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## Annual Grants Training



# 2024 Annual Grants Training

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1, 2024 | WASHINGTON, DC | #AGT2024



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## Register: 2024 NGMA Annual Grants Training February 27-March 1 | Washington, D.C.

Join us in Washington, D.C. for 2024 Annual Grants Training (AGT), a multi-day, in-person event ideal for grants professionals at all career levels.

2024 AGT [Agenda](#) includes:

Keynote speakers | Plenary panels | 50+ breakout sessions |  
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Thu Jan 11, 2024

[PNW Chapter January 2024 Virtual Meeting](#)

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Fri Jan 12, 2024

[SoCal Chapter Peer-to-Peer Meeting Series](#)

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Wed Jan 17, 2024

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Mon Jan 22, 2024

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### RATES (November 16, 2023 - February 5, 2024)

**\$1,069** Members | **\$1,243** Non-Members

### LATE REGISTRATION (February 6 - February 21\*)

*\*Invoicing option will no longer be available as of February 6. Payment will be due at time of registration as of this date.*

**\$1,099** Members | **\$1,273** Non-Members

*Non-member rates include optional one-year NGMA membership. Price does not change if you opt out of membership.*

### Meals

The following meals are included with registration:

- Breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, February 28
- Breakfast and lunch on Thursday, February 29
- Breakfast on Friday, March 1

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Wed Jan 24, 2024

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GMBok Training will take place immediately following 2024 AGT on March 1-3 at the Washington Hilton.  
Consider attending both events! [Learn more about GMBok Training](#)

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## HOTEL INFORMATION

2024 AGT will be held at:

**Washington Hilton | 1919 Connecticut Ave. NW | Washington, D.C. 20009**

The Washington Hilton is located within blocks of Dupont Circle and Adams Morgan. It is six (6) miles from Reagan National Airport and within walking distance of the DC Metro subway system.

## RESERVATIONS

**Attendees are responsible for booking their own hotel rooms.** NGMA has a room block at the Washington Hilton. Use the reservation link below to reserve a guest room at our discounted group rate. *NGMA room block rates are available between February 26 and March 3.*

[Hotel Reservation Link](#)

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**NOTE: WE HAVE REACHED CAPACITY ON CERTAIN NIGHTS OF THE ROOM BLOCK.** We are working to provide attendees information for nearby hotels. This information will be posted here as soon as possible.  
Thank you for your patience.

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## AGENDA

**Tuesday, February 27**

Time	Session	Level
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3-4 p.m.	<b>Navigating Grants Management: Essential Tips for Early Career Success</b> <i>Melissa Campbell, Guidehouse and LaKeisha Boyle, U.S. Department of Treasury</i>	Basic
	<b>Using AI as a Vehicle for Equity in the Grants World</b> <i>James (Jay) Black, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Andrea Brandon, Department of Interior</i>	Intermediate
	<b>What is a Grant Actually Costing You- Do You Know?</b> <i>Nicolie Lettini and Kathleen Kizior, Cherry Bekaert</i>	Basic
4:15-5:15 p.m.	<b>Congratulations, You Received a Grant. Now What?</b> <i>Ariel Lybarger and Zulma Perez, Moss Adams, LLP</i>	Basic
	<b>Ethics- It SHOULD Be the Easiest Part of Our Job</b> <i>Kathy Martins and Kelly Glossup, Alameda County Sheriff's Office</i>	Basic
	<b>Secret in the Sauce? Data. Using Data to Identify Compliance Risks</b> <i>Andrew Holzer, Cotton, a Sikich Company</i>	Intermediate

### Wednesday, February 28

Time	Session	Level
8-9:15 a.m.	<b>Opening and Keynote Address</b> <b><u><a href="#">Grants Compliance: It Takes a (Very Large and Very Complicated) Village</a></u></b> <i>Ken Dieffenbach, U.S. Department of Energy OIG</i>	Basic
10:45-11:45 a.m.	<b>Building and Maintaining a Best Practice Model of Grant Management and Compliance</b> <i>Joseph D'Alessandro, Ashley Glasgow-Crockett, and Christina McCollum, School District of Philadelphia</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Diversity, Equity, Inclusion &amp; Belonging for Grants Management</b> <i>Bridget Shea Westfall, HHS, Administration for Children and Families</i>	Advanced
	<b>Indirect Costs - Exploring the Dawn of a New Day</b> <i>Andre Hylton, U.S. Department of Education; Meghan Benson, National Science Foundation; Doris Jensen, U.S. Department of Interior; and Mark Stout, U.S. Department of Interior</i>	Basic
	<b>Keep Calm and Closeout Strong: Award Closeout Requirements and Best Practices</b> <i>Darren Wallace and Brette Fishman, U.S. Department of Treasury</i>	Basic

	<b>Measuring Program Outcomes</b> <i>Geoffrey Magon and Meghan Hicks, CohnReznick</i>	Basic
1:15-2:15 p.m.	<b>Assessing and Improving Equity in Grant Management and Program Development</b> <i>Michael Miranda-Moore and Megan Otto, Moss Adams, LLP</i>	Overview
	<b>Broadband: The New Kid On The Block--Takin' It Step By Step</b> <i>Tammy Smith, Peninsula Fiber Network; Rebecca Silva and Jennifer Woolcock, Falcon Sanchez; and Mercedes E. Quintero-Mendez, PROMB</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Data Analytics and Emerging Trends in Grant Fraud and Other Compliance Issues</b> <i>Ken Dieffenbach, U.S. Department of Energy</i>	Basic
	<b>Implementing and Adopting a Grant Management System: The State of Rhode Island's Experience</b> <i>Steve Thompson and Laura Sullivan, State of Rhode Island</i>	Basic
	<b>Unlocking Success: Mastering the Art of Leadership and Teamwork in Grants Management</b> <i>Vicky Cooper, Lee County Utilities</i>	Intermediate
2:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>Ethical Challenges in Grants Management: Risks and Opportunities</b> <i>Brian Kamoie and Kelley Grow, Deloitte</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Exploring the Revisions to the Uniform Guidance</b> <i>David Clark, BDO</i>	Basic
	<b>From Neural Networks to Networked Funding: AI Meets Grant\$</b> <i>Jason Mistlebauer, Witt O'Briens</i>	Basic
	<b>Getting Googled! Subrecipient Monitoring Using the Google Suite</b> <i>Angelyn Mayes, Wyoming Department of Health</i>	Overview
	<b>Internal Controls, Single Audits and Grants Management—Making the Pieces Fit Together</b> <i>Sarah Hluchan and Thomas Devine, Management Concepts</i>	Intermediate
4-5 p.m.	<b>Everything Everywhere All at Once: How to be A Successful Solo Grants Manager</b> <i>Tiffany Kessler, The Bruman Group, PLLC, and Lashon Andrea Brown, Valencia College</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Federal Financial Reporting 101: How to succeed in SF-425 reporting</b> <i>Catherine Schumer, DHS - FEMA</i>	Basic

	<b>From Concept to Reality: Establishing a Centralized Grants Management Office</b> <i>Stacie Massey, State of Ohio Office of Budget and Management</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Subrecipient and Contractor Monitoring</b> <i>Carson Phillips and Abby Rollins, CohnReznick</i>	Basic
	<b>Three Years After COVID-19 Grant Awards: Preparing for Audits and Investigations</b> <i>Mindy Pava and Edward "Ted" Waters, Feldesman Leifer LLP</i>	Basic
<b>Thursday, February 29</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Level</b>
8:30-9:30 a.m.	<b>Plenary Panel Discussion: OIG Panel—Recent Findings and Hot Topics</b>  Representatives from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) with experience at four agencies will provide attendees with an update regarding the top issues in grants management, recent findings and the top concerns with a look-ahead.	
9:45-10:45 a.m.	<b>Plenary Panel Discussion: TBA</b>	
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Be Audit You Can Be: Using the Annual OMB Single Audit Compliance Supplement</b> <i>Brette Fishman and Nasr Fahmy, U.S. Department of Treasury</i>	Overview
	<b>Getting to the Finish Line - Strategies for Grant Closeout</b> <i>Glenn McCormick</i>	Basic
	<b>One Size Does Not Fit All - Subawarding Federal Funds to Inexperienced Partners: Challenges and Opportunities</b> <i>Susan Durham, Louisville Metro Government and Matt Hanson, Witt O'Briens</i>	Intermediate
	<b>The Indirect Rate DEBATE! De Minimis or Negotiate?</b> <i>Dan Durst, BDO USA</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Strategic Decision-Making for Grant Success: Mastering Team Collaboration and Funding Achievement</b> <i>Carmen "Mely" Torres, On Point Strategy</i>	Basic
1:30-2:30 p.m.	<b>Addressing Fraud Risk in Government Grant Programs</b> <i>Daphne Cheeks and Justin Starkman, Guidehouse</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Making Sense of Your Data: How Grantmaking Intelligence and Impact Measurement Help Improve Decision Making</b>	Intermediate

	<i>Tammy Marinac, Fluxx and Vinay Mullick UpMetrics</i>	
	<b>Mastering the Art of Subrecipient Monitoring</b> <i>Jennifer Keller and Troy Rector, Clark Nuber</i>	Basic
	<b>We Saved You a Seat: Becoming the Federal Disaster Grant Procurement Expert Your Team Can't Do Without</b> <i>Shelley Vineyard and Rob Hogan, Disaster Recovery Services LLC</i>	Basic
	<b>Why Do I Certify? Time and Effort, the Report That Can Cost You Millions!</b> <i>Tiffany Kessler, The Bruman Group, PLLC, and Lashon Andrea Brown, Valencia College</i>	Basic
2:45-3:45 p.m.	<b>A Department of One: Tips and Tools to Enable Solo Grants Administrators to Navigate and Streamline Productivity</b> <i>Jacqui May, City of Stuart</i>	Basic
	<b>Addressing the \$247 Billion Elephant: Fraud Prevention and Improper Payment Remediation in the Grants Community</b> <i>Sarah Stricevic and Brette Fishman, U.S. Department of Treasury</i>	Overview
	<b>Discover, Design and Deliver: Building an Internal Controls Grant Monitoring System</b> <i>CA Cruthird and Solomon Tension, Dallas College</i>	Overview
	<b>Federally Supported Property: Why You Should Be Interested in the Federal Interest Now More Than Ever</b> <i>Edward "Ted" Waters and Nicole M. Bacon, Feldesman Leifer LLP</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Strategies to Building a Team of New Grant Managers</b> <i>Angie J. Brown and Ashley Rome, EisnerAmper; Danielle Johnson and Teresa Croon, The Water Institute of the Gulf; and Eric Russell, ENJ, PLLC</i>	Intermediate
4:15-5:15 p.m.	<b>I'm a Grant Manager, Why Do I Care About Financial Concepts?</b> <i>Kelly Bucci, Crowe LLP and Kalika White, University of Maryland</i>	Basic
	<b>Infrastructure Projects and Recent Changes to Grants Management Requirements--What Funders and Awardees Need to Know</b> <i>Rachel Werner and MJ White, MyFedTrainer</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Match Making: Finding &amp; Tracking Matching Funds in Federal Grants</b> <i>Johna Rodgers, Johna Rodgers Consulting, LLC</i>	Basic
	<b>Rent, Utilities, and Printing, Oh My!: Distributing Direct Costs Shared by Multiple Funding Sources</b>	Basic



	<i>MaryAnn Avendano, Workforce Connections</i>	
	<b>Transitioning a Grants Management Team from Subrecipient to Prime Recipient</b> <i>Terri Bennet and Jennifer Upton, Sandy Hook Promise</i>	Intermediate
<b>Friday, March 1</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Level</b>
8-9 a.m.	<b>Allocation Methodology: A Reflection on Cost Allocation</b> <i>Megan Mesko and Soghra Raza, Sikich</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Equity and the Increasingly Significant Role It's Playing in Grants: How to Get on Board and Succeed in Getting Awards</b> <i>Dionne Deschenne</i>	Basic
	<b>Purpose-Driven Grant Administration</b> <i>Robert Hogan, DRS</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Spotting Red Flags: Preventing and Detecting Fraud in Grant Funding</b> <i>Mike Nurse and Jennifer Keller, Clark Nuber, PS</i>	Basic
	<b>When the Music Stops: The Consequences of Funding Termination Under Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements</b> <i>Phillip A. Escoriaza and Rosie Dawn Griffin, Feldesman Leifer LLP</i>	Intermediate
9:15-10:15 a.m.	<b>Buy and Comply: Successfully Navigating the Federal Procurement Standards</b> <i>Edward Girovasi, Graduate School USA</i>	Overview
	<b>Equity in Grants: It All Starts with Data</b> <i>Yuliana Bruister and Renee Cooper, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Chelsea Cole, U.S. Department of Agriculture</i>	Intermediate
	<b>Financial Reporting (SF-425)</b> <i>Jon Muckey, U.S. Department of Energy</i>	Basic
	<b>Future of Grants: The Role of Advanced Analytics and AI in Grants Management</b> <i>Joseph Conti, Maria Swineford, and Azadeh Meshkaty, Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP</i>	Basic
	<b>How to Manage the Disaster After the Disaster-- A Grant Management Perspective</b>	Intermediate

	<i>Zulma Perez, Mayte Bayolo Alonso, Joanna Matos-Hicks, and Lisa Bullard-Paynter, COR3 and ICF</i>	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Plenary Panel Discussion: Grants Attorney Q&amp;A Panel</b>  <i>Hosted by the American Bar Association, Grant Law Committee</i></p> <p>Attorneys from the American Bar Association Public Contract Law's Grant Law Committee will discuss the top questions they have seen as well as answer your questions related to compliance under the Uniform Grants Guidance, stimulus federal funding, and other grants concerns.</p>	
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  <i>NGMA Staff &amp; Leadership</i></p>	

## CANCELLATIONS, TRANSFERS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Who Should Attend      Grants professionals, including Grants Specialists, Administrators, Managers, Program Officers, Grant Officers, Auditors

Program Level      Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced

Delivery Method      Group Live

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