

Avanade Grant Making Solution

Comprehensive solution for grant makers to track grants over their entire lifecycle using the Microsoft Common Data Model



Even relatively small programs can involve tracking many applications, reviewers, requirements and payments. Further, once the grants become available, finding the relevant grant opportunities can be difficult. Grantmakers spend much of their time sorting through a barrage of opportunities and working with grantees to focus funding on areas of high impact, among other activities.

Why would citizens, university students among them, abandon their grant award cart before checking out? There are multiple reasons that can all be abated with an effective grant making solution.

Grant making program management is difficult. Every grant requires a myriad of administrative tasks that require planning, scheduling, executing, monitoring and reporting. Additionally, each individual grant needs to relate back to the grantmakers' mission, objectives, programs and activities. Avanade's Grant Making Solution can help by handling internal tracking of constituent information, relationship management, grant portfolio and workflow management, grantee online applications, application reviews and dockets, communications, grant requirement management, outcome evaluation, payments, budgeting and dashboards.

Key features include:

- Support for a more detailed application including automated conversion processes from Request and Request to Award
- Request portfolio management with stage workflow configurable by program
- Configurable approval process that can be enabled on multiple entities
- Requirement Scheduler for auto-generating progress reports, site visits and final reports including the ability to set up templates that can be applied to all grants and linking payments to specific grantee requirements
- Payment Scheduler for splitting payments into multiple payments, linking all contributing programs, budget management and auto-generation of payments
- Grantor Application and Report Designers allowing flexibility for multiple sections, templating, question branching and character/word counts
- A user-friendly, intuitive grantee portal experience enables tracking request status and due dates for grant requirements, award outcome tracking, searching for new grant opportunities and payment tracking
- Simplified application review interface with request responses on the left panel and the reviewer scoring and comments on the right panel

The Avanade Grant Making solution will allow for improved coordination between grants managers and the finance team by facilitating the exchange of payment data and tracking payment commitments against grantee requirements and budgets. At the same time, budgeting features let you define the amount of money you plan to devote to each grant program, track by both program and subprogram, split grants between programs, and then generate reports to compare these budget amounts to the actual amount spent.

User-friendly grantee portal experience

There has been a growing emphasis on measuring grant outcomes in order to quantify impact and to evaluate that outcome to improve programmatic decision-making. Our solution enables grant makers to identify standard outcomes that can be integrated into applications and progress reports. Ultimately, this will enable improved alignment between program managers and leadership by providing dashboards and reporting that monitors progress toward goals and program health.

Measure impact for more strategic decisions

When building this solution, we emphasized the user experience and ease of use. Thus, the functionality should be relatively easily to learn and to remember for casual users while retaining the ability for advanced users to accomplish complex tasks. For instance, fields and functions are intuitively named and easy to find. Since the solution uses the Microsoft Common Data Model, it is based on entities and attributes that grantmakers commonly use for grant management. We want to make sure that a grant administrator can perform common tasks quickly and efficiently.

To learn more about the Avanade Grant Making solution, contact us at www.avanade.com/en/technologies/microsoft-dynamics-365

Key Benefits

- Comprehensive end-to-end grant management over the entire grant lifecycle
- Save time by making processes effective and transparent
- Comfort in knowing that the solution uses the Microsoft CDM, enabling interoperability
- User-friendly, intuitive grantee portal experience to make your grantees request submission easier
- Requirement Scheduler and Payment Scheduling Wizard saving time for your internal staff
- Measure and evaluate impact for more strategic decision-making with outcome management