

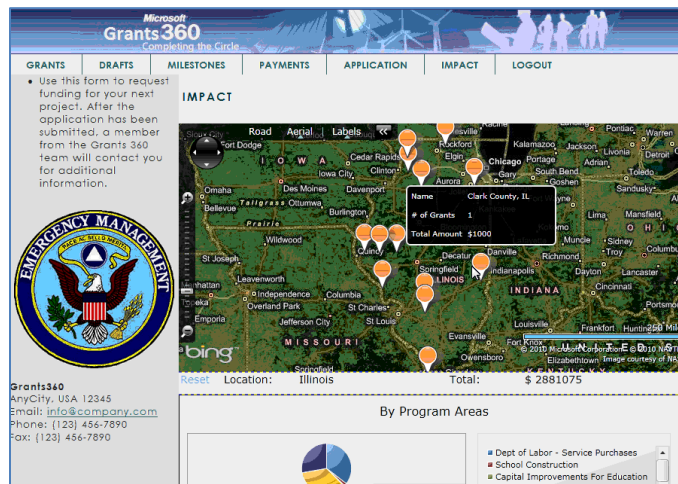


Government Grants Management with Microsoft Grants360 Accelerator

The Microsoft Grants360 accelerator provides government agencies and educational institutions with a flexible solution to manage, track and report on grant processes, from initial solicitation through awards. Grants360 is built on a fully integrated platform to provide a simplified and cost effective alternative to the complex and costly multi-product and development approach.

Microsoft Grants360–Grant Tracking and Management Tools for Grantor Agencies

The Grants360 solution accelerator is a customizable solution designed to be tailored to your agency’s grant processes. It helps you streamline grant management tasks to stay on time and within budget while allocating more time to evaluating solicitations and distribution of funds. Grants360 integrates with legacy applications, incorporates a cloud-based website for grant applicants to interact with your agency, and gives grantors instant access to where every grant is in the process, along with status and any issues that need to be addressed.

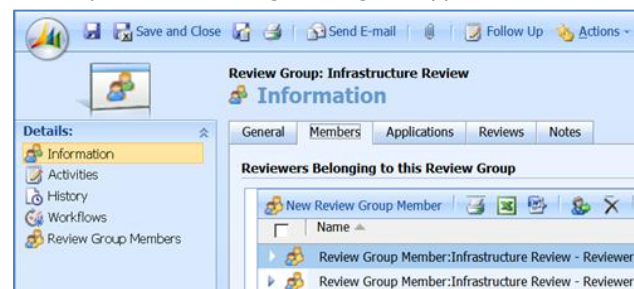


You can use Grants360 solution accelerator immediately to:

- Automate grants management to simplify processes and reduce errors and delays.
- Customize workflows to efficiently assign and track tasks and responsibilities.
- Manage grantee’s organizational information.
- Manage grantor’s reviewer and award information.
- Generate ad-hoc reports and dashboards to streamline operational and strategic communications.
- Create a cloud website or integrate with your existing site to utilize your current investment.
- Increase transparency through expanded communication.

Manage Grant Reviewers

Grants360 delivers advanced functionality to identify and audit reviewers and track the entire lifecycle of the review process, including unassigned applications.



You get an easy way to automate the review process, including grouping reviewers and creating a web site that reviewers can use to submit review scores based on a flexible, program-driven set of criteria.

Manage Grant Applicants

With Grants360, you can maintain a rich set of data about each grantee, including multiple address types and points of contact and a history of programs for which they have applied in the past. This helps you analyze grantees and detect impact trends through business intelligence techniques.

Manage Awards

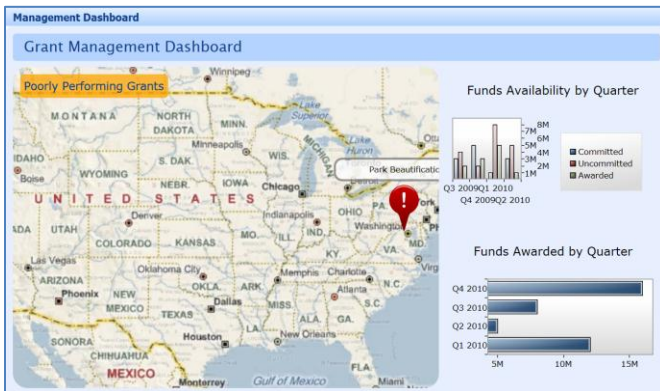
Grants360 helps you manage and phase-out funds for a grant after it has been awarded. You can administer and monitor payments and deliverables over multiple years to ensure the grantee is meeting all of their reporting and other stated obligations.

Manage Proposals

Grants360 provides a proposal management module to help you manage proposals, team members, vendors and contacts. All information on new, approved and rejected proposals is maintained and categorized for easy reviewing and auditing.

Instant Access to Information

Grants360 helps you simplify grants management tasks, eliminate duplicate entries, and increase the efficiency of grantor agencies. Interactive dashboards give you multiple views into the grant management process. Users can access, aggregate, view, compare, and analyze operational and interdependent information using powerful analytics and key performance indicators (KPIs). Key performance metrics can be customized for the unique requirements of each agency.



Flexible Reporting

Creating custom reports for different users can be time consuming. Grants360 empowers users to easily build new custom reports using Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services. Outlook email integration is also included for many functions, such as applicant notifications and correspondence.

Wizard-Driven Framework

The Grants360 accelerator utilizes a state of the art wizard approach to help you simplify and streamline the sequencing and auditing tasks needed to support the grant management and workflow process. A *Review Group Wizard*, a *Project Scoring Wizard* and an *Award Wizard* are provided right out of the box. Each wizard walks you through the sequential and interdependent steps needed to finish the task.

Mailing Lists and Data Exports

With Grants360, you can create user-defined as well as system-wide custom mailing lists easily for both email and postal mail. Using the rich query tool, you can export the data to an Excel spreadsheet or any character delimited file to help you better manage bulk communication and system integration.

External Interfaces

Grantor agencies can increase transparency and enhance communication by publishing information to grant applicants and other constituents. Grants360 supports open standards, such as XML and web services, so you can integrate the solution to interact with existing accounting systems and servers.

Grants.gov

Grants360 exports data in a format that is compatible with the federal website Grants.gov.

Store Data and Metrics

Grantors can improve efficiency and business rules by utilizing the historical and operational data stored in the system. Full exploration and analysis of data combined with related KPIs and metrics provides a broader view of a program's success and impact.

Workflow Automation

Workflow in Grants360 helps you automate both simple and complex processes with notification to all participants. The comprehensive log of activities tracked in workflows helps you establish accountability in accordance with your agency guidelines.

Grants360 Benefits

Comprehensive grant management accelerator. Provides grantors with a solution accelerator to manage, track and report on all major aspects of the grant processes.

Extensible platform using well known development tools. You can tailor the solution accelerator to meet specific and changing requirements. Because it is based on the Microsoft development platform, you can be sure of wide technical support from a large software development community.

Cloud-based internet portal. With Grants360, you can embrace the cloud-computing model with a public facing portal deployed on the Microsoft Azure platform. Alternatively, you can integrate your existing site with Grants360 entities and data.

Easy to adopt and learn. By taking advantage of the excellent usability and familiar interface of Microsoft products, you can drive user adoption quickly and support the solution more easily because users don't have to learn new software.

Geospatial capabilities. With Grants360 you can map data points to communicate geographic information and data trends at a glance.

Security and workflow. To help you ensure data security and privacy, the solution accelerator offers a rich and granular security model, integrated with Microsoft Active Directory.

Integration with popular Microsoft applications.

Grants360 easily integrates with popular tools including: Outlook®, Word, Excel®, and SharePoint Server. Office SharePoint Server is often used for document management and collaboration integration.

Improved governance and transparency. Actions and events are captured automatically as workflow history in Grant360. Integration points are provided for publishing information and communicating on public websites.

For more information

For more information about streamlining your grants management, visit: <http://www.microsoft.com/grants360>