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Running a Government Innovation Program

Accountability, scale, and audit-grade traceability

A practical guide for managing high-volume intake, multi-agency evaluation, and public reporting under scrutiny.

Government programs operate under scrutiny no private program faces.

Thousands of applicants. Multi-agency panels. Decisions challengeable under FOI and public audit. Every step must be structured, documented, and defensible, even during a week when 300 applications arrived.

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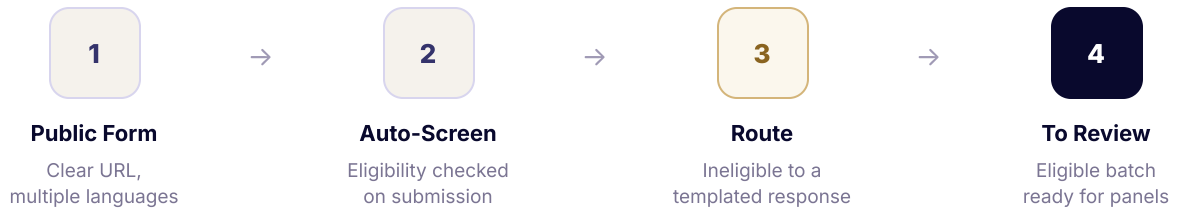
This guide covers running a public program well: high-volume intake, multi-agency coordination, conflict of interest management, and an audit trail that builds itself.

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Post-award grant management is handled by the Funding Module, covered separately.

Public intake at scale cannot be a manual process.

A national call can draw thousands of submissions in a single window. The front door has to do the first pass on its own: collect structured information, check eligibility on submission, and tell each applicant where they stand without a coordinator opening a single file.

**PUBLIC INTAKE CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Publish a public application form with a clear URL
- ☐ Screen eligibility automatically on submission
- ☐ Route ineligible applications to a templated response
- ☐ Support multiple languages for national programs
- ☐ Handle thousands of submissions without manual processing

AUTOMATIC SCREENING IS THE BASELINE

A program expecting thousands of applicants cannot triage by hand. Automatic eligibility screening is the first requirement, not a nice-to-have.

National programs involve agencies that each see a slice of the program.

A regional development agency, a sector ministry, and an external expert panel may all review the same call, each responsible for a different batch. Scoped access keeps each group focused on its own applications while their scores roll up into one ranked view for the program manager.

MULTI-AGENCY REVIEW CHECKLIST

- ☐ Give each agency or panel scoped access to their assigned applications
- ☐ Preconfigure scoring rubrics per program
- ☐ Aggregate scores across panels automatically
- ☐ Support regional and sector-specific reviewer groups

Regional Panel

Reviews applications from its region against the shared rubric. Sees only its assigned batch.

Sector Ministry

Scores on sector fit and policy alignment. Scoped to the relevant industry pool.

Expert Panel

Independent technical assessment. Scores aggregate into one ranked view.

PROGRESS IN REAL TIME

Each agency sees their batch. The program manager watches review progress update in real time rather than chasing scores by email.

At scale, manual COI management is untenable and indefensible.

With hundreds of applications and dozens of reviewers, a spreadsheet of declared conflicts is impossible to enforce. The platform should collect declarations up front and use them to keep conflicted applications out of a reviewer's queue automatically.

COI CHECKLIST

- ☐ Require COI declarations before reviewers see any applications
- ☐ Route flagged conflicts away from the affected reviewer automatically
- ☐ Log every declaration for audit
- ☐ Make the COI process configurable per program

Declaration first, access second. Any other order has already compromised the review.**ORDER IS THE CONTROL**

A reviewer who declares a conflict after seeing application content has already compromised the review. Declaration must come first, by design.

The audit trail should build itself as you run the program.

An audit trail that has to be assembled after the fact is already incomplete. When every score, decision, status change, and assignment is logged at the field level with user, time, and reason, the record is ready before anyone asks for it.

ACTOR	ACTION	ENTITY	TIMESTAMP
Panel A	Score submitted	Application #2841	14:02 UTC
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System	Routed away	Application #2902	14:09 UTC
Manager	Status changed	Application #2841	15:31 UTC

AUDIT TRAIL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Log every score, decision, status change, and assignment at the field level
- ☐ Capture user, timestamp, and reason on every entry
- ☐ Make the log searchable and exportable
- ☐ Prepare for FOI requests with queryable records

A QUERY, NOT A RECONSTRUCTION

When a public auditor or FOI request asks for the evaluation record, the answer should be a search query, not a week of reconstruction.

Selection is half the job. Delivery is the other half.

Once companies are selected, the program shifts from evaluation to support: cohorts, mentors, milestones, and events. Carrying the selected record straight into delivery means no re-entry and no second system for the team to learn mid-program.

DELIVERY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Move selected companies into a cohort with milestone tracking
- ☐ Assign mentors and coordinate sessions
- ☐ Schedule workshops and program events
- ☐ Track progress through the program lifecycle

NO MID-PROGRAM TOOL SWITCH

The platform that managed selection should manage delivery. No mid-program tool switch.

Public programs must demonstrate impact to a publishable standard.

A ministerial briefing, a funder report, and a public impact statement all draw on the same outcome data. Tracking it continuously, with the methodology documented, means each report is an export rather than a research project.

REPORTING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Track outcomes over time (revenue, jobs, funding, market entry)
- ☐ Break down performance by region or sector
- ☐ Export ministerial and funder reports from the dashboard
- ☐ Maintain methodology documentation for credibility

Jobs created

Revenue generated

Follow-on funding

Companies launched

Market entry

Outcomes by region

Outcomes by sector

BUILD THE REPORT AS YOU GO

Impact data assembled six months after the cohort ends is weaker than data tracked continuously. Build the report as you go.

This guide covers application and program management. Funding distribution is a separate discipline.

If your program disburses funding to selected companies, the post-award workflow is handled by the Funding Module, not the application and delivery layer described in this guide.

HANDLED BY THE FUNDING MODULE

- ☐ Recipient onboarding
- ☐ Milestone-gated disbursement approval
- ☐ Compliance enforcement
- ☐ Amendments and post-award audit trails

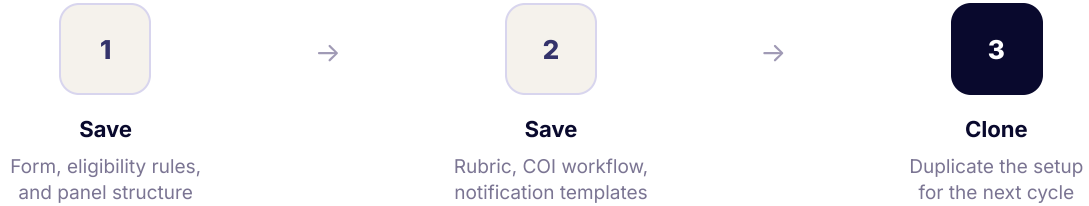
FOR POST-AWARD GRANT MANAGEMENT

The Funding Module handles recipient onboarding, milestone-gated disbursement, compliance, amendments, and audit trails.

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Configure once. Reuse for the next program cycle.

A program cycle is rarely a one-off. Once the public form, eligibility rules, panel structure, rubric, and notifications are configured, the next cycle should start from that configuration with the audit trail carried forward intact.

**REUSE CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Save the public form, eligibility rules, and reviewer panel structure
- ☐ Save the scoring rubric, COI workflow, and notification templates
- ☐ Clone the configuration for the next cycle

CONTINUITY ACROSS CYCLES

Each program cycle starts from the last, with the audit trail intact.

AcceleratorApp is a program management platform used by government-affiliated programs across 6 continents, including Westminster City Council and CGIAR.

It manages the application and delivery layer of public programs: high-volume intake, multi-agency review, COI workflows, field-level audit trail, program delivery, AI application screening, AI reporting, and outcome reporting.

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