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GRANTS

A grant is the transfer of anything of value from the Federal government to a non-federal entity to carry out a public purpose authorized by U.S. law. Grants fund ideas and projects to provide public services, stimulate the economy, and benefit the general public.

About the Grants.gov Program Management Office

Managed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Grants.gov is an E-Government initiative operating under the governance of the Office of Management and Budget.

The office was chartered to deliver a system that provides a centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities. Today, the Grants.gov system houses information on over 1,000 grant programs and vets grant applications for federal grant-making agencies.

Benefits of Using Grants.gov

Using the Grants.gov system makes it faster, easier and more cost effective for grant applicants to electronically interact with federal grant-making agencies. It also provides the following key benefits, among many others, to the grant community.

Helping the grant community learn more about available opportunities.

- ◆ Centralizing more than 1,000 different grant programs across federal grant-making agencies awarding more than \$500 billion annually.
- ◆ Standardizing grant information, application packages and processes for finding and applying for federal grants.

Simplifying the grant application process to save applicants costs, time and hassle.

- ◆ Eliminating the need to expend resources, time, postage and reproduction costs associated with traditional paper-based grant applications.
- ◆ Reducing training costs related to learning several different grant application systems and processes.

Making it easier to research and find federal grant opportunities.

- ◆ Conducting grant opportunity research with improved search capabilities from a simple key word search to advanced searches over numerous grant opportunity categories, including agency and grant category.
- ◆ Having grant opportunities sent directly to grant applicant desktops through custom search profiles, potential applicants can be notified via email or RSS feeds of future grant opportunities as they are posted by federal agencies.

A variety of grants available for municipal governments are listed and updated regularly at www.grants.gov. The list is sortable and searchable.

IMGA would like to remind everyone that the **Missouri Municipal League's** Annual Conference is set to be held September 10-13th at Tan-Tar-A at Osage Beach, MO.



Check us out on Facebook. Go to Facebook search and type in Nat Gas. It should bring up Nat Gas, Interstate Municipal Gas Agency. Hope to see your friend request on our site.



Also, check out our newly updated website: www.IMGA.org.

IMGA Member Communities

Aledo, Illinois
Auburn, Illinois
Bethany, Illinois
Chester, Illinois
Cobden, Illinois
Corning, Iowa
Creal Springs, Illinois
Divernon, Illinois
Enfield, Illinois
Findlay, Illinois
Franklin, Illinois
Fulton, Missouri
Grayville, Illinois
Karnak, Illinois
Lamoni, Iowa
Louisville, Illinois
Milford, Illinois
New Boston, Illinois
Perryville, Missouri
Pinckneyville, Illinois
Pittsfield, Illinois
Plattsburg, Missouri
Pleasant Hill, Illinois
Riverton, Illinois
Rossville, Illinois
Tamms, Illinois
Thebes, Illinois
Vienna, Illinois
Waverly, Illinois
Westville, Illinois
White Hall, Illinois
Winchester, Illinois

IMGA Eligible Utility

DD Farms, Inc.
Graceland University
Illinois State University
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Western Illinois University

PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK OCT. 1-7, 2017

Public Natural Gas Week (PNGW) is a nationwide observance that offers the perfect opportunity for you to showcase your natural gas system and generate enthusiasm about the benefits of public natural gas. The following activities have been used successfully in the past to celebrate PNGW and we encourage you to choose one or more that fit your community needs and budgets.

Residential Customers

- ◆ Celebrate PNGW with a customer appreciation day. Provide refreshments and a presentation by an employee of your system who can explain to attendees the importance of having a public natural gas system in their community and why natural gas is a responsible and affordable choice.
- ◆ Put an announcement about PNGW on your website.
- ◆ Use your social networking sites to publicize the week and to promote your events. Offer natural gas efficiency tips for your followers and prizes for those that interact with you online.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation

Encouraging energy conservation is not only socially responsible, but also helps our consumers manage their finances more effectively.

Everyone uses energy.

People use energy each day for transportation, cooking, heating and cooling rooms, manufacturing, lighting, entertainment, and many other uses. The choices people make about how they use energy - turning machines off when they're not using them or choosing to buy fuel-efficient vehicles and energy-efficient appliances - affects the environment and everyone's lives.

Efficiency and conservation are different but related

The terms energy efficiency and energy conservation have distinct meanings:

- ◆ **Energy efficiency** is using technology that requires less energy to perform the same function. Using a compact fluorescent light bulb that requires less energy instead of using an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light is an example of energy efficiency.
- ◆ **Energy conservation** is any behavior that results in the use of less energy. Turning the lights off when leaving the room and recycling aluminum cans are both ways of conserving energy.

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