

Application Submission Options

ASSIST

- ✓ Managed by NIH
- ✓ Available for all NIH grant programs and some administrative requests
- ✓ Leverages eRA Commons accounts already held by many users
- ✓ Secure, web-based data entry
- Control over application access
- ✓ Collaboration of multiple users
- ✓ Pre-submission validation of many agency and Grants.gov business rules
- ✓ Pre-population of data from eRA Commons profiles
- ✓ Ability to import subaward budget data from Grants.gov forms prepared offline
- ✓ Ability to copy application data from a previously prepared application
- ✓ Pre-submission print/preview of application in NIH format
- ✓ Submission status tracking for both Grants.gov and eRA Commons within a single system
- ✓ eRA Service Desk has secure visibility to applications for improved support

System-to-System Solutions

- ✓ Managed by institution or service provider
 - Consult your institutional officials to determine availability
- ✓ Programs supported vary by solution
 - Many support all NIH grant programs and some administrative requests
- Features vary by solution, examples include:
 - Secure, on-line data entry
 - Concurrent user support
 - Integration with institutional databases and grant systems to reduce data entry
 - Pre-submission verification of some NIH business rules
 - Pre-submission preview of assembled application image in agency format
 - Ability to easily move data between opportunities
 - o eRA Commons application status

Grants.gov Workspace

- ✓ Managed by Grants.gov
- ✓ Available for most NIH grant programs (not multi-project) and some administrative requests
- ✓ Online environment to manage the individual forms in an application package
- ✓ Individual forms can be downloaded and completed by different users
- ✓ Individual forms (with same name and version) can be reused for other opportunities
- ✓ Multiple workspaces can be created for the same funding opportunity announcement

Grants.gov Downloadable Forms

- ✓ Managed by Grants.gov
- ✓ Offline data entry
 - Good option when Internet connectivity is unreliable
- Available for most NIH grant programs (not multi-project) and some administrative requests
- ✓ All forms included in single file for easy completion by a single user
- ✓ No registration required to begin application data entry

Submission Options Used



What applicants are saying about ASSIST...

"We just submitted a P01 application using ASSIST and it was a freaking dream!"

"For someone familiar with Grants.gov for individual applications, the transition to ASSIST for our large program project application was remarkably painless, the entire process being intuitive. Submitting a large complex application electronically turned out to be much more straightforward, less harrowing, and much less time-consuming than the prior paper process."

"The ASSIST single application works just as well as the multi-project version and is so much faster and easier than using the Adobe forms."

"The ability in ASSIST to view errors and the assembled application before submission is invaluable to the preparation process. We can go to submission knowing that the risk of the application being rejected or pulled back is greatly minimized."

"The concepts being developed to manage these applications are really impressive and could change the way NIH does electronic submission for all applications in the future."

"I just have to say that after dealing with many different forms and submission procedures over the years that this new website for submission of program grant is really very nice! It is a beautiful software package. It should be opened up to allow submission of all grants through this process! Terrific job!!"

"Give ASSIST a try - you won't regret it!"