

1.1 Sec. .... Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16B.97, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.2 Subd. 4. **Duties.** (a) The commissioner shall:

1.3 (1) create general grants management policies and procedures that ~~are applicable to all~~  
1.4 executive agencies must follow. The commissioner may approve exceptions to these policies  
1.5 and procedures for particular grant programs. Exceptions shall expire or be renewed after  
1.6 five years. Executive agencies shall retain management of individual grants programs;

1.7 (2) provide a central point of contact concerning statewide grants management policies  
1.8 and procedures;

1.9 (3) serve as a resource to executive agencies in such areas as training, evaluation,  
1.10 collaboration, and best practices in grants management;

1.11 (4) ensure grants management needs are considered in the development, upgrade, and  
1.12 use of statewide administrative systems and leverage existing technology wherever possible;

1.13 (5) oversee and approve future professional and technical service contracts and other  
1.14 information technology spending related to executive agency grants management activities;

1.15 (6) provide a central point of contact for comments about executive agencies violating  
1.16 statewide grants governance policies and about fraud and waste in grants processes;

1.17 (7) forward received comments to the appropriate agency for further action, and may  
1.18 follow up as necessary;

1.19 (8) provide a single listing of all available executive agency competitive grant  
1.20 opportunities and resulting grant recipients;

1.21 (9) selectively review development and implementation of executive agency grants,  
1.22 policies, and practices; and

1.23 (10) selectively review executive agency compliance with best practices.

1.24 (b) The commissioner may determine that it is cost-effective for agencies to develop  
1.25 and use shared grants management technology systems. This system would be governed  
1.26 under section 16E.01, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).