

# **Prepare for Grants: SAM.gov and Grants.gov –**

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Does your municipality anticipate applying for a federal grant now or in the future? If so, then there are two important boxes to check off your list now to be ready. First, ensure your [SAM.gov](#) registration is active, and you are registered in [Grants.gov](#) now.

[SAM.gov](#) is the site for registering an entity to do business with the U.S. Government, which includes receiving grants. [SAM.gov](#). Registrations are FREE and must be renewed annually. If your municipality has a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number, it is registered in [SAM.gov](#). [Grants.gov](#) is the federal government's centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities. Registering and registration approval in both these portals can take several weeks. Grant competitions usually are only open for just a few weeks. Do not wait until the grant competition starts to register! Start early so that you don't run into trouble.

