



**Congressional  
Research Service**

Informing the legislative debate since 1914

---

# Tracking Federal Awards: USAspending.gov and Other Data Sources

Updated April 22, 2025

Congressional Research Service

<https://crsreports.congress.gov>

R44027

**CRS REPORT**

Prepared for Members and  
Committees of Congress

---

## Summary

USA Spending.gov, available at <http://www.USASpending.gov>, is a government source for data on federal awards by state, congressional district (CD), county, city, and zip code. The awards data in USA Spending.gov are provided by federal agencies and represent contracts, grants, loans, and other forms of financial assistance. USA Spending.gov also provides tools for examining the broader picture of federal spending obligations within the categories of budget function, agency, and object class.

Using USA Spending.gov to locate and compile accurate data on federal awards can be challenging due, in part, to continuing data quality issues that have been identified by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Users of USA Spending.gov need to be aware that while search results may be useful for informing consideration of certain questions, these results may be incomplete or contain inaccuracies.

USA Spending.gov was created under P.L. 109-282, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), and later enhanced under requirements in P.L. 113-101, the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act).

Other federal awards data sources reviewed in this report include the following:

- Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS);
- Census Federal Audit Clearinghouse;
- U.S. Budget: Aid to State and Local Governments;
- GAO's "Tracking the Funds"
- Rockefeller Institute of Government;
- Federal Funds Information for States;
- Census Federal Aid to States (FAS) and Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR); and
- Additional federal grant awards databases, including sources tracking medical, scientific, and technical research.

## Contents

Introduction .....	1
USAspending.gov.....	2
Origins.....	2
Types and Timing of Data .....	3
Site Features.....	3
Issues with Tracking Awards .....	4
Recipient Location Versus Place of Performance .....	5
Congressional District Data .....	6
Other Data Sources.....	6
Federal Procurement Data System .....	6
Federal Audit Clearinghouse .....	6
U.S. Budget: Aid to State and Local Governments.....	7
GAO's "Tracking the Funds" .....	7
Rockefeller Institute of Government.....	8
Federal Funds Information for States.....	8
Federal Aid to States and the Consolidated Federal Funds Report .....	8
Selected Agency Grant Awards Databases and Information .....	9
Further Reading.....	11

## Figures

Figure 1. Examples of Federal Spending Streams.....	5
---	---

## Contacts

Author Information.....	11
-------------------------	----

## Introduction

USA Spending.gov, available to the public at <http://www.usaspending.gov>, is a government source for data on federal grants, contracts, loans, and other financial assistance. The website enables searching of federal awards from FY2008 to the present by state, congressional district (CD), county, city, and zip code. Grant awards include money the federal government commits for projects in states, local jurisdictions, regions, territories, and tribal reservations, as well as payments for eligible needs to help individuals and families. Contract awards refer to bids and agreements the federal government makes for specific goods and services.

USA Spending.gov also provides tools for examining the broader picture of federal spending obligations within the categories of budget function, agency, and object class. *Budget function* refers to the major purpose that the spending serves, such as Social Security, Medicare, and national defense. *Object class* refers to the type of item or service purchased by the federal government, such as grants, contracts, and personnel compensation and benefits.

For Congress, the ability to more accurately track these federal awards is necessary to better inform oversight of federal spending. In recent years, Congress has passed laws to create and improve systems used by government departments and agencies to report and input data on federal awards for contracts, grants, and other financial assistance:

- P.L. 109-282, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), called for the creation of a database that became USA Spending.gov. The publicly available database replaced data collection and annual reports issued for more than 30 years in the Census Bureau's Federal Aid to States (FAS) report and Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR).<sup>1</sup>
- P.L. 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), required federal agencies awarding stimulus funding and state and local recipients of such funding to report spending back to the ARRA Recovery Board; this reporting also became a part of USA Spending.gov.
- P.L. 113-101, the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act), transferred responsibility for USA Spending.gov from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the Department of the Treasury and required that expenditures data be added to the federal agency obligations data already included in the USA Spending.gov database. The DATA Act also required Treasury and OMB to develop government-wide data standardization to facilitate consolidating, automating, and simplifying reports on grant awards and contracts and to improve USA Spending.gov underreporting and inconsistencies.

Congress responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with multiple pieces of legislation providing relief to individuals and families, state and local governments, businesses, and health care providers.<sup>2</sup> USA Spending.gov provides several features through which users can explore COVID-19 award data, including a COVID-19 profile page and specific search filters. The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC; <https://www.pandemicoversight.gov/data-interactive-tools>), a federal entity created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

<sup>1</sup> Congress subsequently defunded the Census office that issued these reports in FY2012, with FY2010 Federal Aid to States (FAS) report and Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR) being the last reports issued.

<sup>2</sup> Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123); Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127); Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act; P.L. 116-136); Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Divisions M and N; P.L. 116-260); and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-7).

Act (CARES Act; P.L. 116-136), also presents COVID-19 funding data through a variety of visual displays.<sup>3</sup> For more information on accessing COVID-19 funding data through USA Spending.gov, PRAC, and other sources, see CRS Report R46491, *Resources for Tracking Federal COVID-19 Spending*, by Jennifer Teefy and Maria Kreiser.

Search filters to enable tracking awards made through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) have also been added to USA Spending.gov.

Finding accurate and complete data on federal funds received by states and CDs continues to be challenging due to ongoing data quality issues originally identified by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in June 2014.<sup>4</sup> A GAO report released in November 2023 found that 25 executive branch agencies that are included in the overall federal government financial statements did not report data to USA Spending.gov in FY2022.<sup>5</sup> In addition, among the agencies that did report to USA Spending.gov, GAO found that some reported COVID-19 obligation amounts did not agree with the information in their budget and annual financial reports.

Subsequent GAO analysis of grant subaward data in USA Spending.gov identified data quality issues, including grant subawards with missing information, impossibly large subaward amounts, and likely duplicative records.<sup>6</sup> Users of USA Spending.gov should be aware that although search results may be useful for informing consideration of certain questions, these results may also be incomplete or contain inaccuracies.

## USA Spending.gov

### Origins

FFATA required OMB to create a public database of all federal funds awarded to the final recipient level. The DATA Act followed eight years later and required the Department of the Treasury and OMB to develop government-wide data standardization to consolidate, automate, and simplify reports on grant awards and contracts to improve underreporting and inconsistencies as identified by GAO. These requirements in the DATA Act were intended to expand on the transparency efforts originally mandated by FFATA, specifically by

- disclosing direct agency expenditures and linking federal contract, loan, and grant spending information to federal agency programs;
- establishing government-wide data standards for financial data and providing consistent, reliable, and searchable data that are displayed accurately;
- simplifying reporting, streamlining reporting requirements, and reducing compliance costs, while improving transparency; and

---

<sup>3</sup> For more information on PRAC, see CRS Insight IN11343, *The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee: Organization and Duties*, by Ben Wilhelm.

<sup>4</sup> The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) “estimates with 95 percent confidence that between 2 percent and 7 percent of the awards contained information that was fully consistent with agencies’ records for all 21 data elements examined.” See GAO Highlights, *Data Transparency: Oversight Needed to Address Underreporting and Inconsistencies on Federal Award Website*, GAO-14-476, June 2014, at <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-476>.

<sup>5</sup> GAO, *Federal Spending Transparency: Opportunities to Improve USA Spending.gov Data*, GAO-24-106214, November 7, 2023, at <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-106214>.

<sup>6</sup> GAO, *Federal Spending Transparency: Opportunities Exist to Improve COVID-19 and Other Grant Subaward Data on USA Spending.gov*, GAO-24-106237, November 16, 2023, at <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-106237>.

- improving the quality of data submitted to USA Spending.gov by holding agencies accountable.<sup>7</sup>

In addition, no later than four years after enactment (by spring 2018), Treasury and OMB were to ensure that all information published on USA Spending.gov conforms to government-wide data standards. OMB is also required to issue guidance so that all agencies can follow government-wide data standards when reporting on grantee and contractor awards.

The USA Spending.gov site is maintained by the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS). BFS is responsible for facilitating data standardization and streamlining of award reporting, as well as the design and usability of the site.<sup>8</sup>

## Types and Timing of Data

The data in USA Spending.gov are submitted by federal agencies and represent award obligations and outlays for grants, contracts, loans, and other financial assistance (e.g., Social Security benefits, food stamps, housing assistance). Obligations are spending commitments made by the federal government, and outlays occur when federal money is actually paid out.<sup>9</sup> Federal agencies are required to submit reports on awards transactions within 30 days after transactions are implemented. There may be a longer lag time with data from the Department of Defense, generally 90 days.

## Site Features

USA Spending.gov enables congressional staff and the public to search for prime and first-tier subaward data (i.e., subawards awarded directly by the prime recipients) by state, CD, and other jurisdictions. The site includes the following features:

- Award Search** of prime and subaward data back to FY2008 allows filtering by award type, awarding agency, recipient, country, state, zip, county, city, CD,<sup>10</sup> and other criteria.<sup>11</sup> To identify where money is being spent, search on *Place of Performance* versus *Recipient Location*. Search results include awards that are active during the selected time period, regardless of when the award initially started. Details on an individual award, including transaction history and subawards, may be viewed by clicking on the *Award ID*. Interactive displays below the search results allow users to view aggregated award transactions data from different perspectives. The results list can be downloaded at either the award or transaction level, along with additional details about each award, into a spreadsheet. The award search is continually being developed and improved, so new features may have become available since the publication of this report.

<sup>7</sup> USA Spending.gov "About" page at <https://www.usaspending.gov/about>.

<sup>8</sup> For more information, see <https://fiscal.treasury.gov/data-transparency/history-overview.html>.

<sup>9</sup> See official and plain language definitions for these terms at <https://www.usaspending.gov/search?glossary=obligation> and <https://www.usaspending.gov/search?glossary=outlay>. For more information, see CRS In Focus IF12105, *Introduction to Budget Authority*, by James V. Saturno.

<sup>10</sup> The Award Search includes filters that enable searching by either "current" CD, within the new boundaries created by 2023 redistricting, or "original" CD, within the boundaries that existed pre-2023 redistricting. For further discussion, see the section on "Congressional District Data" under "Issues with Tracking Awards" in this report.

<sup>11</sup> For more information on some of these filters, see CRS In Focus IF12925, *Tracking Federal Grant Awards: A Brief Overview*, by Jennifer Teefy.

- **Spending Explorer** enables “big picture” browsing of federal spending obligations going back to FY2017 and offers interactive data visualization by budget function, agency, and object class. With this tool, users can see the budget function breakdown by category, such as Social Security, Medicare, and national defense; obligated amounts by agency; and obligations by object class categories, such as grants, contracts, and personnel compensation and benefits.
- **Profiles** of the following:
  - **Agencies** features data, going back to FY2017, on each agency’s total budgetary resources, the total amount that has been obligated (or committed to be spent) against those budgetary resources, and the amount the agency has obligated and outlaid for awards. Additional data include breakdowns of total budgetary resources, total obligations, and award obligations by subagency.
  - **Federal Accounts** features a list of over 2,000 federal accounts through which users can track spending obligations and outlays back to FY2017. Data in this section are presented visually through graphs and other infographics.
  - **States & Territories** provides tables, interactive maps, and graphs showing a breakdown of a total awarded amount to each state and territory back to FY2008. Breakdowns include obligated totals by award type, county, and CD. Profiles also include top five rankings in various categories, such as awarding agencies and recipients.
  - **Recipients** contains profiles of entities that have received federal awards in the form of contracts, grants, loans, or other financial assistance back to FY2008. Profiles include data on award trends over time and top five rankings in various categories.
  - **Covid-19 Spending** provides a snapshot in time of the overall federal funding response to COVID-19.<sup>12</sup>
- **Data Download** allows bulk exporting of large award datasets by agency, award type, and fiscal year going back to FY2008 through the *Award Data Archive*. The custom download pages—*Custom Award Data* and *Custom Account Data* (which covers all spending data, including nonaward spending)—also allow downloading of large datasets but provide additional filtering options. Custom award data are available going back to FY2001 and custom account data are available going back to FY2017.

## Issues with Tracking Awards

In addition to the data quality problems in USA Spending.gov mentioned earlier,<sup>13</sup> the following issues should be taken into consideration.

---

<sup>12</sup> See CRS Report R46491, *Resources for Tracking Federal COVID-19 Spending*, by Jennifer Teefy and Maria Kreiser for more information.

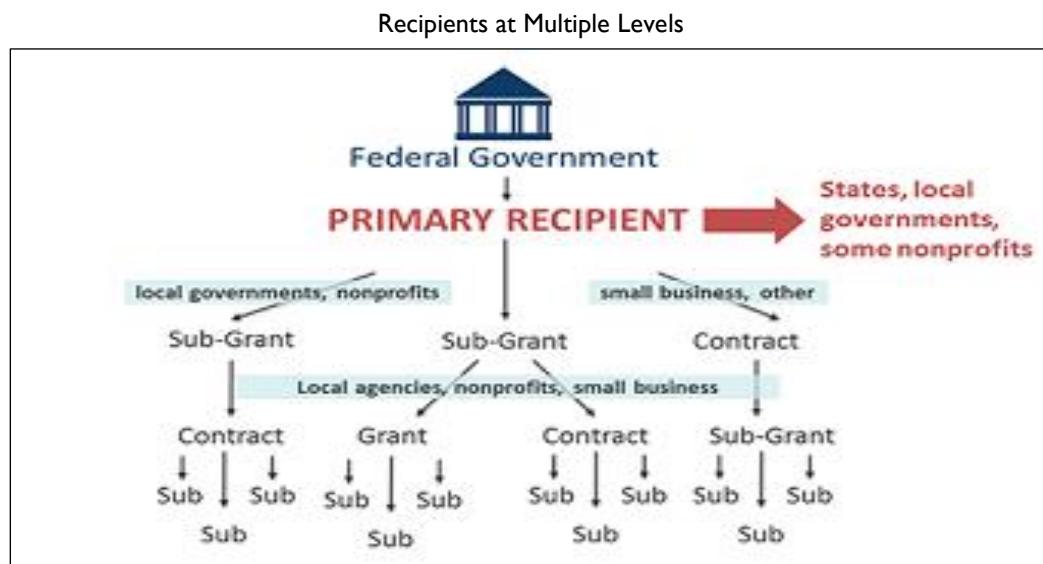
<sup>13</sup> For examples of the data quality problems GAO has identified in USA Spending.gov, see the GAO website at <http://www.gao.gov>, particularly the search term *USA Spending.gov* and the headers *Data Act*, *Data Transparency* or *Federal Spending Transparency*.

## Recipient Location Versus Place of Performance

As recipients of federal grant funding, state and local governments may provide services directly to beneficiaries. Alternatively, a state may act as a pass-through, redistributing federal grant funding to localities using a formula or a competitive process<sup>14</sup> through subgrants or subcontracts. Both federal grant and procurement awards thus may have a *where awarded* vs. *where spent* component that is not fully identified in grant or procurement records.

For example, most federal grant funding is awarded to states, which then subaward or subcontract to eligible recipients elsewhere in the state (see **Figure 1**). So, a project's place of performance (where the award is spent) may therefore differ from the initial recipient location (where the funding is awarded).

**Figure 1. Examples of Federal Spending Streams**



**Sources:** Jerry Brito, George Washington University, 2009; and the Congressional Research Service, 2016.

In addition, a funding award may pass through multiple different jurisdictions (in different CDs) before reaching the final place of performance. For example

- Federal grants may go first to the state (the state capital, in one CD), then be distributed to a city or county government (in one or more additional CDs), which then may pass the funds to an organization that spends the money in other CDs. A CD in which a state capital is located may appear to receive more federal funds than other CDs in the state, but searching USA Spending.gov data by place of performance rather than recipient location would identify data by the project location.
- Procurement awards may be given to a corporation headquartered in one state (and one CD), but the company may spend the money manufacturing the purchased product at one or more of its manufacturing facilities in one or more additional states (and CDs).

<sup>14</sup> See CRS Report R42769, *Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer*, by Natalie Paris.

## Congressional District Data

The USA Spending.gov award search enables filtering by state and CD. When searching for CD data, note the following:

- CD borders can change significantly with decennial redistricting. There are options to search for awards within either “original” (pre-2023) CD boundaries or “current” (2023-onward) CD boundaries. Searching current CD boundaries will enable capturing historical award data within current district borders.<sup>15</sup>
- Because CD boundaries change over time, use caution when choosing to search within “original” versus “current” boundaries.
- For grants and contracts data in CDs, search USA Spending.gov by place of performance rather than recipient location to identify awards by project location (see “Recipient Location Versus Place of Performance,” above).
- CDs that include state capitals will appear to receive more federal funds because states are prime recipients of federal block and formula grants. State Administering Agencies (SAAs) then pass through or subaward federal funding for projects throughout the state.

## Other Data Sources

### Federal Procurement Data System

The General Services Administration (GSA) maintains the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) at [https://www.fpds.gov/fpdssng\\_cms/index.php/en/](https://www.fpds.gov/fpdssng_cms/index.php/en/), which contains information on federal contract awards. FPDS

- serves as the source of USA Spending.gov contracts data;
- contains information on contract awards with estimated value of \$10,000 or more; and
- provides basic search capabilities.

Information on data included in FPDS is provided through the site’s FAQs at [https://www.fpds.gov/wiki/index.php/FPDS-NG\\_FAQ](https://www.fpds.gov/wiki/index.php/FPDS-NG_FAQ).

Current and historical FPDS federal procurement data reports can be generated from the System for Award Management (SAM) site at <https://sam.gov/content/contract-data>. Static procurement reports on various topics are also available on this site.

For more refined searching, such as by CD, the FPDS Help Desk can guide congressional staff and the public through filtering for data needed (called *ad hoc reports*).

### Federal Audit Clearinghouse

States, local governments, and nonprofits (including universities) spending \$1 million or more<sup>16</sup> in federal grants during a fiscal year are required to submit an audit detailing expenditures. GSA

---

<sup>15</sup> See <https://www.usaspending.gov/?about-the-data=congressional-district-data> for more information.

<sup>16</sup> For fiscal years prior to October 1, 2024, the threshold was \$750,000; prior to December 26, 2014, the threshold was \$500,000.

maintains the Federal Audit Clearinghouse at <https://www.fac.gov/> and enables searching of audits going back to 2016.

- Because the audit data are for the fiscal year of the filing agency or organization (which may differ from the federal fiscal year), they are not comparable with data from any other federal source.
- Searches may be conducted by organization or institution, assistance listing number (formerly *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* (CFDA) program number), and state.

## U.S. Budget: Aid to State and Local Governments

The *Analytical Perspectives* volume of the President's budget covers various topics, including "Aid to State and Local Governments" (Chapter 8 in the FY2025 report).<sup>17</sup> Federal financial assistance to state and local governments, U.S. territories, and American Indian tribal governments is intended to help fund programs administered by those entities and is primarily administered as grants. Most often federal grants are awarded as direct cash assistance, but federal grants can also include in-kind assistance—nonmonetary aid, such as commodities purchased for the National School Lunch Program—and Federal revenues or assets shared with state and local governments.<sup>18</sup>

In 2023, the federal government spent roughly \$1.1 trillion, approximately 4% of GDP, on aid to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. The budget estimates \$1.1 trillion in outlays for aid to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in both 2024 and 2025. Total federal grant spending to state and local governments is estimated to be 3.7% of GDP in 2025.<sup>19</sup> Individual program tables with state-by-state obligation data for grants-in-aid programs to state and local governments may be found on the OMB website. Tables 8-3 through 8-50 show state-by-state obligations for 49 federal grants-in-aid programs.<sup>20</sup>

Federal grants generally fall into one of two broad categories—categorical grants or block grants, depending on the requirements of the grant program. In addition, grants may be characterized by how the funding is awarded, such as by formula, by project, or by matching state and local funds. As recipients of federal grant funding, state and local governments may provide services directly to beneficiaries or states may act as a pass-through, disbursing grant funding to localities using a formula or a competitive process.<sup>21</sup> As discussed above, this pass-through, or subawarding, at the state level makes tracking federally originated funds to the final recipient a challenge.

## GAO's "Tracking the Funds"

In the FY2022 appropriations cycle, a process became available for Members of Congress to submit requests designating funding within appropriations measures to a particular recipient—such as a local government or nonprofit organization—or for a specific project. These provisions are officially known as "Congressionally Directed Spending" (CDS) in the Senate and

<sup>17</sup> OMB, "Chapter 8: Aid to State and Local Governments," *Analytical Perspectives: Budget of the U.S. Government, Fiscal Year 2025*, at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BUDGET-2025-PER/pdf/BUDGET-2025-PER.pdf>. Note that Chapter 8 is variously numbered in earlier budgets.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid., p. 75.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., p. 75.

<sup>20</sup> See Supplemental Materials as Spreadsheets, Tables 8-3 through 8-50. 2025 Budget Program State-by-State Tables, *Analytical Perspectives*, at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/analytical-perspectives/>.

<sup>21</sup> See CRS Report R42769, *Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer*, by Natalie Keegan.

“Community Project Funding” (CPF) in the House of Representatives; they are also popularly known as “earmarks.”<sup>22</sup> GAO provides information on enacted CDS and CPF spending by fiscal year through its “Tracking the Funds” site, at <https://www.gao.gov/tracking-funds>.<sup>23</sup> This site includes a summary of funding provisions, links to reports by fiscal year, and reports on individual agencies.

In addition to analysis of provisions by agency, budget function, and recipient type, the “Tracking the Funds” site includes a link to an interactive tool that enables tracking specific projects by state, requester, and other criteria. For each project, this tool includes information, when available, on total funds designated, amount obligated, and amount outlaid. The complete datasets can be downloaded into a spreadsheet.

It may also be possible to identify obligations and outlays for enacted CDS and CPF projects in USA Spending.gov by searching recipient names, project keywords, or other criteria.

## **Rockefeller Institute of Government**

The Rockefeller Institute of Government produces an annual report titled *Giving or Getting?: New York’s Balance of Payments with the Federal Government* available at <https://rockinst.org/issue-areas/fiscal-analysis/balance-of-payments-portal/>. The report focuses on New York but includes federal spending data for all states. It attempts to show the balance of payments by state, or the amount of revenue paid to the federal government from each state’s residents and economy minus federal spending in the state. Federal spending data include direct payments for individuals (e.g., Social Security and Medicare), grants, contracts, and wages and salaries of federal workers.

## **Federal Funds Information for States**

Federal Funds Information for States (FFIS), <https://ffis.org/>, is a subscription-only service that tracks federal grant funding in states. Data are provided at the summary level as well as by type of grant and specific program. Many state governments subscribe to FFIS. Information is limited for nonsubscribers.

## **Federal Aid to States and the Consolidated Federal Funds Report**

These Census Bureau reports, published from FY1983 to FY2010 and available at <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/time-series/cffr.All.html>, were the federal government’s primary documents summarizing the geographic distribution of federal monies to states and counties, whether grants, contracts, or appropriations. The FY2010 Federal Aid to States (FAS) and Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR) were the last reports issued due to the termination of the Census Bureau’s Federal Financial Statistics program. Federal obligations data continue to be posted on USA Spending.gov, now the official source collecting federal awards data.

---

<sup>22</sup> For more information see the following: CRS Report RS22867, *Earmark Disclosure Rules in the Senate: Member and Committee Requirements*, by Megan S. Lynch, and CRS Report R46722, *Community Project Funding: House Rules and Committee Protocols*, by Megan S. Lynch.

<sup>23</sup> The joint explanatory statements accompanying Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-103) and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328) include provisions for GAO to review agencies’ implementation of FY2022 and FY2023 CDS and CPF funding, respectively.

- FAS covered federal government expenditures to state and local governments and presented figures to the state level by program area and agency.
- CFFR included payments to state and local governments as well as to nongovernmental recipients. Dollar amounts reported represented either actual expenditures or obligations (see CFFR introduction and source notes for each table or graph).
- CFFR provided data to the state and county level for grants, salaries and wages, procurement contracts, direct payments for individuals, other direct payments, direct loans, guaranteed or insured loans, and insurance.
- Although CFFR indicated CDs (one or more) for each county, it did not give separate data by CD.

## Selected Agency Grant Awards Databases and Information

USA Spending.gov collects brief data on all federal grants and contracts awarded. However, some agencies, in particular those awarding research grants, also continue to post information on their own websites.

### Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- Current Research Information System  
<https://cris.nifa.usda.gov/>  
Ongoing agricultural, food science, human nutrition, and forestry research, education and extension activities, with a focus on the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grant programs. Projects are conducted or sponsored by USDA research agencies, state agricultural experiment stations, land-grant universities, other cooperating state institutions, and participants in NIFA-administered grant programs, including Small Business Innovation Research and the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.

### Department of Education (ED)

- Institute of Education Sciences, Funded Research Grants and Contracts  
<http://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/index.asp>

### Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS)  
<http://taggs.hhs.gov/AdvancedSearch.cfm>  
Database of awards from HHS and its subsidiaries.
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools RePORT  
<https://report.nih.gov/>  
Includes projects funded by the NIH, Administration for Children and Families, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Office of Justice Programs (OJP), OJP Grant Award Data  
<http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/OJPAwardData.htm>

Department of Labor (DOL)

- Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Grants Awarded  
[http://www.doleta.gov/grants/grants\\_awarded.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/grants_awarded.cfm)

Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development (and other agencies providing U.S. foreign assistance)

- ForeignAssistance.gov (at <https://foreignassistance.gov/>) provides data on contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and direct budget support implemented by international organizations, foreign governments, other U.S. agencies, and U.S. and foreign nongovernmental organizations. Data can be filtered by agency and country.

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

- IMLS Awarded Grants  
<http://www.imls.gov/recipients/grantsearch.aspx>

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

- Grant Search  
<https://apps.nea.gov/grantsearch/>  
NEA grants awarded since 1998.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- Funded Projects  
<https://securegrants.neh.gov/publicquery/main.aspx>

National Science Foundation (NSF)

- NSF Awards  
<http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/>  
Includes data from 1989 to the present.

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)

- SBIR and STTR Awards  
<https://www.sbir.gov/awards>  
The SBIR/STTR program's mission is to stimulate technology innovation by strengthening the role of innovative small business in federal research and development. Currently, 11 federal agencies participate in the program: the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce (National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and National Science Foundation.

Transportation Research Board (TRB)

- Research in Progress  
<http://rip.trb.org/>  
View projects by subject, individuals, or organizations.

## **Further Reading**

National Academy of Public Administration, “DATA Act Implementation: The First Government-Wide Agile Project,” April 30, 2020, at <https://napawash.org/grand-challenges-blog/data-act-implementation-the-first-government-wide-agile-project>.

U.S. Senate, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, “Federal Agency Compliance with the DATA Act,” report, July 2018, at [https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/download/staff-report\\_federal-agency-compliance-with-the-data-act](https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/download/staff-report_federal-agency-compliance-with-the-data-act).

Urban Institute, “Follow the Money: How to Track Federal Funding to Local Governments,” research report, February 26, 2018, at <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/follow-money-how-track-federal-funding-local-governments>.

Data Foundation and Deloitte, “DATA Act 2022: Changing Technology, Changing Culture,” report, May 2017, at <http://www.datafoundation.org/data-act-2022/>.

## **Author Information**

Jennifer Teefy  
Senior Research Librarian

---

## **Disclaimer**

This document was prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS). CRS serves as nonpartisan shared staff to congressional committees and Members of Congress. It operates solely at the behest of and under the direction of Congress. Information in a CRS Report should not be relied upon for purposes other than public understanding of information that has been provided by CRS to Members of Congress in connection with CRS’s institutional role. CRS Reports, as a work of the United States Government, are not subject to copyright protection in the United States. Any CRS Report may be reproduced and distributed in its entirety without permission from CRS. However, as a CRS Report may include copyrighted images or material from a third party, you may need to obtain the permission of the copyright holder if you wish to copy or otherwise use copyrighted material.