

Grants

Receiving grant and contract funding in today's environment requires those that receive funds to have absolute control and visibility into how the funds are used to support their sponsored projects and programs. Whether you are an institution of higher education or healthcare research, a government agency, or a non-profit organization, the proper management of your grants is essential to ensuring the continuation of this important revenue stream. The Grants solution is part of Oracle Fusion Cloud Project Management and delivers multi-faceted post-award grant management from initial funding to close out, to meet the obligations of sponsor and internal controls, billing, and reporting requirements. Powerful cost and budget controls enforce full spending compliance, and efficient allocation of labor costs eliminates the complexity associated with sponsored project cost distribution. Comprehensive grant and sponsored project financial management dramatically improves the way grant funded organizations and professionals work, leveraging the power of a single source of grant and project truth.

Streamlined Awards, Managed by Exception

The Grants solution delivers complete visibility into all aspects of your awards, so you can quickly visualize the current spending status and drill into funding, budget, commitment, and expenditure details, as well as all related documents. Role specific, extensible work areas and watch lists alert users to items requiring their attention, while providing easy access to all relevant information about awards, costs, revenue, and invoices. Time spent on award administration is minimized: awards are quickly created from predefined templates, funding can be previewed and added for each period and sponsored project through an interactive funding matrix, and the award definition is validated to ensure setup is complete.

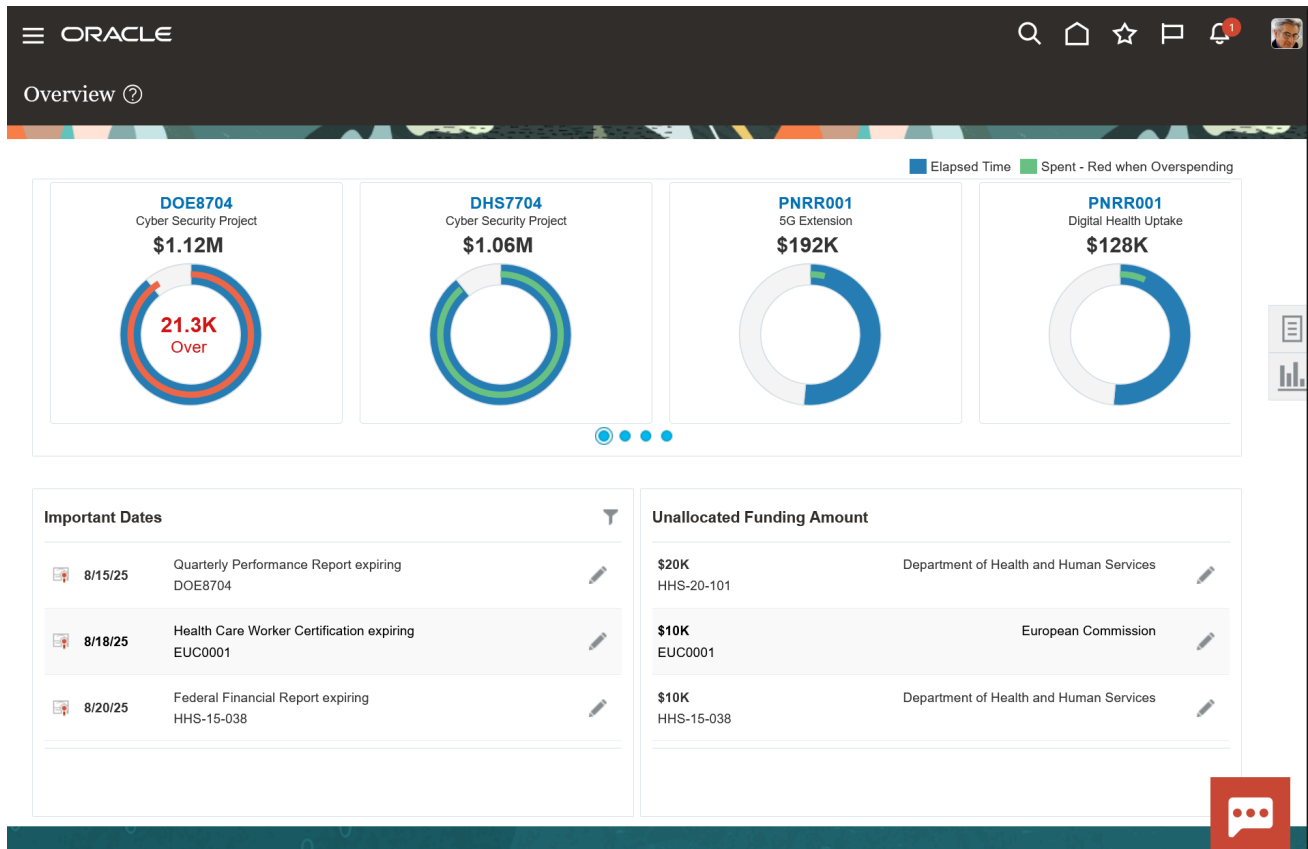


Figure 1. Quickly visualize current award spending status and important action items

Any cost control issues are proactively identified, and users notified immediately. Only allowable cost categories are charged, and indirect cost is automatically added to committed and actual costs once it is established that the transactions do not exceed budget. Budgetary control capabilities reduce the risk of overspending and include flexible options to control spending by project, task, or resource to allow project users to manage costs as needed by their business. Indirect costs can be calculated, applied, adjusted, accounted, and invoiced at institution, department, or award-specific rates. As costs incurred against the projects are billed periodically, sponsors can be invoiced in their desired format or through a letter of credit.

Payroll costs can be distributed to projects using labor schedules, which leverage the Oracle Fusion Cloud Payroll solution that delivers efficient, compliant, global payroll processing, to simplify payroll complexity for effective project financial management. Seamless distribution of payroll costs to the requisite projects can be achieved using flexible project labor schedule distribution rules, or payroll costing business rules, or existing time card hours in Cost Management and Control as the distribution basis. Changes made in payroll can be redistributed to projects if payroll costing information changes or retro payroll costs are generated. Provisional cost for a time card entry can be calculated and applied using cost rates to provide visibility of project labor costs prior to the distribution of actual payroll costs.

Funding patterns enable the distribution of project costs to awards and funding source combinations; these distribution rules automatically split sponsored project costs, maximizing charging accuracy. Effective management of award distributions improves project cost capture across the procure to pay lifecycle.

Real-time reporting capabilities make it easy for administrators to stay on top of their organization and award performance, and meet the need of stakeholders, from analysing funding by department and source over time, to comparing near-term award closing against historical averages.

The screenshot displays the Oracle Vision interface for 'Kaitlyn Inspector'. The main section is titled 'Schedule Versions: Kaitlyn Haney - Building Inspector - Tuition Reimbursement (2)'. It features a table with columns for Start, End, Status, Version Name, Comments, and Actions. Two versions are listed: Version 2 (Active, 7/1/20 to 7/10/21) and Version 1 (Inactive, 7/1/19 to 7/10/20). Below this is the 'Distribution Rules: Version 2 (1)' section, which includes a table with columns for Line, Project, Task, Award, Funding Source, Expenditure Organization, Exp Type, and Actions. A single rule is shown for Line 1, Project EDU50001, Task 1.0, Award DOE8760, Funding Source Department of Education, and Expenditure Organization Maintenance Prg US. A 'Total Percentage' of 100.00% is displayed at the bottom right of the table.

Figure 2. Labor Distribution enables the rule-based distribution of payroll costs to project, award, or general ledger accounts.

Uncompromised Project Management

The Grants solution is built in strategic conjunction with Oracle Project Management, to foster best practice management and control of your sponsored and non-sponsored projects. From defining and capitalizing assets, to scheduling project work, your project management and accounting needs are met regardless of the project funding source.

Awards are defined independently of projects, easing the capture of sponsor-specific information including award type and purpose, owning institution and department, keywords, ALN numbers, terms and conditions,

certification requirements, and sponsor or award specific indirect cost rates. Award attributes drive account rules which enforce compliance with accounting policies for journals generated for direct and indirect costs, and also facilitate route approvals of sponsored project expense reports, requisitions, and purchase orders to appropriate personnel.

Grant administrators can assign and fund a project from multiple awards and funding sources, whether external customers or internal organizations. Associating sponsored projects to multiple awards and funding sources increases flexibility to manage different overhead rates and funding periods, optimizing budget management and cost control for each award and project combination.

Complete, Modern Enterprise Project Management

Grants is part of the Oracle Project Management solution which works seamlessly with the Oracle Fusion Cloud Applications Suite to deliver an end-to-end global project management business process. Organizations can innovate with AI-powered project management that reshapes project team interactions, transform their project management processes to take projects to the next level, and deliver improved profitability, productivity, and growth for a broad spectrum of projects. Oracle Project Management helps you eliminate integration costs, close the books faster, boost customer satisfaction, drive up project margins, and deliver more project value.

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