#### NC PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE PANGRAM USER GUIDE

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#### INTRODUCTION

A Brief Introduction to the NCPRO PANGRAM System

#### WHAT IS PANGRAM?

PANGRAM stands for
PANdemic GRants and
Awards Management and
is a customized version of
the SAP Grants Management
System developed by the
North Carolina Department of
Transportation (NCDOT).

NCPRO launched its grant management system in December 2021. The ERA, GEER, HAF and SFRF funds are managed in PANGRAM.

More than a dozen state agencies use a version of NCDOT's SAP system to manage grants, awards and contracts.

#### **HOW IS IT USED?**

The PANGRAM system is used by NCPRO Grant Managers and external fund recipients for the following purposes related to grant management:

- Agreement Creation
- Project/Agreement Execution
- Reporting
- Monitoring/Tracking of Project Progress
- Research and Analysis

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# PANGRAM Recipient User Registration

Step-By-Step Instructions for PANGRAM Recipient User Registration and Workflow

Contact NCPRO to inform them you are going to register for the PANGRAM system.

Already have an NCID? If yes, skip to step 04. If no, continue to step 03.

Complete online form:

https://www.ebs.nc.gov/sap/ crmaccess/index.html

For AGENCY, please select NC Pandemic Recovery Office. For name and email, please use those that match your NCID profile.

Check your inbox for an email confirmation from NCDIT -

Transportation EBS Support

Services.

**NCID Creation:** 

https://ncid.nc.gov/idmdash/#/
default

If you are not a state or local government employee, please choose "Individual" for NCID user type when creating a new ID.

Contact assigned NCPRO Grant Manager if you have any questions or need assistance.

Familiarize yourself with PANGRAM by exploring all the links, functions, and features.

Log in to PANGRAM System: https://www.ebs.nc.gov/



- 1. Create Payment Request
- 2. Upload Supporting Documents
- 3. Get Approval & Receive Funds
- 1. File Expense Report & Programmatic Data Entry
- 2. Upload Supporting Documents
- 3. Get Approval

#### **LOG IN TO PANGRAM**

PANGRAM User Log-In: <a href="https://www.ebs.nc.gov/">https://www.ebs.nc.gov/</a>
Please log in with your NCID username and password.

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Login Help \* Browser Support

If you CANNOT access the EBS Portal due to an 'authentication error' or if you have forgotten your NCID or Password, please try the following instructions. <u>Do not skip any steps.</u>

- 1. Close down all internet sessions.
- 2. Log onto your NCID Account at https://ncid.nc.gov
  - If you have forgotten your User ID or Password, click on the appropriate link and follow the prompts.
  - If your account is Locked, click on the appropriate link, and follow the prompts.
  - Otherwise, proceed with step 3.
- 3. On the Application tab, click on Setup Security Question
  - Verify your security questions are set up. If they are not, they must be established.
- 4. Close down all internet sessions.
- 5. Log onto the EBS Portal https://www.ebs.nc.gov

If you are still unable to logon on to EBS, repeat the instructions above. However instead of clicking on the Setup Security Question tile (step 3), click on Change My Password and create a new password for the account. Then continue with steps 4 and 5.

Please note NCID is self-service. You can reset your password on the NCID Website: <a href="https://ncid.nc.gov">https://ncid.nc.gov</a>. You will receive an email to change your password every 90 days. Failure to change your password on NCID's website will result in your NCID being deleted and loss of access to EBS. Do not disregard these emails.

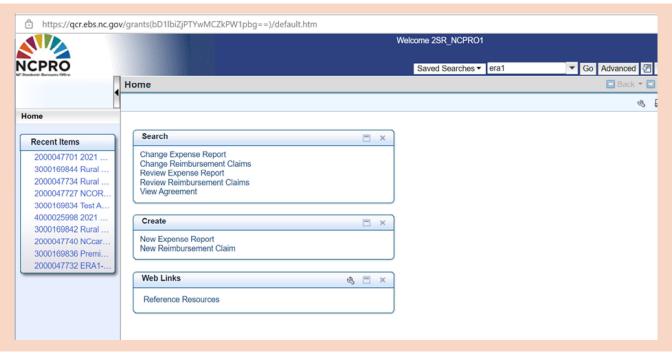
If there are any further issues, contact EBS Support (<u>EBSSupport@ncdot.gov</u>) with a phone number where you can be reached.

#### VIEW AGREEMENTS

Your agency may have multiple agreements (contracts) with NCPRO. Follow the steps below to view your agency's agreements and agreement information.

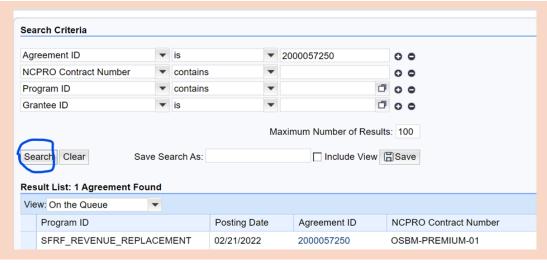


Locate the Search section and click the "View Agreement" link.





Use a blank search (click "Search" without entering any criteria) to view all agreements for your agency <u>OR</u> enter an Agreement ID to search for a specific agreement.

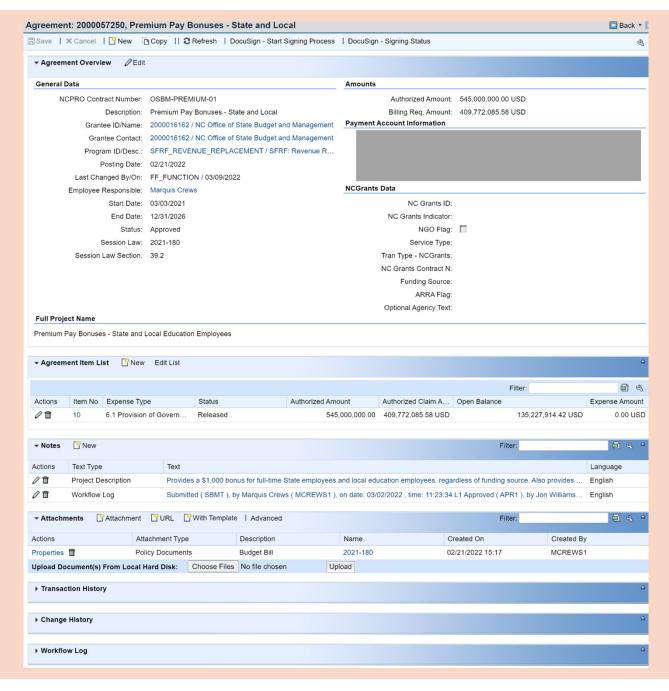


#### **VIEW AGREEMENTS**

Your agency may have multiple agreements (contracts) with NCPRO. Follow the steps below to view your agency's agreements and agreement information.



Select the agreement to view all of the details such as budget amount, project start and end dates, and final contract (MOU).

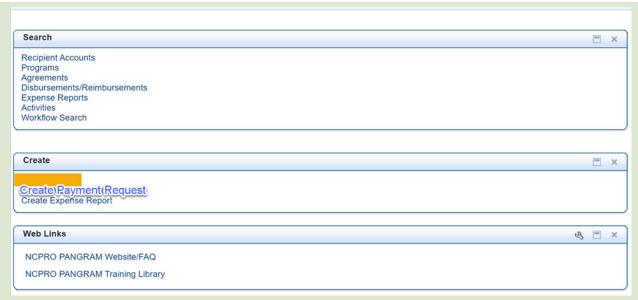


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After the MOU is signed, one immediate task for most recipients is to request funding.

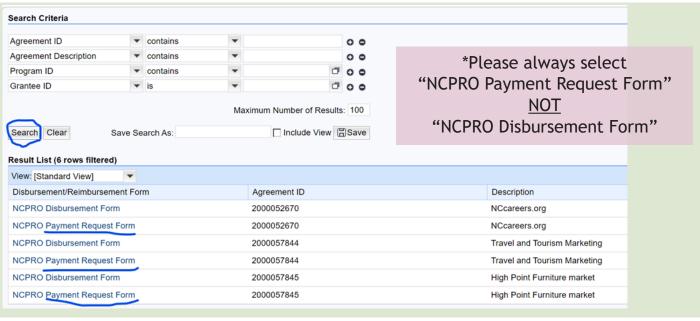


Locate the Create section and select "Create Payment Request" link.





Use a blank "Search" <u>OR</u> search by Agreement ID and open the "Payment Request Form" for the agreement/project you are requesting funds from.\*

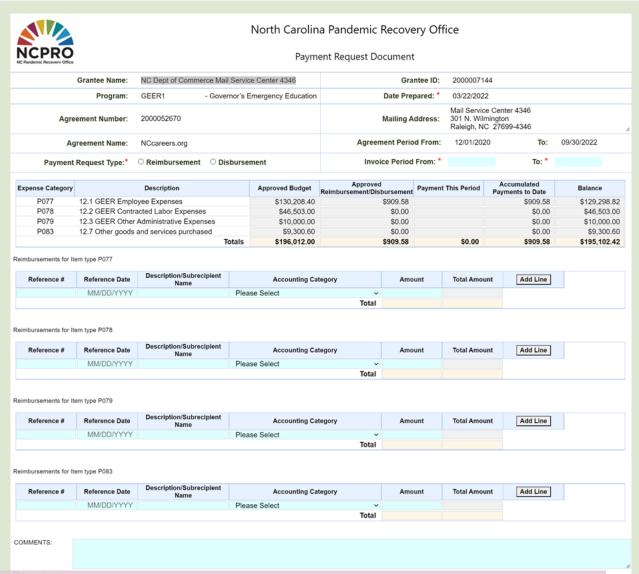


# **PAYMENT REQUESTS**

After the MOU is signed, one immediate task for most recipients is to request funding.



Fill out the data entry (highlighted blue).



- Select "Disbursement" option for Payment Request Type by default.
- Invoice Period "To:" date cannot be later than the payment request date.
- Reference # is for the recipient agency to use for reference; it should be unique by project.
- Reference Date must be between the invoice period.
- Description/Subrecipient Name is a required field; enter a brief description of the fund needs.
- Select one item from the Accounting Categories dropdown list; if you are not sure which one to choose, select General Program Cost.
- Please use the comments section to add more details and explanation for the payment request.
- Click "Submit" and then attach any necessary supporting documents.

## FILE EXPENSE REPORTS

SFRF recipients are required to file monthly expense reports and programmatic data entry after receiving their first disbursement of funds and beginning to have expenses. Recipients should work with their corresponding NCPRO Grant Manger as needed to submit expense reports.

Once previous monthly expenses are available, recipients should file the expense form as soon as possible. Even if there are no expenses for the reporting month, recipients still need to log in to PANGRAM to file the expense report and submit a "0" amount for the previous month's expenses.

When submitting the monthly expense report, please remember to attach all necessary supporting documentation (invoices, payment proofs, etc.).

Please view the example and step-by-step instructions on the following page. NCPRO will continually work to update and add more details as needed.

# Search Recipient Accounts Programs Agreements Disbursements/Reimbursements Expense Reports Activities Workflow Search Create Create Expense Report

### FILE EXPENSE REPORTS



- Period: Previous month's date range (Example: Period From: 4/1/2022 To: 4/30/2022)
- Fill out the expenses for each accounting category in corresponding expense types.
- It is a good practice that one line of entry in the expense report will have one corresponding supporting document.
- It is good practice that the name of the supporting document includes the expense line's corresponding Reference #.
- Please use the comments section to add more details and explanations for the expense activities in the previous month.
- When completing the Programmatic Data entry, consult with NCPRO Grant Managers if there are questions or confusion.
- The Save button will save the expense report as "DRAFT".
- The Submit button means your entries are complete and will send your report to NCPRO Grant Mangers for review.
- If you find any mistakes after submitting the report, contact your NCPRO Grant Manager quickly to resolve the issue.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting documents are any documents which can help justify your payment request and prove your actual expenses.

Other required documents (sub-recipient data, programmatic data, performance review data, Audit data) are also part of supporting documents for SFRF grant management system. Expense reports should be done in each month during the lifespan of the project.

#### Example Documents Required for Monthly Reporting:

- Payment expenses proof
- Invoices or receipts

#### **Example Documents Required for Quarterly Reporting:**

- Subrecipient data
- Programmatic Data
- Single Audits (Annually)
- Other required supporting documents

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

Please refer to these best practices for using PANGRAM, completing expense reports, meeting with NCPRO Grant Managers and more.

Schedule a recurring time on your calendar at the beginning of each month to work on the completed month's expense report.

Your assigned NCPRO Grant Manager will schedule a 30-minute meeting with your agency each month.

Your assigned NCPRO Grant Manager will schedule a 2-hour meeting each quarter for 2022 quarterly reporting.

Train any new staff as soon as possible if there are any personnel turnover.

Attend bi-weekly interagency meetings to stay up-to-date on information and requirements for SFRF.

Train other users in your agency and help answer their questions.

Have all the corresponding NCPRO contact information on hand to ask questions when needed.

Share your suggestions, comments and feedback with NCPRO.

Email and
Microsoft Teams
are efficient
ways to connect
with NCPRO
staff.

## NCPRO Grant Manager Contact Information

Please reach out to your assigned NCPRO Grant Manager with any questions about your agreement or using the PANGRAM system.

Agency	Funding Sources	NCPRO Contact	Email	Phone
AOC, DPS, NCGA, DOI, DOT, DST	SFRF	Heather Laffler	Heather.Laffler@ osbm.nc.gov	919-816-7983
External Entities	CRF, SFRF	Laura Jimenez	Laura.Jimenez@ osbm.nc.gov	919-441-0973
DHHS, NCHFA, NCORR (ERA Only)	SFRF, ERA, HAF	Tara Fikes	Tara.Fikes@ osbm.nc.gov	984-227-5340
DOR, DOA, DNCR, DACS	SFRF, LFRF	Heather Laffler	Heather.Laffler@ osbm.nc.gov	919-437-6006
UNC, NCCCS, DPI	SFRF, GEER	Adam Shull	Adam.Shull@ osbm.nc.gov	919-737-3517
Commerce, DIT, DEQ, OSBM	SFRF, CPF, EDAT	Marquis Crews	Marquis.Crews@ osbm.nc.gov	984-960-7056

#### **Glossary of Acronyms**

CPF - Capital Projects Fund (ARPA)

CRF - Coronavirus Relief Funds (CARES)

ERA - Emergency Rental Assistance (CRRSA and ARPA)

EDAT - Economic Development Administration Tourism (ARPA)

GEER - Governor's Emergency Education Relief (CARES and CRRSA)

HAF - Homeowners' Assistance Funds (ARPA)

LFRF - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)

SFRF - State Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)