost grant funds
Missed dates, often critical, due to lack of alerts or inefficient manual monitoring of timelines	Improved grantor relationship by reducing loss risk before, during and after award via standardized processes with automated reminders
Reduced productivity in establishing and approving financial codes along with limited grant reporting	Accurate and less labor-intensive grant expenditure setup and reporting via integrated system

CORPORATE PROFILE

At CGI, we’re in the business of satisfying clients. For 30 years, we’ve operated upon the principles of sharing in clients’ challenges and delivering quality services to solve them. A leading IT and business process services provider, CGI has approximately 25,000 professionals operating in 100+ worldwide offices.

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