



# THREE SIMPLE STEPS

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SHARE YOUR GRANTS DATA IN JUST 3 SIMPLE STEPS:

## 1 REGISTER

Visit [updater.foundationcenter.org](https://updater.foundationcenter.org) to register for or login to your Updater account.

## 2 EXPORT

Use the eReporting spreadsheet template to export a complete list of your most recent grants data. The template is available for download at [foundationcenter.org/ereporting](https://foundationcenter.org/ereporting).

**TIP:** Check the list of software partners to see if your grants management system already has the template built-in: [foundationcenter.org/ereporting/partners](https://foundationcenter.org/ereporting/partners)

## 3 SUBMIT

Once logged into Updater, submit your data in the “Upload Grants” section.

As soon as Foundation Center processes your data, you’ll receive your own interactive giving map!

### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DATA!

See what data is required on the next page, and learn why a detailed grant description is so important.

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# REQUIRED DATA

## WHAT GRANTS DATA DOES THE TEMPLATE REQUIRE?

Though organizations are encouraged to share a variety of information about their grants, only eight fields are required:

- Recipient name
- Recipient city
- Recipient state
- Recipient country (if not US)
- Grant description\*
- Fiscal year
- Grant amount
- Grant currency (if not USD)

### \*WHY IS THE GRANT DESCRIPTION IMPORTANT?

Providing a detailed grant description is one of the best ways to ensure that your data will be accurately coded to capture the subject, population, geographic area served, and support strategy you intended and, ultimately map correctly.

In general, a good grant description includes the following information:

**WHAT:** What is the primary objective of the grant?

**HOW:** How will the objectives of the grant be achieved?

**WHO:** Which group or groups are meant to benefit from the grant?

**WHERE:** What geographic location(s) is the grant meant to serve?

For more Frequently Asked Questions, please visit:

[foundationcenter.org/share-your-grants-data-faqs](https://foundationcenter.org/share-your-grants-data-faqs)