

8.10 Facilitator's duties.

The specific duties of the facilitator of the office of grants enterprise management may include the following:

1. Establish a grants network representing all state agencies to assist the grants enterprise management office in an advisory capacity. Each state agency shall designate an employee on the management or senior staff level to serve as the agency's federal funds coordinator and represent the agency on the grants network. An agency may not create a staff position for a federal funds coordinator. The coordinator's duties shall be in addition to the duties of the employee of the agency.

2. Develop a plan for increased state access to funding sources other than the general fund of the state.

3. Develop procedures to formally notify appropriate state and local agencies of the availability of discretionary federal funds and, when necessary, coordinate the application process.

4. Establish an automated information system database for grants applied for and received and to track congressional activity.

5. Provide information and counseling to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state concerning the availability and means of obtaining state, federal, and private grants.

6. Provide grant application writing assistance and training to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state, directly or through interagency contracts, cooperative agreements, or contracts with third-party providers.

7. Monitor the federal register and other federal or state publications to identify funding opportunities, with special emphasis on discretionary grants or other funding opportunities available to the state.

8. Periodically review the funding strategies and methods of those states that rank significantly above the national average in the per capita receipt of federal funds to determine whether those strategies and methods could be successfully employed by this state.

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