




# **Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council**

*April 29th 2026*

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- **Welcome**
  - **Approve January 29th 2026 meeting minutes**
  - **Legislative update 2026 Session - Senator Kagan**
  - **Workgroup Chair Overview**
    - Applications Workgroup - Mary Abraham
    - Budget Workgroup - Lauren Buckmaster
    - Monitoring and Reporting - Joan Peacock
    - Customer Service and Ombudsperson - Jessica Doiron
  - **Closing Remarks**

# Application

**MEMBERS:** Mary Abraham - GOCPP (Chair); Irene Tai- Abell; Kendra Johnson, Bonnie Brady - MDA; Jenn Gallichio - MEA; Joan Peacock & Dana Phillips - DBM

## **Priority 1:** Standardized Definition/Data Elements

- Consolidate activities with workgroups to reduce duplicate efforts
  - Customer Service : grant readiness template  
April
  - Budget : review/comment indirect cost rate data elements  
May
  - Monitoring & Reporting : review/comment compliance risk assessment data elements  
June

## **Priority 2:** Terms and Conditions (paused discussion)

## **Priority 3:** Examples of Successful Application

-Host site at <https://grants.maryland.gov/Pages/Grants-Office.aspx>

# Budget

**MEMBERS:** (Chair) Lauren Buckmaster DNR, Kamil Williams DNR, Nicole Obregon MSDE, Bonnie Brady MDA, Joan Peacock, & Zaynah Ros DBM

## **Priority 1 - Indirect Cost Guidance & State Approval Timeline**

- Guidance has been drafted and has been shared with Applications workgroup for review and feedback.

## **Priority 2 - Allowable/Unallowable Cost Definitions**

- Draft Guidance and definitions are in progress.

## **Priority 3- Standardized Budget Template**

- Draft Guidance and standards are in progress.

## **Over the next quarter:**

- Guidance and standards draft document Budget and Allowable/unallowable costs will be completed.
- Completed Draft Guidance will be shared with Applications workgroup for review and feedback.

# Monitoring and Reporting

**MEMBERS:** (Chair) Joan Peacock DBM, Bonnie Brady MDA, Mary Abraham GOCPP, Lauren Buckmaster DNR, Bryan Holtzapple DHCD

## Priority 1 - Pre-award Risk Assessment

- Eligibility Assessment - Provided work done by this workgroup to Applications Workgroup
- (1) General Fiscal Maturity of Grantees (Options for Standardization) & (2) Programmatic Assessment

## Priority 2 - State Grant Reporting & Monitoring

- Reporting & Monitoring requirements to be determined based on information obtained through risk assessments
  - ◆ Items to consider: size of organization and grant, organizations that may need more oversight and guidance to help ensure success
- Goals - minimum key elements, standardized reporting template, timelines, guidance and training needed, minimum monitoring activities, consideration of federal Uniform Guidance requirements ([2 CFR](#))

## Priority 3 - Statewide Reporting

- Determination of what standard Statewide Reporting is needed & Resources Needed
- “Reporting To”, such as DBM, [Managing For Results](#) (MFR), [MD InfoPortal](#), Agency Leadership, [Governor’s Office](#), Department of Legislative Services/Legislature, Public for Transparency. Federal agencies and required Federal expenditures reporting ([USAspending.gov](#), [Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act \(FFATA\)](#), [Sam.gov](#))
- Who Prepares?

# Customer Service

**MEMBERS:** Jessica Doiron, (Chair), Mary Abraham - GOCPP, Irene Tai- Abell; Bonnie Brady - MDA; Joan Peacock,DMB, Gloria Brown Burnett DHS, & Zaynah Rose DBM

Realigned Priorities for combined group:

- **Priority 1: Centralized Grant Advertisement**
  - Technical assistance for applicants and grantees
  - Technical assistance for State Program Grant Managers
- **Priority 2: Directory of Grant Contacts**
  - Already compiled, lives on Gov Grants Website.
- **Priority 3: Transparency of Grant Payments and Details Pre-Award**
- **Priority 4: Survey Data/Measure of Customer Experience**



# Closing Remarks