Catalog of State Financial Assistance

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Presentation Objectives

› Overview of the Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA)
› Uses for the CSFA
› CSFA Maintenance
› Assignment of Cognizant Agency
The Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) is a single, authoritative, statewide, comprehensive source document of State financial assistance program information.

CSFA contains, at a minimum, the following information:

- CFDA and CSFA numbers
- Program description
- Eligibility
- State and Federal rule cites
- Total funding, funding source
- Performance measures

CSFA is accessed from www.grants.illinois.gov
Uses for the CSFA

- As required, the CSFA is publicly available and lists all grants including: objectives and goals, eligibility requirements, exceptions and exemptions, required audits, financial and performance reports
- GOMB uses the CSFA to assign a Cognizant Agency based on funding awarded
- In FY18, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) shall be generated from the CSFA
- In FY18, Notice of State Award shall be generated from the CSFA (NOSA)
CSFA Maintenance

- State agencies shall maintain the CSFA
- State agencies shall populate the CSFA as follows:
  - Record all Federal, Federal Pass-through and State funds received by the state agency
  - Funds internally used by the state agency must also be recoded
  - Record grants awarded from the Federal, Federal Pass-through and State funds
  - Record exceptions or exemptions given by GATU on behalf of the Governor’s Compliance Office for specific grant programs
Using grant award data entered by state agencies, cognizant agency determinations are made based on the state agency providing a grantee the most funding within a state fiscal year.

Initial cognizant agency determinations were based on FY15 CSFA data.

Cognizant agency assignments will be reassessed every 3 fiscal years.

CSFA data will be reviewed annually for significant funding fluctuations.

Using the State Staff Inquiry Systems, state agencies can request to be or not to be the cognizant agency.
  - All requests require justification.
Cognizant Agency Determinations

- All grantees have a cognizant agency as documented in the Grantee Portal
- State agency CSFA data must be complete to make an accurate cognizant agency determination
  - Include grantee’s DUNS number when posting an award (especially awards entered prior to 11/16)
  - Keep CSFA entries timely as decisions depend on state agency entries
Working Together for Compliance

- CSFA allows Illinois to comply with requirements to centralize a master list of financial assistance program information
- CSFA provides a wealth of program information to the public, legislative stakeholders and state agency personnel
- State agencies can keep grantees informed of grant opportunities through the CSFA at www.grants.illinois.gov
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