



Department of Administration | Office of Grants Management

House Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy Committee

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Grants are financial assistance paid, or services furnished, by a state agency via a third party to an eligible recipient.

Minnesota has a decentralized state grant management system.

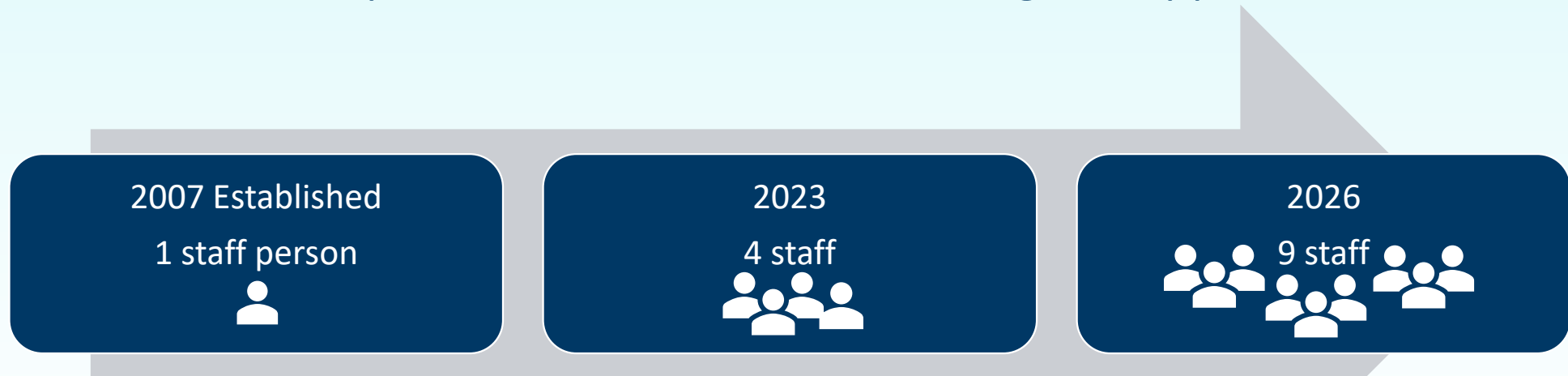
State grants are regulated by state law and policy.

The Office of Grants Management's state grant policy framework

Office of Grants Management (OGM)

Mission:

Standardize, streamline and improve **state** grant-making practices and increase public information about state grant opportunities.



Recent Statute Changes for Expanded Grants Oversight

Change	Statute
Grant termination if not in “best interest of state”	16B.991, Subd. 2
Agency cooperation with grant oversight	16B.97, Subd. 2
Suspend or debar grantees and potential grantees for up to 3 years	16B.97, Subd. 3(6)
Audit any grant	16B.98, Subd. 8(a)
Pre-award risk assessment (grants \$50K+)	16B.981, Subd. 2
Grant contracts approval by Admin	16B.97, Subd. 3(8)
Grantee performance evaluations (grants \$25K+)	16B.98, Subd. 12
Feasibility Study: enterprise grants management system	Laws 2023, Chapter 62, Article 7, Sec. 14
Agencies may use a portion of funds for grant administration	16B.98, Subd. 14



Key Powers and Authorities

Policies and
Procedures

Pre-Award Risk
Assessment

Monitoring
and Oversight

Suspension
and
Debarment

Grantee
Performance
Evaluations

Information
and Reporting

Grant
Termination

Training and
Technical
Assistance

Conflict of
Interest

Grant Contract
Agreement
Standards

Point of
Contact

Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.981

- Grant contracts \$50K or more
- Requires pre-award risk assessment of potential grantees
- Agency option to not award if assessment highlights concerns that cannot be mitigated

OGM Implementation

- Policy Update
- Toolkit resources
- Training
- 5,500+ assessments completed at the end of FY25

Enhanced Training

- Conducted training needs assessment
- Updated training content
 - Pre-award risk assessment
 - OGM policies
 - Grantee evaluation
 - Grant monitoring
 - Financial reconciliation
 - Fraud awareness and prevention
- Implemented required training

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the URL <https://mn.gov/admin/government/grants/training/>. The page header features the Minnesota Department of Administration logo and a search bar. A navigation menu includes links for Government Services, Citizen Services, Business Services, and Media. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Government Services > Grants > Training.


The main content area is titled "Training and Resources". It contains several paragraphs of text: "The Office of Grants Management (OGM) will host the following trainings in the coming weeks. Additional trainings are likely in November and December and will be shared on the OGM website and via email once confirmed. Training events for January-March will be announced in December. Please contact the OGM team at Grants.ADM@state.mn.us with questions." "The November and December sessions for Fraud Awareness trainings are currently full. Each session is capped at 120 participants due to Teams attendance record limitations." "Many more trainings will be held every month for the remainder of FY26. State staff required to attend have until June 30, 2026 to do so." "Additional dates will be added to this site as they become available."

Below the text are three tabs: "Mandatory Training", "Upcoming Trainings", and "Resources". The "Mandatory Training" tab is selected, showing a section titled "Mandatory Training" with the following text: "According to Minn. Stat.168.98 subd 6a, as of July 1, 2025, all state agency staff assigned grant management responsibilities must complete an initial grants management training before assuming grants management job duties and must complete continuing grants management training on an annual basis. The following information outlines the options for fulfilling these requirements in FY26." "Questions? Please contact your agency's [Grants Governance Committee \(GGC\) representative](#) or OGM at Grants.ADM@state.mn.us." Below this is a section titled "Initial Training" with the text: "Initial training is only required once as staff assume grants management responsibilities. Staff may satisfy the initial training requirement by completing one of the following:"

A left-hand navigation menu is visible, listing various services under "Government Services", with "Training" currently selected.

Investigation and Information Sharing


Upon notification of suspicious actors or activity, OGM utilizes SWIFT to identify any active grants within the enterprise



If active grants are identified OGM will reach out to the state agencies and request pre-award risk assessments, monitoring reports or any red flags



OGM conducts further investigation to determine if there is cause for suspension or debarment



OGM sends out alerts accompanied by resources that agencies can leverage such as red flag identification tips.

Suspension and Debarment

Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97, Subd. 3(6)

- Authorizes suspension or debarment for up to three years, precluding eligibility to receive a state-issued grant
- Applies to a potential or current recipient of a state-issued grant
- Requires notice and provides a right to request an administrative hearing

OGM Implementation

- Utilized authority 23 times since May 2025
- Most tied to federal Medicaid/social services activity
- Entities removed from “Open for Ordering” functionality in SWIFT
- Agencies trained to check both state and federal lists prior to awarding grants

More Work Ahead

OGM continues to strengthen its impact and effectiveness. Work in progress includes:

Preparing additional online training courses:

- Monitoring 101
- Financial Reconciliation
- Promote shared competencies
- Build capabilities for efficient and accountable grant making

Compliance reviews of select agencies in FY26, including adding additional staff.

Partnering with MMB internal controls on grants programs internal controls toolkit and CSAT grants-related questions.

Incorporating mandatory agency reporting required every 6 months on standard metrics:

- Risk assessments conducted
- Non-awards
- Grants terminated