

Subject Data practices: modifying data classification for grant applications to the State Arts Board

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Overview

Section 13.599 of the Government Data Practices Act deals with data submitted to a state agency in an application for a grant. Normally, under this section, information in grant responses (other than the applicant's name and address) remain private until the completion of the evaluation process. This bill creates an exception allowing the State Arts Board or a regional arts council to make grant responses public at an earlier stage: the review meeting at which responses are considered.

The Office of the Legislative Auditor recommended a statutory change to this effect in its 2019 evaluation report "Minnesota State Arts Board Grant Administration."¹

¹ Available online at: <https://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/ped/pedrep/artsboard.pdf>