

**Lumina Foundation for Education
Grantee Report Form**

Organization Name: National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs

Grant Number: 1914

Grant start date: October 1, 2003

Grant end date: September 30, 2008

Grant amount: \$87,000

Second of Five Reports

Period covered by report: July 2005 to July 2006

Next scheduled payment amount: \$10,000 due on September 1, 2006 when this third report is submitted August 1, 2006

Goals

This grant has two goals. The first goal to be accomplished with the disbursement of \$37,000 focused on the annual NASSGAP survey and report. The second goal to be accomplished with the \$10,000 matching grant focuses on enhancing the NASSGAP web site for better distribution of data and information gathered from the survey so NASSGAP can provide better service to those who are interested in higher education financing and policy.

Major Grant Components and Strategies

First Goal: Enhance the NASSGAP annual survey and report by automating the conversion of survey data to a set of predefined tables and charts. The system will save time and money in the production of tables and charts. It will provide a more complete report of state student aid programs than is currently available.

This goal has been accomplished. Survey # 35 was released May 23, 2005 and was produced using the new software programming created with the help of the \$37,000 Lumina Foundation for Education Grant.

Second Goal: Enhance and improve the NASSGAP web site. This will be accomplished through the combination of NASSGAP volunteers and the hiring a software web development and programming firm to provide the web site structures and tools that will provide better service to NASSGAP members, researchers and policymakers interested in higher education financing.

Progress Indicators (for this report)

NASSGAP composed and released an RFP to solicit proposals from vendors to redesign NASSGAP's website to make it more helpful to members and researchers. The new website has been made easier to find and mine NASSGAP Annual Report data. The website vendor finished developing a NASSGAP Survey Online Query Tool for members and other to use. The goal of developing a Virtual Office within the NASSGAP site to store NASSGAP historical documents has largely been accomplished.

Action vs. Plan

Progress to Goals:

First Goal: Accomplished.

Second Goal: NASSGAP established a website committee who wrote an RFP and selected a vendor to build and subsequently enhance features within the website. NASSGAP chose Gold Bridge Partners Inc., (GBPI) to assist the organization in redesigning its website. NASSGAP's web committee and GBPI staff have met as often as weekly (via phone and email) to plan and develop the website. All of the projects targeted for completion this year were accomplished and goals were set for the remaining outgoing years.

Meeting Progress Indicators:

First Goal: Accomplished

Second Goal:

- An online Query Tool functionality was added so that members and researchers can now mine the NASSGAP’s Annual Survey data. The tool is powerful in its capability and will be very useful to those who wish to take advantage of its query capabilities. In the upcoming year we will use grant and NASSGAP funds to investigate and devise ways to allow researchers to save queries and results to the server.
- NASSGAP has since added the following features to its Virtual Office (VO):
 - Improved Poll functionality to allow members to submit written comments in addition to radio button-type answers. The poll results are automatically compiled and a list of answers by individual members is provided.
 - A Secret Ballot option was added to the Online Poll feature to allow the posting of selected surveys and/or the casting of secret ballots online as opposed to using paper and postage.
 - The online Membership Directory was enhanced to allow the sorting of members by first/last name, agency, and title.
 - A Membership Directory filter was also created to make it easier for members to find others in the directory and the Directory’s sort filter and sort function was designed to work together
 - The Membership Directory was enhanced to record the last date a member’s information was posted to the directory. This will make it easier for NASSGAP to monitor and keep the directory information current.
 - Changes allow members to show/modify their own address/fax/phone online and change the order of members as it appears on the site.
 - The directory was modified to segregate Cooperating Organizations from Associate Members to make it easier for members to find appropriate contacts

Budget Status:

First Goal: Goal accomplished and \$37,000 has been spent.

Second Goal: \$60,423.35 has been spent on the GBPI contract and minor hardware purchases to date. This brings the total spent so far to \$60,423.35. The amount available was \$60,000 (\$30,423.25 from NASSGAP and \$30,000 from Lumina).

Please describe any unexpectedly low or high expenditure to date.

Expenditures are within expectation.

Project Director’s critical analysis:

The online Query Tool was finally released after a long period of development. It’s a robust and powerful tool which is free for anyone to use for the purpose of researching NASSGAP’s Annual Report data. Too, the enhancements to the site’s membership directory features will improve the integrity of the member and nonmember data and is decentralized insofar as it gives members that power to modify their personal information and to search for other members and cooperating organizations by a multitude of means. GBPI has proven to be motivated, innovative, cooperative, vendor and has performed the work as requested. NASSGAP has extended its relationship with GBPI for the coming year and anticipates doing so over the length of the grant.

Changes to Goals:

There have been no specific changes to the NASSGAP web improvement project.

Dennis Obergfell
Project Director

8/1/06
Date

Primary Contact
If different from project director

Date

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Date:

BUDGET CATEGORIES		REQUESTED SUPPORT FROM LUMINA			TOTAL LUMINA SUPPORT	Actual Expenditures to date 7/15/05	(+) Budgeted Amount	(-) Budgeted Amount
		Year 1 2004	Year 2 2005	Year 3 2006				
1.	PERSONNEL							
	Staff (Name/Title/Salary/% of Time)							
	FRINGE BENEFITS (RATE ___ %)							
	TOTAL							
2.	PROJECT COSTS							
	Office Expenses (include postage, copying, mailing, phones)							
	Equipment Rental/Purchase							
	Travel	\$6,000		\$2,500				
	Printing/Publication							
	Consultants	\$31,000						
	Conferences/Meetings							
	Other costs (please itemize): <u>WEB</u>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$60,423.35	\$60,000	\$423.32 (NASSGAP)
	TOTAL	\$37,000	\$10,000	\$10,000				
3.	INDIRECT COSTS (up to 10% of staff salaries and benefits)							
	University @ ___ %							
4.	SUBCONTRACTS OR REGRANTS							
5.	GRAND TOTAL							

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		Year 4 2007	Year 5 2008					
1.	PERSONNEL							
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	FRINGE BENEFITS (RATE__%)							
	TOTAL							
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	Travel							
	Printing/Publication							
	Consultants							
	Conferences/Meetings							
	Other costs (please itemize):	\$10,000	\$10,000					
	TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$87,000			
3.	INDIRECT COSTS (up to 10% of staff salaries and benefits)							
	University @ ____%							

4.	SUBCONTRACTS OR REGRANTS							
5.	GRAND TOTAL							