Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) June Newsletter 2021

GDSM Sponsor Message

Catalina Mistler, GDSM Project Executive Sponsor

Celebration time!

We at CSAC are grateful to the GDSM team and all the stakeholders and support organizations that helped us achieve this milestone. However, we are not done. We look forward to implementing long-anticipated enhancements through our quarterly releases.

Project Management

George Polisner, State GDSM Project Manager

Mission accomplished!

With the deployment of version 1.0 of WebGrants for Institutions, and the projected June release of the GDSM version of the California Dream Act Application, the Grant Delivery System will completely reside upon a modernized, unified platform. We will continue to provide priority enhancements, new features, and new functionality through planned quarterly updates, while responding to future changes in legislation and policy.

Organizational Change and Customer Support

GDSM Champion Meeting Update
GDSM Champion Meetings

Tae Kang, Program Administration and Support
We concluded our final Champions meeting on Thursday, May 27. The GDSM Project Team expresses our deep appreciation to all the Champions that contributed throughout the course of this multi-year project. With your continued feedback, guidance, and support, the GDSM Project Team was able to successfully launch all the phases in the project. Thank you all for embracing the change and

championing the GDSM projects to your campuses.   As we still seek your consultation and assistance for the prioritization of future releases, we will have a standing agenda item at the bi-monthly Financial Aid Advisory Board (FAAB) meetings to discuss and solicit input as needed.

The GDSM newsletter will also sunset with this month's issue. Any future WebGrants for Institutions releases will be documented through our Grant Special Alerts and Operations Memos.

Joan Rene, GDSM Organizational Change Manager

The May 27th final Champion meeting was an opportunity for the institutions to give feedback on their experience with the new look, feel and function of WebGrants for Institutions.

Some of the positive feedback includes:

- The system functioned upon successful login
- Users were able to easily figure out the new screens on their own
- Users were able to upload rosters

Some common performance issues noted by institutions are typical for the post-live stabilization period and already being addressed by the project team.

Training

Victoria Viksne

Introduction to GDSM

Three introductory videos are now available to help users login and become familiar with the system. Links to the videos are provided below:

- **New Look and Feel** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yi66rt8sdMg
- **First-Time Login Instructions** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vvctQbbVY8
- **Cal Grant Roster and Reconciliation** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4aB4U2Yink

Additional introductory videos will be available soon for the G-21 form, MCS Roster and Chafee Grant.

- **G21 Forms-** Grant Record Change- This video will provide an overview of the new look and feel for the G21 form.
  Timing: In Development
- **MCS Roster-** This training video will review the screens of the Middle-Class Scholarship Roster and Reconciliation in the updated system.
  Timing: In Development
- **Chafee Grant-** This training video will review the new look and feel of the screens for the Chafee grant.
  Timing: In Development

Available Trainings

Our monthly webinars, Regional Trainings and Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops will be updated with the new screens to provide training on the processes in the new system. Please sign up for a training with the links below:

- **Webinars for High School Staff** https://www.csac.ca.gov/trainings
- **Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshop** https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/2021-annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops
- **Webinars for College Staff** https://www.csac.ca.gov/college-trainings
- **Regional Trainings** https://www.csac.ca.gov/csac-regional-training

YouTube Training Library

All training modules with updated screens will be recorded and available on-demand through our YouTube channel.

CADAA Training Materials

The following training materials will be available for the updated Dream Act Application.

- Instructions for first time login
- Line-by-line presentation
- Updated screenshots in CADAA trainings

What GDSM Delivered and Ongoing Enhancements:

Program Developments	Delivered
CADAA June Delivery	CADAA has the same easy to use look and feel as WebGrants for Students, including increased visibility throughout the approval and award process. The California Dream Act Application will also be scalable for use on tablets and cell phones.
WebGrants for Institutions Delivered	Institutions current functionality has been preserved with a new and improved look and feel on the WebGrants for Institutions interface and some improvements in the presentation.
Added Functionality Ongoing	Continuous program improvements will be the priority and focus through and beyond 2021 made possible by the transition to modern technology.
Training Improvements Planned	CSAC is in the process of updating our e-learning capabilities for high school counselors, administrators, financial aid administrators, and students. Using one of the leading eLearning authoring tools, this platform will transform projects into a responsive and rapid eLearning alternative for internal and external stakeholders. Some of the key features include: • On demand learning • Converts existing training materials into eLearning courses • Creates a new look and feel to the training modules

GDSM Key Benefits

The Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) Project provides an easily accessible, one–stop shop for applying and managing the grant application and funding process. Through the GDSM Project, CSAC has a single unified platform that supports the following key benefits:

- ♦ Improved processes
- ♦ Reduced manual effort

- Increased staff productivity and efficiency
- Made allocation of grant funds more efficient
- Improved internal and external satisfaction

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