

Message from the President

AGA is Advancing Government Accountability, I am reminded of this almost every day in my work place. It does not matter the source of the funding you will be asked "How did you spend the money?" The total revenue in New Mexico budget is made up of more than 36% from federal dollars. On top of the federal money going to the New Mexico state budget, additional federal dollars go directly to local governments within the state and to other entities through contracts. The reporting on how we spent this federal money is most likely some part of your job if you have a role in government finances. The New Mexico Chapter is trying to fulfill our goal of government accountability by completing a Citizen Centric Report (CCR). The CCR gives our membership an overview of our performance, expenses and revenues in the last program year and challenges to come in the next program year. The CCR format can be used by any governmental

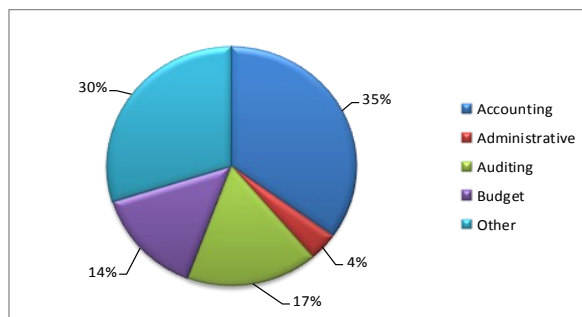
entity that wants to demonstrate accountability. The same concept can also be used for any type of funding, state, local or private – tell the story of how you did and where you want to be going. We also have the goal of providing lunch time speakers with the theme of Open Government and Accountability, check your inbox and refer to our website to make sure you do not miss any of these opportunities.



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Membership Numbers

Total membership is 243, what area do you work in—accounting, administration, auditing, budget?



AGA Picnic in August, cooks are Bryan Maestas and Vince Lithgow and supervising is Raul Anaya. We had a turnout of 40+ with many school supplies being donated to Adelante.

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NEW MEXICO CHAPTER



Attention New Mexico CGFM's



Would you like to receive a discounted CGFM renewal fee next program year? Well who wouldn't! Look below to see further details about the offer that the National office is promoting.

CGFM "Refer a Friend" Promotion: Rules and Information

Share the benefits and value of CGFM with your friends, coworkers, colleagues, employers/employees and earn \$10 — per referral — off your 2016 CGFM renewal fee.

Here's how it works:

1. Encourage others to apply for the CGFM designation.
2. **If an individual completes an online CGFM application by Dec. 31, 2015 and includes your name in the "How Did You Learn about the CGFM?" field on the application, you'll receive a \$10 credit off your 2016 CGFM renewal fee.**



3. You can receive additional \$10 credits if additional individuals apply within this period and include your name.

Additional details:

1. To receive credit, your name must appear on the online CGFM application AGA receives between Sept. 23 and Dec. 31 in the "How Did You Learn about the CGFM?" field. Only one individual's name may appear in the field.
2. The \$10 is a credit toward your 2016 CGFM renewal fee. The total amount of credits you can receive may **not** exceed your 2016 CGFM renewal fee (\$30 for AGA members or \$60 for nonmembers). The credit may **not** be applied toward any other CGFM or AGA products and fees. Credits will not be issued in a form of a payment or refund to any individual.
3. Credits will be issued during the first two weeks of January 2016. Only active CGFM's who have the 2016 CGFM renewal fee due can receive the credits.

The DATA Act and New Mexico Mini Dive

AGA national office is taking a deep dive into the DATA Act and we want to share this information with our membership, so we are taking a "mini dive" each newsletter into the happenings on the national level. As I mentioned in the last article part of the implementation of the DATA Act is a pilot to collect feedback, analyze data standards and testing other initiatives to provide information on federal awards. You can provide your feedback by joining the National Dialogue at <https://cxo.dialogue2.cao.gov/>.

You can submit ideas, comment on others ideas, respond to questions and vote on ideas. Here are some of the existing ideas:

- If you could change one thing that would ease your reporting burden associated with your grants or sub-grants, what would it be (e.g., time, cost, re-

source burden)?

- If you could make a change to ease your reporting burden for audits under the Single Audit Act (i.e., audits required by OMB Circular A-133 which is being replaced by the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200 Subpart F), what one thing would you change about reporting by the auditor?

The next phase is testing and involves gathering data through reporting you currently use: Single Audit and Consolidated FFR; and new initiatives such as Grants Information Gateway (GIG)

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants.html>

GIG provides information for grant recipients to access the federal grant lifecycle on the "Learn Grants" tab.

If you work with federal funds you have probably visited the USASpending.gov website, the data available currently was part of Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). USASpending.gov allows users to download data by prime award or sub-award, spending type (contracts, grants and other financial assistance) and filter data by federal agency and bureau, fiscal year and recipient state. The DATA Act requires additional 8 data elements under the category of Account Level Information, to bring the total to 57 data elements.

The New Mexico Chapter DATA Act mini dive will continue in future newsletters.

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*Fall Harvest
Please join the
Association of Government Accountants*

*Friday, October 16, 2015
5:30 – 7:00*

*Inn on the Alameda- Ristra Room
303 E Alameda Street, Santa Fe
Heavy Appetizers
Water, Iced Tea and Coffee*



*The Social will benefit the Food Depot
Please bring non-perishable food items*

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AGA New Mexico can help you become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)!

Citizen Centric Report (CCR)

“Are we better off today than we were last year?”

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October 21, 2015

Topic: Fraud Prevention

Sponsor: Office of Superintendent of Insurance

November 4, 2015

Topic: OMB Omni –Circular

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December 2, 2015

Topic: Ethics

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March 9, 2016

Topic: Grants

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More Details on Locations coming soon!

Free to ALL that sign up!



Don't disturb the cooks!