

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. When are the rules effective?**

The rules are scheduled to become effective July 1, 2016

**2. Do the rules apply to all grants?**

The rules apply to all grants, however, there are specific components of the rules that may only apply to specific types of grants, e.g. competitive grants. Likewise, there may be Agency-specific exemptions from the rules.

**3. Are there any introductory trainings or resources that I can access now?**

Yes, please visit the [Resource Library](#) on the Grant Accountability webpage. Trainings and webinars are available under the respective alphabetical category.

**4. Will IDPH continue to use EGrAMS?**

Yes, IDPH will continue to use EGrAMS as its electronic grants platform until further notice.

**5. Who do I contact if I have questions?**

Applicants or potential grantees should contact the primary contact for their grant program. State employees should contact the GATA Coordinators in their respective office.

**6. Where can I learn more about GATA?**

Visit the Grant Accountability webpage [HERE](#).

The **Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)** is landmark legislation that increases accountability and transparency and reduces the administrative burden on State agencies and grantees. Once implemented, Illinois will have:

- A uniform notice of funding opportunity;
- A uniform prequalification process;
- A uniform grant application;
- Uniform programmatic and financial risk assessments;
- A uniform guideline for merit based reviews;
- A uniform grant agreement;
- A uniform budget reporting template;
- A centralized Catalog of State Financial Assistance opportunities (CSFA);
- A centralized debarred and suspended list;
- State-wide performance metrics and standards; and
- A centralized electronic document repository

**Where are we now?**

The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) has drafted State rule recommendations based on the federal grant guidance and regulations in [2 CFR Part 200](#) (Uniform Requirements). Now, GOMB and the supporting workgroups, comprised of grantor and grantee volunteers, are in the implementation phase and working to finalize the forms, guidelines and policies required to support the rules.

As demonstrated on the below timeline, trainings will be provided in the upcoming weeks and months for potential applicants, grantees, and State employees. Trainings will be provided by the Governor’s Office Grant Accountability & Transparency Unit (GATU). Employee names that have been submitted by Deputy Directors as having a primary role with grants will receive an invitation to the trainings directly from the GATU. In addition, agency-specific communication to grantees and potential applications from grant staff and through the Department’s Electronic Grants Administration and Management System (EGrAMS) will begin in March 2016 to prepare for the July 1, 2016 effective date.

On January 1, 2016, the 1<sup>st</sup> Grant Accountability and Transparency Act [Annual Report](#) was released. The report provides a historical context for the Act as well as updates on the current process and next steps.

**What to Expect**

Over the next several months, potential applicants, grantees, and State employees will be prepared for the July 1<sup>st</sup> effective date. The below timeline provides approximate Calendar Year (CY) Quarter (Qtr) projections for specific topic area.

