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<p>Establish a <b>statewide grant management</b> system that allows users – across state and local governments and non-profits – to more effectively identify grant opportunities, coordinate with each other to submit grants, secure grant funding, and track and report outcomes and spending related to federal grants.</p>	<p>A <u>budget enhancement</u> to purchase a statewide grant management system was successfully added to the State Grant Office (GO) budget. GO worked with Purchasing Division to release a Request for Proposal in July, selection and intent to award to eCivis was made in August of this year. Currently the contract is on hold as we mitigate a Vendor Protest resulting from the selection.</p>
<p><b>Streamline the review and authorization</b> (or denial) process for grant-related work plans by the Interim Finance Committee, as the current process significantly hinders State agencies’ ability to comply with strict processing timelines required by most grants.</p>	<p><u>AB81</u> was introduced by the Grant Office to add ‘Provisional’ acceptance language to the Interim Finance Committee procedures. It was subsequently discovered that ‘provisional’ acceptance could occur as a matter of policy and not require an NRS change. The Governor Finance Office, as well as the Fiscal Staff of the Interim Finance Committee and Assemblywoman Carlton is committed to piloting a test-case to determine feasibility of such a policy.</p>
<p>Eliminate existing <b>budgetary disincentives</b> that discourage State agencies from pursuing federal grants.</p>	<p>Not resolved during the 79<sup>th</sup> session.</p>
<p>Create a pilot program that allows State agencies to access the <b>match funding and professional support</b> they need to secure high priority, high-return competitive grants.</p>	<p>Not resolved during the 79<sup>th</sup> session.</p>
<p>Remove <b>limitations in the State Grants Office statute</b> to allow for more flexibility and positive impact in its service to the State.</p>	<p><u>AB97</u> successfully passed the Assembly and Senate. The bill was introduced by Assemblywoman Bustamante-Adams and Assemblyman Paul Anderson, and removed restrictive language related to employee numbers and classification as well as prioritizing language.</p>