NGMA 2026

AGT AGENDA

March 22-25, 2026 | Washington, D.C.

Schedule at a Glance *(All Times Eastern Time)*

Sunday, March 22, 2026

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	**Registration Open**
1 - 2:30 p.m.	**Opening Session**
2:30 - 7 p.m.	**Expo Hall Open**
3 - 4 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Wait...is That Indirect, Administration or Administrative Cost? A Survival Guide for the Federally Confused • Documenting Procurement for Federal Grants • Federal Grants Management: A Framework for Success • To Write or Not to Write, That is Only One of the Questions: Pre-Award and Funding Strategy Planning in Uncertain Times • The Art of the Grant Tango: Navigating Funding Rules Without Stepping on Toes • Managing Conflict with Confidence: Practical Strategies for Grant Professionals
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Protect Yourselves: Vulnerability Mitigation with Subrecipients • Turning Policy Into Practice: • Creating a Grants Management Manual that Delivers • Oops, I Did It Again: Implementing the CATCH IT Internal Controls System to Prevent Common Audit Findings • AI in Action: Hands-On Demonstration of Publicly Available AI Models • Dress the Part: Implementing Gold Standard Grants Management in Small Organizations • SEFA Preparation • Roundtable Discussion | Career Q&A: Mapping Your Professional Journey
5:15 - 7 p.m.	**Opening Reception**

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Monday, March 23, 2026

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.	**Registration Open**
7 a.m - 4:15 p.m.	**Expo Hall Open**
7 - 8 a.m.	**Breakfast**
8 - 9:30 a.m.	**Membership Meeting and Panel**
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Beware of Ethical Minefields: Conflicts of Interest Rules in Federal Grants • Dollars with Purpose: Making Every Cost Count Under 2 CFR 200 • Using Data Through the Lifecycle of Grants Administration • Grants Management: More Than Just Money, It's Relationships • K-12 Grants Management: Maximizing Impact Through Fiscal Management, Accounting & Reporting
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • The Ground Just Shifted: Indirect Cost Recovery Strategies for a Changing Policy Landscape • Cracking the Code: How to Spot Fraud and Protect Your Organization • Contract & Grant Terminations by Federal Mandate • Collaborative Strategic Models for Funding Sustainability: Lessons from the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council • How Not to Use AI in Research Administration: A Rookie's Guide • Roundtable Discussion | Disaster Relief Grants • Roundtable Discussion | K-12 Sector Meeting
12 - 1:30 p.m.	**Lunch**
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Legal and Fiscal Perspective on Changes to the Federal Grant System • Building Community in Decentralized Grants Operations • Beyond the Findings: Driving Accountability and Improvement • Align, Don't Redesign: Framing Projects to Fit Evolving Funder Priorities • Case Study to Toolkit: Building Your Own In-House Grants Team • How to Use Excel to Track Grants • Roundtable Discussion | Public Safety/Justice Grants • Roundtable Discussion | Tribal Sector Meeting
3 - 4 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • From Finding to Fixing: How Grantees Can Respond Effectively to Audit and Monitoring Findings • The Utility of Earmarks in a Climate of Uncertain Funding • Reimagining Peer Review: AI and Analytics in Discretionary Grant Evaluation and Selection • Small but Mighty: Tools and Tips for Solo & Small Grant Departments • SEFA Success: Avoiding Year-End Headaches with Proactive Grants Management • Roundtable Discussion | Procurement & Contract Documentation • Roundtable Discussion | State & Local Sector Meeting

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4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Bridging the Language Barrier: Real Strategies to Help Grants and Finance Personnel Understand Each Other • Navigating the New Landscape: Law, Policy & Regulation Updates under OBBBA, UG, BIL & BABA • How to Get in Front of Risks in Grant Programs • Unlocking Value: Strategies for Maximizing Cost Recovery • Finding the Right Fit: Using AI to Identify and Target Grant Opportunities • Roundtable Discussion | Nonprofit Sector Meeting
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	**CGMS Reception** *(invitation only)*

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.	**Registration Open**
7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	**Expo Hall Open**
7 - 8 a.m.	**Breakfast**
8 - 9 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Grant Litigation Updates for Non-Lawyers • From Expenditures to Outcomes: How to Build a Performance Metrics and Data System that Secures the Next Round of Funding • The Grant Manager's Guide to the Galaxy: How 500+ Organizations Streamline Post-Award Chaos • Managing Grants to Help Prevent Improper Payments - PIIA • Wait, Wait...Don't Fund Me! A Game Show on Federal Grants Management Surprises • A Case Study in Relationship-Based Monitoring: Best Practices from Serve Alaska State Service Commission and AmeriCorps Funding • Roundtable Discussion | Consultants Corner
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Positioning for Grant Success in a Changing Environment • Indirect Cost Rates and Cost Caps Update • Ethics in Action: Preventing Fraud and Promoting Integrity in Grants • The Compliance Carousel • Bridging the Gap: Strategies & Soft Skills for Seamless Pre- and Post-Award Collaboration • Monitoring BEAD: Oversight Across Land and Air • Roundtable Discussion | Changing Technologies (Analytics, Blockchain and AI) in Grants Management • Roundtable Discussion | Higher Education Sector Meeting

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10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Grant Audits Demystified: Insights from Public and Private Perspectives • The ARPA Closeout: Final Expenditures, Audit Preparation and Subrecipient Remediation • From Risk to Resilience: How Grant Professionals and Legal Teams Can Safeguard Grant Programs in Times of Uncertainty • Strategic Partnerships: • Unlocking Grant Opportunities Through Collaboration • Keep Calm and Carry On: How Montgomery County, MD is Navigating Funding Fluxes • How To | Time & Effort Reporting Using a Single Form • Roundtable Discussion | Subrecipient Onboarding & Monitoring Best Practices • Roundtable Discussion | Federal Sector Meeting
1:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	**Lunch**
1 - 2 p.m.	**Panel**
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Built to Last: Aligning Internal Controls, Financial Systems and Grants Management for Sustainable Compliance • Defend the Spend • A Fresh Focus: Rethinking Grant Oversight with a Service Mindset • Unlocking Success in Grants: Who's On Your Team? • How to Conduct a Site Visit: Practical Steps for Grants Professionals • Roundtable Discussion | Public Health Grants
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • Leadership in Grants: Building Accountability, Collaboration and Strong Teams • Responding to Adverse Agency Decisions: How Grant Recipients Can Use Appeals, Lawsuits, and Lobbying • From Findings to Fixes: Strengthening Audit Readiness, Cost Compliance and Allowability in Federal Grants • Scaling Without Sinking: A Framework for Managing High-Volume Grant Programs • Bridging Worlds: Building Trust and Partnership with Tribal Nations • Roundtable Discussion | The Culture Code: How Grants Professionals Build Power Across Sectors
7 - 9 p.m.	**Closing Party**

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Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**Registration Open**
7 - 8 a.m.	**Breakfast**
8 - 9 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • So You Got an Audit Finding...Now What? Understanding Findings, Impacts and Next Steps for Grantees • Managing Risk and Optimizing Results • Intelligent Oversight: Using AI to Strengthen Monitoring and Compliance • Decoding Program Income
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions** • AI in Action: Practical Applications of Artificial Intelligence Transforming Grants Management • Hands-On Procurement: Spotting Risks and Closing Gaps • Balancing the Mind and the Mission: • Wellness for Grants Management Teams • Strategic Engagement and Evaluation to Improve Grantee Outcomes • Roundtable Discussion | Stakeholder Conversations: Using Storytelling to Make Them Partners in Compliance
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**Closing Session**