



## Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

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### MEMORANDUM

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To: Grantee Community  
From: Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity  
Subject: Implementation of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act

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As a current or potential grantee of the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, you may have heard of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. What does it mean for you, and what does it mean for the State of Illinois?

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), 30 ILCS 708/1 et seq., is landmark legislation that will increase accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds. GATA also promises to reduce the administrative burden on both State agencies and grantees through adoption of the federal grant guidance and regulations codified in 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Requirements). The provisions of GATA will ensure more effective and efficient oversight of grants, enabling the State to deliver quality programs while limiting fraud, waste and abuse.

For many months, the Department has been collaborating with statewide GATA implementers to develop forms, templates, policies and procedures that can be used uniformly across State agencies. Soon applicants will begin to notice the fruits of this effort as the pre-award process is transformed.

The Department is enthusiastic about the improvements delivered through GATA implementation. However, we understand there may be some growing pains as our staff and the grantee community adapt to the changes together. The Department is dedicated to being partners in this process and is available to assist you, our grant applicants, through this transition.

For more information on GATA and the implementation process, visit [grants.illinois.gov](http://grants.illinois.gov).

We look forward to working with you to ensure grant accountability and transparency, as well as successful administration of your programs, which serve the needs of the State of Illinois.