

# **Grant Matching Program Notice of Funding Opportunity SFY2026**

**State of Nevada  
Governor's Office of Federal Assistance  
Notice of Funding Opportunity**



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| <b>Funding Agency:</b>                    | Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA)   |
| <b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b>         | Grant Matching Program (GMP)   |
| <b>Funding Opportunity Year:</b>          | State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26)   |
| <b>Application Period of Performance:</b> | Aligns with Federal Grant Award  |
| <b>Deadline for Applications:</b>         | Accepting rolling applications until June 1, 2026  |
| <b>Total Amount Available:</b>            | \$1 million annually, subject to availability of funds   |
| <b>GMP Webpage:</b>                       | <a href="https://www.nv.gov/grants">Grant Matching Program (nv.gov)</a>  |
| <b>Contact Information:</b>               | Governor's Office of Federal Assistance<br>209 E. Musser Street, Suite 100<br>Carson City, Nevada 89701<br>Attention: Shana Rhinehart, GMP Administrator<br>(775) 684-0156 (o)<br><a href="mailto:grants@ofa.nv.gov">grants@ofa.nv.gov</a><br><a href="http://www.ofa.nv.gov">www.ofa.nv.gov</a> |

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## Grant Matching Program (GMP) Description

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance's Grant Matching Program (GMP) is available for state agencies, local agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits applying for federal or competitive federally funded state pass-through funds within the State of Nevada to meet match/cost share requirements. Applicants must have exhausted all efforts to find available funding, prior to the awarding of the federal grant or up to 90 days after the award date on the federal Notice of Grant Award (NoGA). Grant applications submitted prior to accepting the award will be given priority.

Eligible applicants include state agencies, local agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits applying for federal funds. The program awards cash grants to satisfy up to half of the federal grant amount requested from the federal funder or state pass through entity that meets the match requirement necessary to receive federal or state pass through funding awards.

All applicants must receive a federal or a competitive federally funded state award notification and provide documentation to the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance. Applications will be reviewed upon submission and awarded throughout the program period on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Program Overview

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA) administers the Grant Matching Program (GMP) to provide state matching funds to eligible applicants pursuing a new, competitive federal or competitive federally funded state pass-through grants. This support is intended to enable Nevada-based entities to successfully secure external funding opportunities that require a non-federal cost share/match.



Eligible applicants include state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations operating within Nevada. Priority is given to applicants who request match funding before accepting a federal award or state pass-through opportunity based on a federal award. However, GMP funds may be awarded up to 90 days following a federal award notification (Notice of Grant Award or NoGA).

GMP may provide matching funds that result in a two-to-one return on investment, where every dollar of state support sees a return of two dollars in federal or federally funded pass-through grant awards, subject to the availability of funds.

## Grant Match Program Background

From the 2019 legislative session, [Assembly Bill 489](#) created the Grant Matching Fund (GMF) pilot program to provide funds to state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations as the matching funds for federal and nongovernmental organization grants. [Senate Bill 528](#) of the 2019 session appropriated \$1 million to fund the grants awarded by the pilot program. The GMF pilot program was approved by the Interim Finance Committee in December 2019 and launched in January 2020. [Assembly Bill 445](#) of the 2021 Nevada legislative session extended the Grant Matching Program (GMP) through June 30, 2022, narrowing it to fund matching for federal grants only.

Beginning July 1, 2022, the GMP became permanent and will be administered by the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance. An appropriation of \$1 million annually was approved to fund the program. On June 5, 2025, the governor signed AB 554 into law to make GMP a revolving fund, so any remaining uncommitted funds roll over to the next fiscal year.

Effective July 1, 2025, GMP funds became available to meet match requirements for state pass through funds when the state award was an award from a direct, new, competitive federal grant. The GMP award ceiling was updated to reflect [NRS 223.496's](#) minimum return on investment ratio.

## Eligibility Criteria

The Grant Matching Program (GMP) is a program which aims to help state agencies, local agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations to request grant funds for the purpose of satisfying the match requirement. The grant must be a federal grant or a state pass-through grant opportunity resulting from a state agency winning a new, competitive federal grant.

The GMP request amount must not exceed half of the grant amount requested from the federal funder or state pass-through entity (PTE). Per NRS [223.496](#), for every \$1 of matching funds grants invested in a stakeholder as a grant match, a minimum of \$2 in federal grant dollars must return to Nevada.

As part of the creation and administration of this program, the following eligibility criteria have been developed and **must** be met by all applicants, identified grant opportunities, and match requests.

### Applicants must:

- Be a state agency, local agency, tribal government, or nonprofit organization



- Registered or be eligible to register as a vendor with the [State of Nevada Controller's Office](#)
- [Have a Unique Entity ID \(UEI\)](#)
- [Have a State Vendor ID](#)
- Attempt to secure match funding through their own budget or in-kind resources.
- Exhaust all potential sources of match.

### Identified grant opportunities must:

- Be a federal or state pass-through grant opportunity for which your organization is eligible as required by the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO)
- Be within the scope of your organization
- Be a federal discretionary grant or a state pass-through grant opportunity based on the state winning a competitive/discretionary grant
- Identify the place of performance for the services to be in Nevada
- Be a current, active competitive grant solicitation demonstrated by a NOFO.

### Match requests applications must:

- Not exceed half of the grant amount requested from the funder. Per NRS [223.496](#), for every \$1 of matching funds grants invested in a stakeholder as a grant match, a minimum of \$2 in federal funds must return to Nevada.
- The funder may be a federal agency or a state agency acting a pass-through entity (PTE). The federal award won by the state agency must be from a new, competitive/discretionary grant.
- Meet the match requirement necessary to receive a competitive federal award or state pass through funding based on a new, competitive federal award.
- Specify cash and/or in-kind match within the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) as a type of required match funding; and
- Not be used as an emergency match for grants
- Within the allowable time frame of before the award is accepted and up to 90 days after the award date on the Notice of Grant Award (NoGA)

### Preference is given to applicants for grants that prioritize:

- Align with the documented mission, vision, and priorities of the state agency, local agency, tribal government or nonprofit organization
- Address the needs of underserved or frontier communities
- Help state agencies, local agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations build capacity for future grant opportunities
- Enable a state agency, local agency, tribal government, or nonprofit organization to sustain the grant within its next budget cycle.

## Application Guide and Questions

This is not the GMP application. This is an application guide to assist potential applicants prior to application submission. Included below is the list of application questions to prepare answers in advance. All applicants must complete and pass the Eligibility Checker. Once the initial eligibility is verified the link to online application is provided on the "Congratulations" page.



## Plan Ahead

Please visit the [GMP Webpage](#) to review the eligibility requirements prior to starting the GMP application process.

Fill out the [Eligibility Checker](#) to confirm eligibility. If your project is eligible, the link to the GMP Application is located on the “Congratulations” page. When your eligibility is confirmed:

1. Print out the proof of eligibility page.
2. Gather all the items listed on the page before you sit down to fill out the application.
3. Once gathered, use the link on the confirmation page to access the application.

This will save time when you fill out the application. If you disagree with the results of the Eligibility Checker, you may request that an Executive Grant Analyst contact you.

The GMP application includes 54 questions consisting of yes-or-no, fill-in-the-blank, and summary responses. The application should take approximately two and a half (2.5) hours to complete.

Your application will automatically save, and you can change your answers until you complete your application. If you apply to the GMP more than once, you must [clear your browser's cookies](#) to start a new GMP application.

## Before Submitting

Grant deadlines operate on a tight timeline and there may be follow-up requests from the GMP Administrator if your application is missing information. It is imperative the person listed as the point of contact has access to email and is responsive to communication. Failure to respond within time limits set in communication can result of not being awarded.

The GMP is not responsible for missed communication and cannot guarantee a timely response if information is missing. Approved applicants will receive a letter of commitment verifying the obligated match, which is contingent on a successful grant award. Approved applicants will receive their GMP grant award letter and award agreement after the notice of grant award (NoGA) has been accepted and a risk assessment completed.

## Completion Requirements

For your GMP application to be considered complete, you must:

- Answer ***all*** questions; and
- Submit ***all*** the required supporting documents to [grants@ofa.nv.gov](mailto:grants@ofa.nv.gov):
  - The signed [self-certification form](#).
  - Approved organizational operating budget or the most recent legislatively approved
  - Organizational chart(s), including proposed staff additions for the identified grant opportunity.
  - Letters of commitment for supplemental match (as applicable)



- Organization's documented mission and vision statements. Do not send a link to your website.

## Application Questions

Below are the questions from the application. To save time, have your federal/PTE grant application materials available to copy and paste specific details.

### Section 1 - Applicant Information

1. Organization Name
2. Address
3. City
4. State
5. ZIP Code
6. Organization Type
7. Point of Contact Name
8. Email Address
9. Office Phone
10. Mobile Phone
11. Vendor Number: Applicants must be registered with the State of Nevada as a vendor to receive payment. Register through the State of Nevada Purchasing Division [https://controller.nv.gov/Vendor/Electronic\\_Vendor\\_Registration/](https://controller.nv.gov/Vendor/Electronic_Vendor_Registration/)
12. Unique Entity ID (UEI) Number or Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13. Was an intergovernmental review required on the SF-424?
14. If yes, what is the SAI number?
15. Has your organization exhausted all potential sources for the federal match requirement?

### Section 2 - Federal Opportunity Information

16. Funding Opportunity Number
17. Funding Opportunity Name
18. Funding Organization Name
19. CFDA or ALN (Assistance Listing Number)
20. Funding Type
21. Funding Opportunity Link: paste link for funding opportunity if still live, otherwise N/A.
22. Anticipated Date of Federal Award: provide the anticipated date for the notice of grant award (NOGA)
23. Provide the federal grant opportunity's purpose as stated in the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO)
24. Will the grant-funded services be provided in Nevada?
25. What counties in Nevada will receive benefits from the federal opportunity if awarded?

Select all counties that are applicable. Carson City, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, White Pine.



26. Federal Project Period of Performance in the following format: mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy (example: 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2025)
27. What is your total required match (in percentage) per the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)?  
  
Provide in percentage form. For example, if the total federal match is split 75%/25%, this indicates the agency's match requirement is 25%.
28. What is the amount of the federal grant or federally funded state pass-through opportunity you applied for? Provide in dollar form and do not round. This is the amount you hope to get from the funder.
29. What is the exact dollar amount of the agency's match requirement for the federal opportunity?
30. Does your agency have all of your part of the required match or are you splitting the costs with outside agencies?
31. Have you secured additional sources of funding for the agency's match requirement thus far?
32. If "yes" to question #31, provide the combined total dollar amount of the letter(s) of support. If "no" to question to #31, please enter \$0 below.
33. How much of the match is coming from your entity? Please give the exact dollar amount.
34. What is the exact dollar amount of the match that is being requested from the Grant Matching Program? This does not include the amount from the combined letters of support (see question #31).
35. What is the exact dollar amount of the total project (the grant amount you applied for plus all the required match)?

### Section 3 – Scored Summary Questions

36. What is your organization's mission and vision?
37. Where is your mission and vision documented?
38. How has your organization accomplished its mission and vision?
39. What is your organization's scope of services?
40. What is your EIN/TIN#?
41. State your need for matching funds and explain in detail how you have exhausted all potential sources of match and what those sources are. Include all efforts to secure other funding that were unsuccessful.
42. What is your organizational capacity for implementing, monitoring, and managing the proposed grant program (i.e., staffing, expertise, experience, partnerships, similar grants, etc.)?
43. What are your organization's goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes for the proposed grant program?
44. Describe the proposed program activities that would be funded.
45. Will the proposed grant program add services in Nevada? Explain those services.
46. Explain how the grant opportunity aligns with your organization's documented priorities.



47. How will the proposed grant program address the needs of underserved and/or frontier communities in Nevada?
48. Will the proposed grant program build capacity for future grant opportunities?
49. Will the identified grant opportunity enable you to sustain the program?
50. Will the proposed grant program have other impact(s)?
51. Please email your most recent legislatively approved or organizational operating budget, signed single certification form, and most recent organizational chart in PDF format to [grants@ofa.nv.gov](mailto:grants@ofa.nv.gov).
52. Email your letters of commitment for the other sources of match as a single PDF to [grants@ofa.nv.gov](mailto:grants@ofa.nv.gov).
53. Certify that all entries and answers are true and accurately reflect the organization, the identified federal grant opportunity, and the proposed federal grant program and proposal that the organization is planning to submit. Certify applicants are authorized on behalf of the organization being represented to submit the application for the GMP to the Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance.
54. GMP Application Submission Date

## Review Criteria

The independent review team will be evaluating the applicant organization's suitability for matching funds based on its answers about their organization, the grant opportunity, and the applicant organization's proposed program – not the federal or PTE grant proposal. Each GMP application is being evaluated on its own merit, and not competitively against other applicants. The review team is only able to see the GMP application and the supporting documents.

The GMP administrator will conduct a technical review to make sure that the information submitted in the application is complete and consistent. Applications that are incomplete or have inconsistent information will fail the technical review and will not be evaluated by the review team. The review team will use a scale ranging from excellent to unsatisfactory (excellent, strong, average, basic, weak, and unsatisfactory) to evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

- Understanding of the applicant's organization, services, and proposed goals and outcomes
- Demonstrated a need for GMP program funding
- The applicant organization's ability to successfully implement, monitor and manage the proposed grant program
- Degree to which the applicant's proposed grant program adds services in Nevada
- Degree to which the applicant's proposed grant program aligns with the applicant organization's documented mission, vision and priorities
- Degree to which the applicant's proposed grant program addresses the needs of underserved and/or frontier communities in Nevada
- Degree to which the applicant's proposed grant program builds capacity for future grant opportunities
- Degree to which the identified grant opportunity enables the applicant organization to sustain the program
- Degree to which the application represents a sound investment of GMP program award dollars
- Overall strength of the GMP program application.



## Scoring and Evaluation

This application is to qualify your organization for matching funds. An independent review team will evaluate your organization's suitability for matching funds based on your answers about your organization, the identified grant opportunity, and your proposed program – NOT the grant proposal submitted to the federal funding agency.

Your application will be evaluated on its own merit and not competitively against other applicants. The GMP administrator or designee will first conduct a technical review to make sure that the information submitted in the application is complete and consistent. Applications that are incomplete or have inconsistent information will fail the technical review and will not be evaluated by the review team.

The review team will only be able to see this application and the information supplied within. It is important to answer all questions as thoroughly as possible to ensure your organization will qualify for the matching program award. The review team committee will use established review criteria that align with the eligibility requirements and a scoring evaluation form to review your application.

## Reporting

Fiscal and programmatic reporting are required for all awards (see your grant award for the details). Required reporting includes but is not limited to:

- Quarterly reports (QR) with receipts or other evidence of expenditure
- Any notifications required by or sent by the federal funding organization
- Any changes during implementation
- Scheduling or completion of any single or program specific audit
- A copy of the audit report detailing any exceptions and whether the applicant's financial statements comply with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); and
- Suspension, proposed for debarment or debarment documentation.
- Annual reporting
- The final closeout report

**Additional resources, forms and documents can be found on the OFA website (<https://ofa.nv.gov/>).**