



Empowering the  
Professionals  
Behind Every  
Grant.



## Who We Are

The Grant Professionals Association (GPA) is an international membership organization for all professionals in the grants industry. GPA helps grant professionals seek to continually improve their knowledge and skills in grant research, proposal development, and post-award grant management. We set the standard with our commitment to ethical practices, high-quality educational offerings, excellence in resources, and a community of professionals committed to serving the public good.

## Mission

To empower grant professionals and the organizations and communities they serve through:

- Advocacy** - Advocating for members and the grants profession
- Community** - Creating powerful communities and connections
- Professionalism** - Fostering excellence in professional practice

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

GPA Members by the Numbers (2025) represents all 50 states with approximately 4,359 members with 55 regional chapters.

- 622 members participated in GPA's latest Needs Assessment, showing strong engagement and satisfaction:
  - 94.8% satisfied with their membership
  - 92.2% satisfied with GPA as their professional association.
- Tenure & Experience:
  - Over 50% have more than 10 years of experience in the field.
  - Median GPA membership length: 4-5 years.
- Roles & Sectors:
  - 75.5% manage a mix of government, foundation, and private grants.
  - 13.7% focus solely on federal or state/local government funding.

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# What GPA Provides

- **Education & Training:** GPA is recognized by 85% of members as the leading source for professional education and certification in the field.
- **Networking & Mentorship:** National and local chapters foster connections among peers and experts.
- **Ethical & Professional Standards:** GPA maintains a Code of Ethics and supports the Grant Professionals Certification Institute (GPCI) to ensure professional credibility and accountability.
- **Advocacy & Awareness:** GPA raises awareness of the public benefit of grant funding, providing nonpartisan education to policymakers and agencies about how grants strengthen economies and communities nationwide.

## Policy & Advocacy Priorities

GPA engages in nonpartisan advocacy aligned with its ethical principles to:

- Promote efficient, transparent, and fair grantmaking practices.
- Support policies that value grants as key drivers of economic growth, innovation, and community capacity.
- Educate legislators on how grants leverage private and local resources to achieve measurable public benefit.
- Advance professional recognition for grant professionals who ensure compliance, accountability, and impact in public funding.

Grant professionals are on the front lines of America's grant economy--ensuring that taxpayer and philanthropic dollars are responsibly invested in solutions that work.

## The Value of the Grants Profession

Grant professionals are critical to the nation's civic and economic infrastructure:

- They manage hundreds of billions of dollars annually in public and private funding.
- Their expertise ensures funds are equitably distributed.
- Members report increasing challenges from shifting federal funding priorities--highlighting the need for continued training, advocacy, and support in navigating a changing landscape.

