

Nevada Grants Council: Proposed Schedule for June – December 2016

By December 2016 the Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance (Grants Council) must prepare a report of its activities and recommendations for the Executive and Legislative branches. This inaugural report is particularly important as we ask elected and professional Executive and Legislative leaders to advance progress during the 2017 legislative session. The report is also an opportunity demonstrate the valuable and unique contributions the Grants Council can make.

To date, the Grants Council has agreed to discuss and prepare recommendations for possible action and/or funding by the legislature and governor regarding these four issues:

1. *Match Funds* Pilot Fund – Establish a pilot fund for the biennium to allow Governor’s Office of Finance, Grant’s Office and state agencies the cash funds needed to secure high-priority, high-return competitive grants.
2. Grants Management System – Fund and establish a statewide grants management system to identify and coordinate grant opportunities, as well as manage and report awarded grants.
3. Grant work plan approvals – Streamline the approval process for grant-related work plans while maintaining budgetary oversight
4. Budget Incentive – Modify language in the biennial budget authorization that creates a disincentive for agencies to pursue and secure federal grants.

In an effort to draft, receive feedback, and finalize an excellent report, the following agenda is proposed for the remaining 2016 Grant Councils meetings.

June (8th) Meeting

- See agenda.
- *Discussion points for Match Funds* Pilot Program Concept – Discuss and finalize concept for proposed match funds pilot program, including: amount requested, source of funds, fund management (i.e. what entity/office will manage fund), process for approval and disbursement of funds, and if use of funds will be reserved for high-priority grants (e.g. high-return on the dollar and/or key issues like education and economic development). Discuss how to move this issue forward legislatively, i.e. - how to process a BDR, etc.
- Receive, review and discuss other items as beneficial

August Meeting

- Grant management system – Receive an update on status and resolve Grants Council’s recommendation for grants management system
- Budget Incentives – Discuss and develop concept for proposed improvements for budget management so that agencies are incentivized for securing and effectively using grants

October Meeting

- Review and approve draft outline of report
- Status check on BDR's and/or budgetary discussions for 4 major identified issues

December Meeting

- Approve final report
- Discuss 2017 activities
- Status check on BDR's and/or budgetary discussions for 4 major identified issues

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