GPA Code of Ethics and Risk Management

It is the Grant Professionals Association’s belief that all Grant Professionals should be committed to serving the greater public good by practicing ethical and professional standards that set them apart from others who do not fully understand the need for active risk management whether an organization/agency is engaged with local, foundation, state or federal funders.

In 2019, the Grant Professionals Association has almost 3,000 members who are upholding the following Code of Ethics to provide their clients with these premier standards in our field:

- Practice their profession with the highest sense of integrity, honesty, and truthfulness to maintain and broaden public confidence
- Adhere to all applicable laws and regulations in all aspects of grantsmanship
- Continually improve their professional knowledge and skills
- Promote positive relationships between grant professionals and their stakeholders
- Value the privacy, freedom, choice and interests of all those affected by their actions
- Ensure that funds are solicited according to program guidelines
- Adhere to acceptable means of compensation for services performed; pro bono work is encouraged
- Foster cultural diversity and pluralistic values and treat all people with dignity and respect
- Become leaders and role models in the field of grantsmanship
- Encourage colleagues to embrace and practice GPA's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Practice

This Code supports the Grant Professional in improving risk management which encompasses financial, technical, managerial, and organizational risk. An ethical Grant Professional will align your goals and objectives, use data to help make decisions, understand your culture/audience, and assist in developing programs with high-impact outcomes based on strong evaluative measures. S/he will also know applicable allowable expenditures, reporting requirements and tracking laws to guide the management process. This ensures that corrective actions are non-existent in audits.

To view the full GPA Code of Ethics: https://www.grantprofessionals.org/ethics

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