

# 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

# CSFA Overview

- ▶ 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](http://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

# Cognizant Agency Determinations

- ▶ 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](http://www.grants.illinois.gov)

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