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How to Streamline Grants Management Practices

10 WAYS TO DEVELOP SIMPLER GRANTMAKING PROCESSES

S **TAY FLEXIBLE FOR PARTNERS TO SUCCEED**
Increase support for general operating or amend existing project to operating.
Quicker approval by waiving grant agreements and reporting requirements.
Continue support if programs or events are cancelled, do not revoke funding.

T **IMELINES CHANGE AS PRIORITIES SHIFT**
If deliverable or milestone can't be met, amend deadline for proposed timing.
Simplify no-cost extensions and budget modifications for quicker approvals.
Increase indirect costs for partners to prioritize staff and operational costs.

R **eporting could be waived or reduced**
Make reports optional, accept general format, or only request financials.
Replace reports with calls with funders taking notes to track info.
Allow submission of a video by grantee to provide updates.



E **ase burden for grantees**
Allow submission of other funder's application to review, follow-up as needed.
Simplify online application (5 questions and pre-existing budgets/financials).
Increase character counts to reduce grantee's time tailoring responses.

A **void paper proposal/report**
Go green for online submission in grants management system (GMS).
Grantee portal offers easier centralized management of forms.
Develop forms with pre-populated info instead of starting fresh.



M **ake grants with an equity lens**
Collect basic demographic data to collect DEI grantmaking progress.
Refer to Guidestar.com, if grantee completed profile staff/board details.
Intentionally include diverse decision-makers during review process.

L **everage your GM system**
Develop a quick process to efficiently track grant amendments.
Ensure internal practices are sufficient for auditing purposes.
Ask your foundation peers for advice with similar GMS practices.



I **nvolve your GM staff to lead change**
Engage with Operations Staff to develop practices that will be efficient for all.
Discuss strategic plans with GM staff to align funder's value with grantmaking.
Find ways to transform these grantmaking practices into long-term success.

N **uances are inevitable, be nimble**
Procedures to simplify grantmaking processes may apply to 95% of grants.
Quickly adjust for the 5% for alternative options requiring more flexibility.
Explore innovative ideas to ask if proposals are effective to determining funding.

E **xpedite your payments**
Set-up electronic payments through ACH, wire transfers or Bill.com.
Simplify how banking info is requested of grantees on secure platform.
Make multi-year payments earlier to provide grantees access to funding sooner.

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