



# Streamlining Grant Management for Ohio's Department of Public Safety:

## A Digital Transformation Journey



### Client Overview.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) is at the forefront of Ohio's justice planning and execution, striving to enhance public safety across the state. As a crucial entity, ODPS coordinates a broad spectrum of public safety initiatives, including the efficient management of grants critical to supporting law enforcement and criminal justice activities

### The Problem.

The ODPS encountered significant challenges in its grant management processes, notably impacting its operational efficiency and stakeholder satisfaction:



**Revenue Loss and Project Delays:** Inefficient grant management processes led to delays in fund disbursement, affecting critical public safety initiatives.



**Frustration Among Stakeholders:** The slow, opaque grant management process diminished ODPS's reputation, reducing collaboration opportunities and state's financial integrity.



**Manual and Error-Prone Processes:** Paper-based, manual processes resulted in application backlogs, delayed responses, and inefficiencies in tracking grant progress.

### The Strategy.

In response to these challenges, BRITE Systems introduced an Online Grants Management System (OGMS), a comprehensive web-based platform designed to streamline grant management for Ohio's criminal justice agencies.

#### The strategy focused on:

- ✓ **Digital Transformation:** Transitioning from manual, paper-based processes to a fully digital platform to enhance efficiency and accuracy.
- ✓ **Enhanced Transparency and Communication:** Implementing features for real-time updates and secure communication channels between ODPS and stakeholders.
- ✓ **Compliance and Security:** Ensuring the system adheres to strict data security standards and regulatory requirements to protect sensitive information.

# The Implementation.

The implementation of OGMS involved several key components:

- **Digital Application and Review Process:** Enabling electronic submission and management of grant applications to streamline operations.
- **Award Management and Reporting:** Providing tools for tracking award details, budget management, and progress reporting directly within the system.
- **Secure Communication and Data Management:** Facilitating secure exchanges and housing a repository of grant data for analysis and reporting.
- **Compliance and Security Measures:** Incorporating robust security protocols to comply with international standards and regulations.

# The Results.

The deployment of OGMS by BRITE Systems revolutionized grant management at ODPS:



## Streamlined Grant Processes

Significant reductions in manual effort and processing time, directly translating to quicker fund disbursement and project initiation.



## Increased Transparency

Real-time tracking and updates improved stakeholder trust and satisfaction with the grant management process.



## Enhanced Security

Rigorous security and compliance measures ensured the protection of sensitive data and conformance with regulatory standards.



## Quick Deployment and ROI

Rapid implementation allowed ODPS to quickly realize benefits such as cost savings, efficiency gains, and enhanced stakeholder satisfaction.

# Business Benefits.

BRITE Systems' OGMS solution delivered several key advantages to ODPS:



## Enhanced Operational Efficiency

Streamlining grant management processes saved time and reduced manual efforts for ODPS staff.



## Improved Stakeholder Satisfaction

The transparent, efficient, and secure grant management process fostered trust and confidence among applicants and recipients.



## Robust Security and Compliance

Adherence to stringent data security and regulatory requirements protected sensitive information and ensured compliance.




## Accelerated Benefits Realization

The rapid deployment of pre-built capabilities enabled quick realization of cost savings, efficiency gains, and improved stakeholder relationships, showcasing a successful digital transformation in public safety grant management.

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