

There are a myriad of challenges and roadblocks grant recipients face regularly. However, through out our years of working within the grants community, a few challenges have consistently been seen as nearly insurmountable:

- **Decentralization:** Over 90% of local governments, and the majority of other grant recipients struggle to coordinate cross-functional activities that involve multiple independently-operating departments.
- **Lack of Standardization:** Many organizations have no formal grant management processes, and those who do find them difficult to monitor and enforce.
- **Lack of Capacity and Budget:** Over 90% of grant recipients surveyed indicated they would pursue additional grant funding, but lack the capacity to do so, and are unable to add resources due to budget constraints.

We decided to build a system to meet these challenges head on. GrantNavigator is configurable, web-based software that centralizes information and project management. The system provides a configurable platform for standardization and compliance to support your organization's unique policies and procedures. GrantNavigator enables efficiencies across your organization building the internal capacity to pursue, manage and be successful with more grant funds. So basically, what we're trying to say is . . . Lower costs, build capacity and drive additional revenue with GrantNavigator.

Centralization Through Software

One web-based solution to collect, store, retrieve and present the information you need. Dashboard tools provide administrators and grant staff real-time visibility into every aspect of their grants operation — whether summarizing organization-wide activity, or focusing on a specific grant.

- **Structured Data Collection** at every stage of the grant life cycle – from initial review through contract closeout – simplifies the burden for staff and ensures access to key data for all stakeholders.
- **The GPS Guide** (detailed below) gives grant managers a clear, standard roadmap to guide them down the right path for each project and funding opportunity.
- **The Central Document Repository** within GrantNavigator keeps all applications, contracts, reports and other files available at a click, any time and anywhere you have an internet connection.
- **Performance Monitoring Tools** keep you on top of program and spending goals. Draw directly from your logic models to track progress toward expected outcomes. Simplify evaluation and reporting through direct access to performance data.
- **Drive Subrecipient Activities** in compliance with your standardized processes at every step of their subaward.
- **Reporting Tools** help you create and save an unlimited number of reports pulling from project, grant and performance data. Deliver real-time information to meet the needs of every stakeholder.



Helping grant recipients plot their course to success

Standardization of Policies & Procedures



Your systems should support your processes - not force you to adapt to theirs. GrantNavigator offers flexibility through AFI's unique **Grant Process Standardization (GPS) System**; allowing you to map the application to mirror your policies, procedures and documentation requirements.

- **The GPS Grant Guide** allows administrators to configure a template of actions once, and have it automatically populate every project and each stage of every grant. Identify required activities, include detailed instruction and attach relevant files – such as forms or reference materials – to assist staff and drive compliance.
- **Color-Coded GPS Status Indicators** give managers and staff an instant understanding of how things are going. Incomplete information? Actions past due? You'll know where to focus attention.
- **Configurable Categories, Permission-Based Controls** and other features means GrantNavigator becomes your system, designed to drive and support standardized processes across the entire organization.

Building Capacity

The realities of today's economic and political environments have created a "Catch 22" scenario — organizations could truly benefit from pursuing additional grant funds, but do not have the funds to hire the resources needed to pursue and manage additional grant funds.

We designed GrantNavigator to help grant recipients build capacity by streamlining grants operations, eliminating redundant, manual processes and providing the efficiencies that occur through standardization and centralization.

Solving Complex Problems with Simple, Affordable Software Solutions

Some Key Features of GrantNavigator Standard Edition

- ✓ Configurable Grant Process Flow
- ✓ Easily Create Projects Through the Project Wizard
- ✓ Track Grant Status through Full Life Cycle
- ✓ Manage Any Award – Federal, State, Foundation, etc.
- ✓ Project-based Teams & Permissions Management
- ✓ Project-based Activity Tracking
- ✓ Full Task Management
- ✓ Configurable Report Wizard
- ✓ Automated & On-Demand Alerts
- ✓ Customizable Category and Tagging Features
- ✓ Centralized Collection of all Key Grant Data
- ✓ Centralized File Repository with Version Tracking
- ✓ Monitor Spending and Performance Goals
- ✓ Administrator Dashboard Tools
- ✓ Communication Tools & Reference Library
- ✓ Dashboard Status Indicators
- ✓ Cobranded Design
- ✓ Easily Search all Federal grants
- ✓ Review Enhanced Program Descriptions
- ✓ Access Full Funding Announcements
- ✓ Downloadable Applications & Reference Material
- ✓ Track Key Grant Deadlines
- ✓ Unlimited Sharing of Grant Information
- ✓ Automated Alerts for New and Updated Grants
- ✓ Save Grants to Your List or Attach to Team Projects
- ✓ Automated Searches Through the Search Wizard