

The Role of Grants QSMO in Grants IT Investment Planning

Grants QSMO was established by the **Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memo M-19-16** to **empower** and enable applicants, recipients, and federal awarding agencies to **maximize mission impact** by facilitating development and adoption of **customer-focused, innovative, and efficient solutions and services** for grants management. In order to fulfill this mission, Grants QSMO aims to advise federal awarding agencies and service providers on Grants IT investment planning.








As you are considering a **Grants IT investment** for a modernization, development/acquisition of a new system, and/or adoption of an existing shared service provider, Grants QSMO is here to **support you** in the investment development process by providing **contacts, transparency and guidance** that will allow for faster and more likely approval from OMB.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF GRANTS QSMO INVOLVEMENT?

Benefits for Agencies and Service Providers

- ✓ Avoid duplicative investments and redundant systems
- ✓ Endorsement of Investment by Grants QSMO to OMB
- ✓ Quicker Review Process with OMB
- ✓ Smoother Investment Development Process
- ✓ Added Knowledge for Proposal (e.g., technical advisor to eval panels, cost estimation support)
- ✓ New Contacts in the Grants Community

Grants QSMO Recommended Best Practices

-  Utilize already established resources to develop your investment
 - ✓ [Grants QSMO Collaboration Site](#) (Please note that access is limited to Federal Agencies)
 -  [Modernization and Migration Management \(M3\) Playbook](#)
 -  [Fit-Gap Analysis](#)
-  Engage with Grants QSMO in the early stages of planning to increase the likelihood of OMB approval
-  Connect with your Agency's CIO, CFO, Enterprise Architect and Budget Offices
-  Review existing grants shared solutions/services for potential adoption
-  Consider the following important proposal assessment factors early:

- Will the implementation of the investment result in a reduced IT footprint at your Agency?
- How are you aligning to the [Federal Integrated Business Framework \(FIBF\)](#) Grants Management data standards and staying compliant with mandates?
- How does your investment decrease the burden for applicants, recipients and grantors?
- How would you include customer feedback in development and operations of your system (e.g., human-centered design)?
- If the Grants IT investment is for the development of a new system/service, would you consider making it a shared service available on the Grants QSMO Marketplace?