**USDA ezFedGrants**

Implementation Overview:

* Implementation scheduled for October 2016 (APHIS and FAS)
  + NIFA implements in FFY17 for Capacity Grants only
  + Other USDA agencies will announce implementation schedules
* Use is *required* for USDA agencies that have implemented it
* Some USDA agencies are providing training (e.g. APHIS)
* New interface to learn and some new terminology

Key Features:

* Standardized interface and processes across USDA agencies and programs
* Single source of input for applications, awards, financial and technical reports, claims, and closeout
* Automated work flow process and e-signatures
* 24/7 access to agreement records
* Applicants can search and apply online for non-competitive funding opportunities
  + Interfaces with Grants.gov to bring in competitive grant applications
  + Increases efficiency with a streamlined application review process
* Accurate tracking of financial and reporting data to help enforce compliance with federal assistance requirements
* Integrated with the USDA’s financial system including ASAP accounts
  + Expedite claim approval
  + Increases efficiency, speed, and visibility for SF 270 and ASAP draws and related payments

ezFedGrants Access:

Anyone at ISU who will be involved with the application, award, and management of grants and cooperative agreements (and other award types as implemented) will require access to ezFedGrants. Access is gained by:

* Visiting: <https://www.eauth.usda.gov/MainPages/index.aspx>
* **Click** *Create an Account*
* **Click** *Register for a Level 2 Account* under the *Request Level 2 Access to* section
* Complete the form and submit
* Receive a confirmation email. Follow email instructions to:
  + **Activate** your Level 1 access
  + **Visit** a Local Registration Authority in Boone or Nevada to obtain Level 2 eAuthentication (this step is expected to be on-line in very near future)

ezFedGrants Login:

* [https://grants.fmmi.usda.gov](https://grants.fmmi.usda.gov/)
* **Click** the *ezFedGrants Access* log in link and enter the Level 2 eAuthentication user ID and password.

User Roles:

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| Role | Role Functions |
| Grants Administrative Official (GAO) | * Grants Processor Functions * Manage Permissions * Approve External User Access Requests |
| Signatory Official | * Search and View Opportunities * Edit, Search and View Applications * Sign Applications, Agreements, Claims, and Financial/Performance reports |
| Grants Processor | * Search and View Opportunities, Applications, Claims, Progress Reports, and Amendments * Create and Edit Applications * Submit/Sign Financial and Progress Reports |