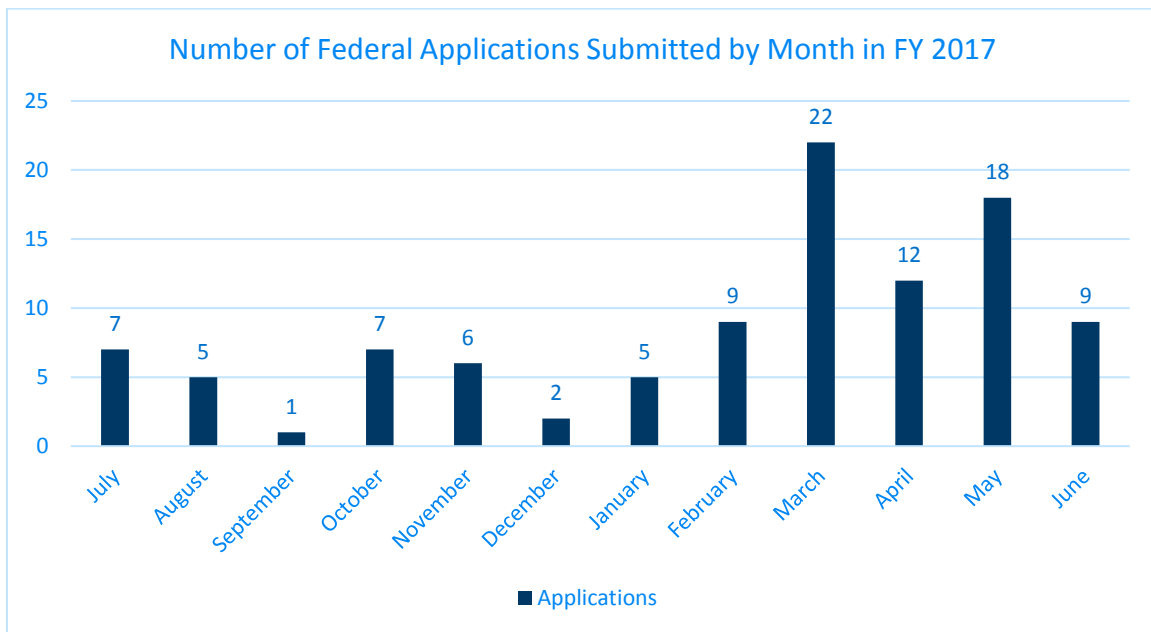


Federal Grant Applications

The Minnesota Department of Health relies on substantial federal investments in order to protect, maintain and improve the health of all Minnesotans. Federal funds accounts for nearly half all department expenditures each year. The department uses federal funding to bolster public health capacity both internally and with its partners in the state.

The federal funding application process is often arduous and complex. The department must apply for funding opportunities continually throughout the year. Most federal fund opportunities—whether for a competitive or formula award—have an application period of 30-90 days. Some application periods may be shorter, especially for infectious disease emergency events. In January 2017, for example, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had an eight-day application period for emergency Zika funding.

In the 2017 fiscal year period, the department prepared 103 federal grant applications. Many of the federal grant applications are several hundred pages and require immediate staff attention. Delays in the application process may prevent the department from competing for the award.



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