

Grant Systems Policy Matrix

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE
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BACKGROUND

[HJ 28](#) (2025) tasked the Local Government Interim Committee (LGIC) with reviewing the federal grants allocated to the state, evaluating the way state agencies function as intermediaries, and identifying strategies to enhance the inflow of federal funds. Following panels with state agencies, local governments, Tribal governments, and private sector organizations, **four areas of friction** were highlighted by stakeholders:

- Duplicative efforts;
- Access to grant writers, project managers, and other administrative staff;
- Access to matching funds; and
- Identification of grant opportunities.

POLICY OPTIONS MATRIX

Option	Description	Advantages	Challenges
Centralized Reporting Portal	Develop a centralized reporting system for all state level grants.	• Allows users to more efficiently manage grants from various state entities	• Mass transition may take an extended amount of time
Grant Match Program	Develop a grant match program to facilitate the acquisition of matching funds for federal grants.	• Access to additional matching funds would allow entities to apply for more and larger grants • Matches can be tailored to specific areas of interest	• Large up-front cost • Staffing challenges may still deter entities from applying for more grants
Centralized Posting Portal	Develop a centralized posting portal for all state level grants.	• Increases grant visibility • Reduces staff time spent finding grants • Relatively inexpensive	• Requires active participation from all agencies
Centralized Grant Office	Develop a centralized grant office to assist in researching, applying for, managing, and closing out grants. The level and availability of the services	• Provides resources to maximize the number of grants an entity can apply for/obtain	• Relatively large upfront costs

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	and the amount of interaction between the office and state agencies would be determined by the committee.	Centralizing grants can reduce duplicative efforts	
Standardized Processes	Develop uniform applications and reporting procedures for state level grants.	Speeds up processes allowing for reduced staff time on these tasks	Uniform documents could become lengthy if required to capture all information for all grants
Administrative Grants	Provide for a state grant that can be used to hire additional staff and cover other administrative costs.	- Low administrative burden for the state - Helps entities address various aspects of grant application and management	Relatively large upfront cost
Grants Streamlining Task Force	Create a grants streamlining task force to develop plans to move various agency functions to a centralized office/portal.	- Allows state agencies to take a more active role in any potential transition - Allows for a more “orderly” transition	- Large number of stakeholders - No immediate impact - May not return with recommendations/legislation

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR LGIC

- How much money, if any, does the committee want to appropriate for grants and grant matching funds?
 - What agency would administer these programs?
- Where would any centralized efforts be housed?
 - What agency would administer them?
- What timeline would exist for the transition to centralized/standardized procedures?
- Others?