

GMS Monthly Agency Meeting



Grants Management System
Monthly Agency Meeting: December 4, 2023

December Updates

Important GMS and Related Updates: Lots of big news!!

1. Update on FFATA reporting in the GMS:

In August at our Grants Training Conference, we introduced the concept of centralized FFATA reporting as a future goal for subawards managed in eCivis. We are still working on this goal. Moving forward relies upon new functionality we expect from eCivis in the first half of 2024 as part of a major system enhancement.

Once these upgrades are in production, we can begin work on the concept of designing a centralized FFATA reporting capability managed in eCivis. I expect work to begin on this in the 3rd/4th quarter of 2024. At this point I do not have a target date for release to agencies, I would expect it be sometime in 2025, depending on how the ERP project is going. Agencies should continue FFATA reporting as required and outlined in the [FFATA reporting policy](#) issued in October by DOA.

- ### 2. Risk Assessments in eCivis.
- We've heard your feedback related to risk assessment functionality in eCivis. As currently configured – primarily in the Annual Organization Registration (AOR), it is disconnected and involves multiple steps. Beginning early in 2024, we will be rolling out a new much easier risk assessment process using a risk assessment form and eliminating the need to engage with the AOR for risk assessment data. Agencies may still need to review subrecipients' registrations for FFATA executive compensation and other information.

3. ERP Update and eCivis Integration with Workday

- **RIGID Conversion:** In the first quarter of 2024, we will be converting the RIGID # to a more manageable alphanumeric number, compatible with Workday. Katje will be leading this aspect of the project. Stay tuned for additional information and updates.
- **eCivis > Workday Integration:** eCivis will integrate with the Workday finance system. GMO staff are working with the ERP finance project team, eCivis and DoIT on this integration. The current timeline has a working integration available for testing by late October 2024.

December Updates II

Important GMS and Related Updates:

Guides on [Agency Resource Page](#): We update these as needed, often because you reached out with questions, or to suggest improvements. Check for current versions.

SharePoint folder updates: coming soon updated permissions/agency access.

Grants Regulation Update(s): GMO is working on updates to the Grant Making regulation at [220-RICR-20-00-2](#), including the following topics:

- a. First come, first serve subaward programs
- b. Appeals process

Send any suggested changes to Laura.E.Sullivan@omb.ri.gov. Agencies will be asked to provide feedback soon. The formal process will begin in early 2024.

Competitive Subaward Waivers

- a. Must use updated form. If you downloaded a prior version, please discard it and download the [new version on GMO website](#). The old version will no longer be accepted.
- b. Add "GMO Waiver Verification" group as final approval step of a sequential Recommendation Approval workflow in the solicitation Approval tab.
- c. Important to answer **BOTH** parts of question #9 on the form; **"What opportunities did others have to demonstrate interest/capacity"**

Training & Support for Agencies

Additional Agency Training Sessions: Tuesdays at 1 PM

Invitations sent approx. 2 weeks prior to training date

1. Grant Finance 101: December 5 @ 1:00pm
2. Intro to eCivis for Applicants and Subrecipients: December 12 @ 1:00pm
3. Funding Opportunities Training: January 9 @ 1:00pm

All recordings available in the SharePoint

Additional Support provided to Agencies for GMS Adoption:

1. Weekly Office Hours - Thursdays at 2 PM
2. Monthly Agency Call – 1st or 2nd Monday at 2 PM
3. User Support Form – Available for both State Agency and Subrecipient/Applicant users

<https://controller.admin.ri.gov/grants-management/grant-management-system-gms/resources-state-agencies>

Appendix

User Support:

To submit a support request please use the User Support form located on the Grants Management Office website:

<https://controller.admin.ri.gov/grants-management/grant-management-system-gms/user-support>

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