

# Improving Grants at Public Works

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## Goal

There is expected to be an **influx of federal grants** to apply to over the next several fiscal years

This project is an initiative under the newly formed Grants and Contracts Division in Public Works to prepare the department to win these grants



# CURRENT GRANT PROCESS

## Public Works

The process is currently **decentralized**, and each Bureau has their own system for applying to and managing grants

## City of Long Beach

There is a city-wide grant collaborative with bimonthly meetings that different department staff will attend to discuss grant collaboration, as well as resources

# PUBLIC WORKS INTERVIEWS

- Business Operations
- Project Management
- Environmental Services
- Transportation Mobility



# GREATER CITY OF LONG BEACH INTERVIEWS

- Parks, Recreation & Marine
- Water
- Long Beach City College
- Port of Long Beach



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

## Staff needs:

- Support for understanding **grant eligibility** upfront
- More efficient system for **completing applications** with teams
- Centralized space to **track material**
- **Open communication** about potential grants



# THE PROCESS

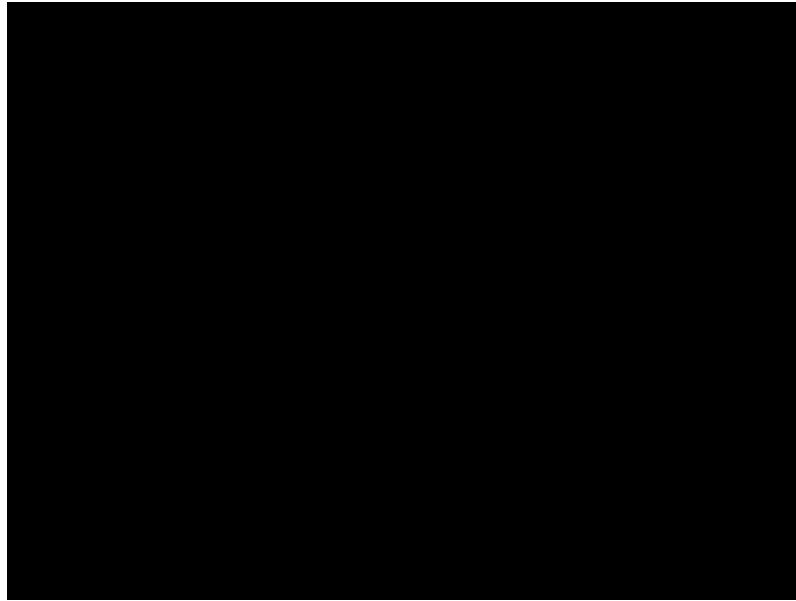


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Off the shelf grant management software did not seem to provide a good solution to any of the problems users mentioned

# GRANT TOOLKIT DEMO





# OUTCOMES

- This grant toolkit is the first step in a larger process to provide a foundation for structuring the grants process and supporting staff throughout it
- Rather than introducing new software, we used existing resources that staff is familiar with

