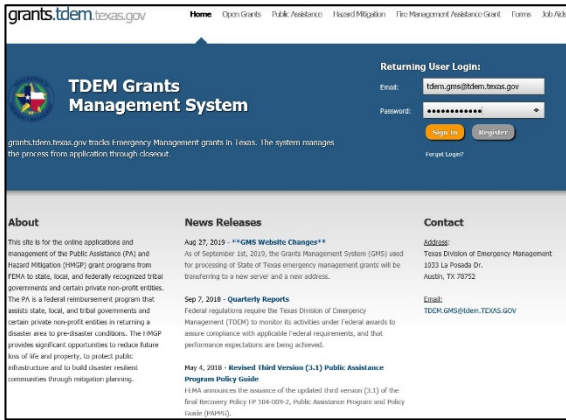# What is TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) Grants Management System (GMS)?
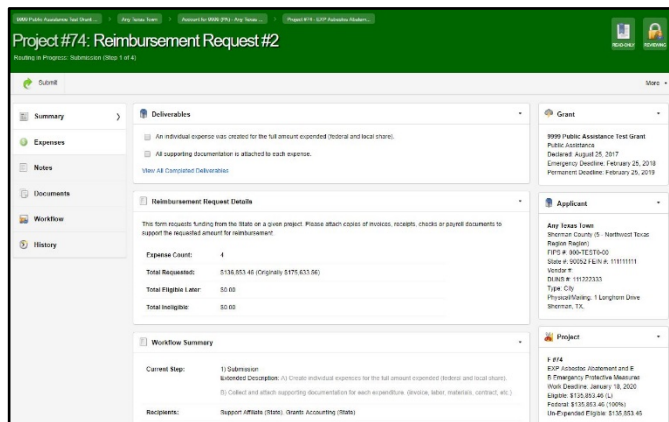

GMS integrates with data from both FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and State financial systems, and helps applicants keep all of their PA (Public Assistance) and HM (Hazard Mitigation) documents and data in one place. It is a user friendly tool that allows applicants to monitor the status of all of their FEMA grants, and submit application requests, such as Requests for Appeals, Requests for Time Extensions, Request for Closeout, directly to the State. There are also payment requests such as Request for Advance and Request for Reimbursement that have proven to speed the process considerably in other states.

GMS integrates data, documents, workflows, email notifications, a customized inbox, meetings, task tracking, issue tracking, reporting, and a host of customized grant management modules. Here are just a few of the easy to use tools that will help applicants better manage their FEMA, PA, and HM grants.

- **Quarterly Reports** – This module ties all of an applicant's current projects to a Quarterly Report submission system. Simply edit the values that may have changed, and hit the submit button. It even remembers entries from last quarter, making this usually laborious and time consuming process a snap.

- **Request for Reimbursement** – This request module allows applicants to submit their payment requests directly in the system, attach supporting documentation, monitor the approval process, and the subsequent payment, all in the system.
- **Request for Advance** – This request module allows applicants to submit their request and justification directly in the system, and monitor the approval process and the subsequent payment.
- **Request for Time Extensions** – Because the system tracks project work deadlines, this module is a handy way for applicants to request an extension, and to monitor that request as it is reviewed by the state and then by FEMA.
- **Scope Changes** – Manage all grant project scope changes in the system. PA versions automatically update the system when they are obligated, which, like many areas of the system sends the applicant's staff an automated email informing them of the change. HM scope changes come in the form of a request from the applicant in the system, which is then reviewed by the State and forwarded to FEMA.

- **Appeals** – When a grant award is made, FEMA allows for a project appeal, and the system allows applicants to request that an appeal be generated for that grant. The system manages the process and applicants can continue to monitor the progress and receive notifications relative to that appeal.
- **Closeout** – When a project is finished and fully funded, applicants may submit a Request for Closeout which notifies the State to start the process of final review.

These are just a few of the features of GMS. The tool helps applicants keep all of their documents and data in one place, and provides a suite of support services that will help manage all aspects of their FEMA Grant Programs.