DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Year in Review

Navigating Change, Building Readiness, and Strengthening Impact

This year, REA Analytics marked 15 years of impact, celebrating the partnerships and programs that continue to strengthen communities across the nation. Amid a rapidly shifting grant landscape, we focused on helping our partners adapt, prepare, and thrive.

Early this year, we emphasized grant season readiness, guiding organizations to refine goals, understand requirements, and align their programs for success. As the year progressed, we addressed major federal funding shifts, including paused and restructured programs, and offered strategies to find alternative state, local, and foundation grants.

When federal agencies regained control over Grants.gov, a surge of opportunities followed, many with extremely short turnaround times. REA Analytics provided tools and insights to

help partners build grant-ready systems, streamline internal processes, and respond quickly to fast-moving opportunities.

Through the challenges of delayed NOFOs and tighter deadlines, we encouraged proactive planning, maintaining ready-to-use data, monitoring forecasts, and fostering collaboration to stay competitive.

To close the year, we launched a new Partner Resource Page, bringing together key tools, reporting updates, and consultation options to simplify the grant and evaluation process.

As we look ahead to 2026, REA Analytics remains committed to supporting our partners with readiness, resilience, and data-driven success, helping you secure the resources that support lasting impact.

Warm regards,
Dr. William Medendorp

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

This list of 2025 grants and forecasted funding opportunities is regularly updated on the REA Analytics blog.

Schedule a FREE application meeting to discuss your grant opportunities.

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program

Forecasted Opportunity

FOA-VETS-26-01 - Est. Post Jan 12, 2026 up to $500,000

To support America's veterans in achieving their full employment potential and securing high-quality career outcomes for veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness.

Homeless Youth

Forecasted Opportunity

FR-6900-N-25 - Est. Post Jan 14, 2026 up to $1.3 million

FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO.

Mental Health

Forecasted Opportunity

SM-25-002 - Est. Post TBA up to $25,000,000

Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances

HHS-2025-ACL-AOA-CSSG-0034 - Est. Post TBA up to $1,250,000

Advancing Strategies to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs to Support Older Adults with Behavioral Health Conditions.

Schedule a FREE application meeting to discuss your grant opportunities.

Email rea@reanalytics.com to be included in this funding alert and receive qualifying grant announcements.

Closing Out Your Grant Year

What Every Award Recipient Should Do

As 2025 concludes, grant recipiants shift their focus to reporting, compliance, and planning for upcoming grants. Developing a thorough year-end process keeps your program in good standing, reduces audit risk, and optimizes your organization for future funding opportunities. Reference this checklist to stay organized and make sure nothing is overlooked.

1. Review Your Grant Agreement

First, review your grant agreement before finalizing year-end reports. Confirm all performance requirements, financial thresholds, reporting schedules, and evaluation expectations. Complete any deliverables that are due by December 31 or during a specific reporting period. Ensure your final reporting is consistent with funder expectations.

2. Update Financial Records

Accurate financial documentation is crucial for compliance.
Make sure to:

- Reconcile expenses against the approved budget

- Verify allowable and unallowable cost categories

- Confirm match or cost share requirements

- Prepare documentation for reimbursements

- Identify remaining funds and plan year-end spending if permissible

Cross check your financials with Uniform Guidance requirements for all federal awards.

3. Confirm Data Accuracy and Outcomes

Program data must be complete, up to date, and supported by evidence. Review:

- Enrollment and participation records

- Outcome measures

- Demographic data

- Service delivery logs

- Evaluation reports

- Survey or assessment results

A quick data audit helps ensure your performance report is accurate and defensible.

4. Gather Required Documentation

Funders often require attachments such as:

- Sign in sheets

- Invoices and receipts

- Timesheets

- Memoranda of Understanding

- Subrecipient documentation

- Updated policies and procedures

Organize these into a shared folder so your team can access them easily during audits or reporting.

5. Complete Progress and Performance Reports

Most year-end reports include:

- Narrative updates on progress toward goals

- Outputs and outcomes achieved

- Challenges encountered

- Adjustments to work plans

- Success stories or community impact highlights

Start early to reduce last minute pressure and allow time for internal reviews.

6. Evaluate Program Performance

End of year is the perfect time to step back and assess what worked well and what needs to be strengthened. Consider:

- Did you meet performance targets

- How effective were your strategies

- What barriers affected implementation

- What feedback did participants or partners share

- Where additional training or staffing may be needed

An honest assessment strengthens future applications and continuous improvement planning.

7. Prepare for Audits and Monitoring

Even if you are not currently scheduled for monitoring, building a strong documentation system now will save time later. Ensure your team is ready to provide:

- Clear financial trails

- Evidence of program activities

- Updated organizational policies

- Subrecipient oversight files

- Signed certifications

Being audit ready demonstrates strong stewardship of grant funds.

8. Communicate with Your Funder

Use year end as an opportunity to maintain strong relationships.
Share:

- Key accomplishments

- Early data on impact

- Any concerns or anticipated changes

- Program needs for next year

Proactive communication builds trust and supports smoother renewals or future awards.

9. Set Goals for the Next Program Year

Based on your data and evaluation findings, outline goals for the coming year. Identify:

- New strategies

- Staffing or partnership needs

- Budget adjustments

- Training or technical assistance needs

Planning ahead gives your team clarity and aligns your resources with the outcomes you want to achieve.

10. Celebrate Your Wins

Grant work is demanding. Take time to acknowledge staff, partners, and program accomplishments. Sharing success stories internally and externally reinforces morale and helps you communicate your impact to funders and the community.

A well organized year end process keeps your grant on track and positions your organization for continued funding. By reviewing your agreement, organizing documentation, and strengthening your data and reporting, you build confidence in your program and demonstrate clear impact. If you need help with reporting or evaluation support, [REA Analytics](#) is here to help.