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# GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCEDURES

Athens State University accepts Federal, State, Local, and private grants to assist in funding activities that are in accordance with the University's mission. The Office of University Advancement provides oversight for all University grants. A [grant approval form](#) has been established that requires various levels of approval prior to submission of a grant. **This form must be completed prior to grant application and include the signatures of the following individuals:**

- Grant Writer (if other than the Office of University Advancement)
- Appropriate Department Head/Dean
- Division Vice President
- Vice President for Financial Affairs
- Vice President for University Advancement
- Provost
- University President

The grant approval form is initiated by the person or persons seeking funding in conjunction with the Office of University Advancement. Once **all** signatures have been obtained, the grant application will be submitted to the appropriate granting agency by the Office of University Advancement.

Post-award procedures require that all grants received by the University be administered by the Business Office and are subject to the Business Office practices and procedures manual in the same manner as other University funds. The Business Office establishes the appropriate account in which the activity will be captured. All disbursements and receipts are executed in accordance with guidelines established in the grant agreement. All accounting activity is reconciled annually by the Business Manager and all post-award grant reporting must be submitted to the Business Office for reconciliation and approval by the Assistant Vice President for Financial Affairs/Business Manager **PRIOR** to submittal to the awarding agency. The Vice President for Financial Affairs and the University President are the only individuals authorized to sign grant agreements that obligate the University.

The Office of University Advancement is happy to work with any faculty or staff member in identifying and submitting grant applications.

Please direct all questions regarding this process to: [grants@athens.edu](mailto:grants@athens.edu).