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Keys to Detecting a Grant in Trouble

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Learning Objectives

- Recognize potential issues with grants.
- Describe solutions and procedural changes that can help to reduce grants issues.

Presentation Outline

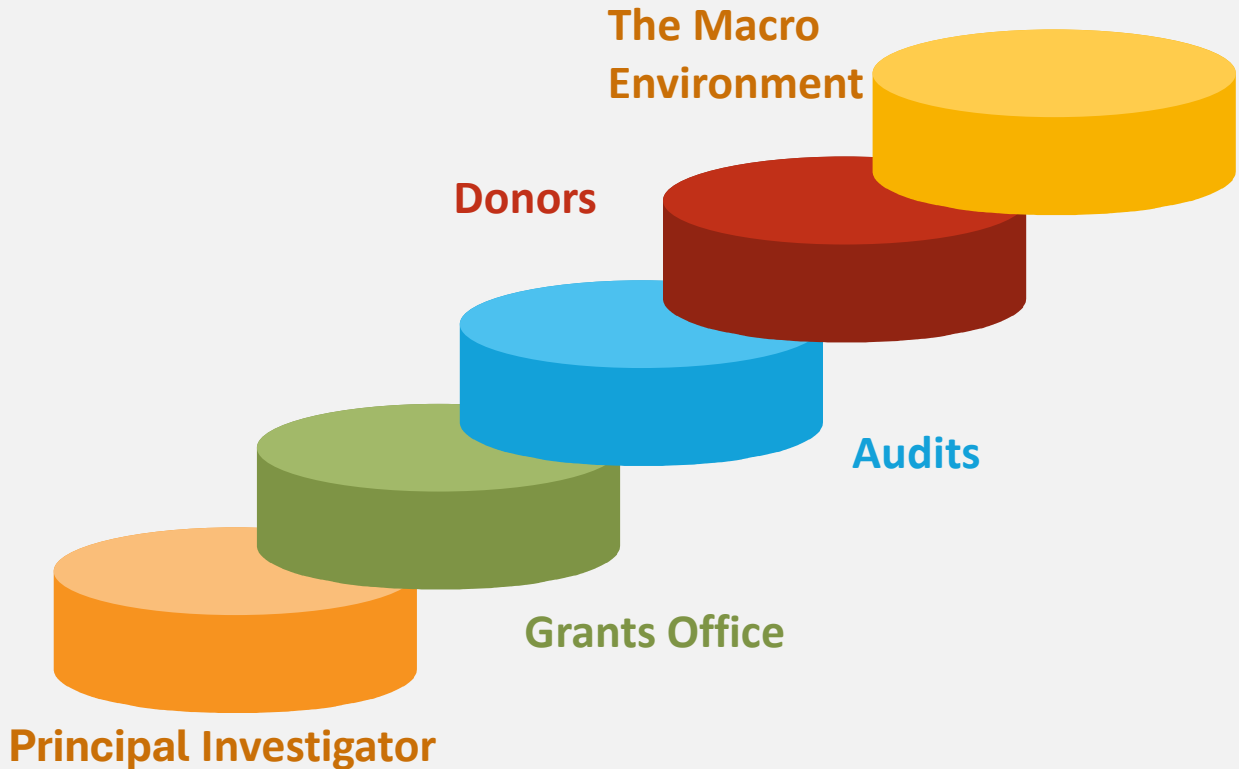
- Introduction
- Sources of Detection and Resolutions
- Other Matters and Conclusion

Keys to Detecting a Grant in Trouble

- What do you do when you anticipate problems with a research grant?
- Who do you turn to?
- Can the grants office assist?
- The donor?



Key Sources of “Trouble” on Research Grants



The Principal Investigator

Research
Collaboration
Relationship

Proj.
Mgmt.
Team



Win But
Fail to
Finish

Skills &
Characteristics

The Principal Investigator

Recommendations

- Policies
- Co-PI
- Early sourcing of Consultants
- Emotional intelligence training for PIs
- Budgeting

Issues Associated with the Grants Office

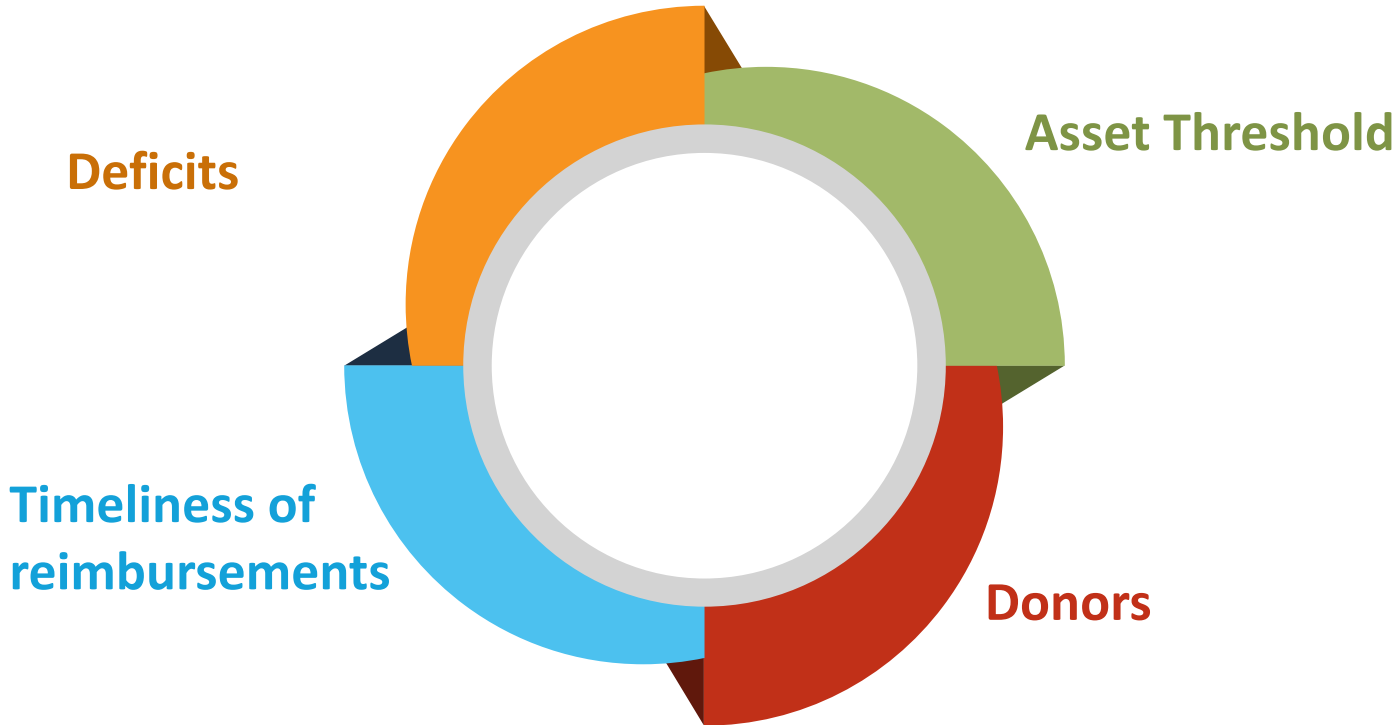
- Insufficient Budget
- Low Burn rate
- Internal Controls
- Inflexible funders
- Onerous reporting expectations
- Lack of training

Issues Associated with the Grants Office

Recommendations

- Thorough Budget Reviews
- Communication
- Timely Financial Reporting
- Grants officer(s) should be a member of the grants steering committee.

Issues Associated with Audit Reports



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- Expenditure management
- Audit findings Database
- Asset threshold
- Dialogue with donor
- Reductions in Sponsored Research team Support

Issues associated with the Donor

Delays in approvals of
consultants by the donor.

Indirect cost

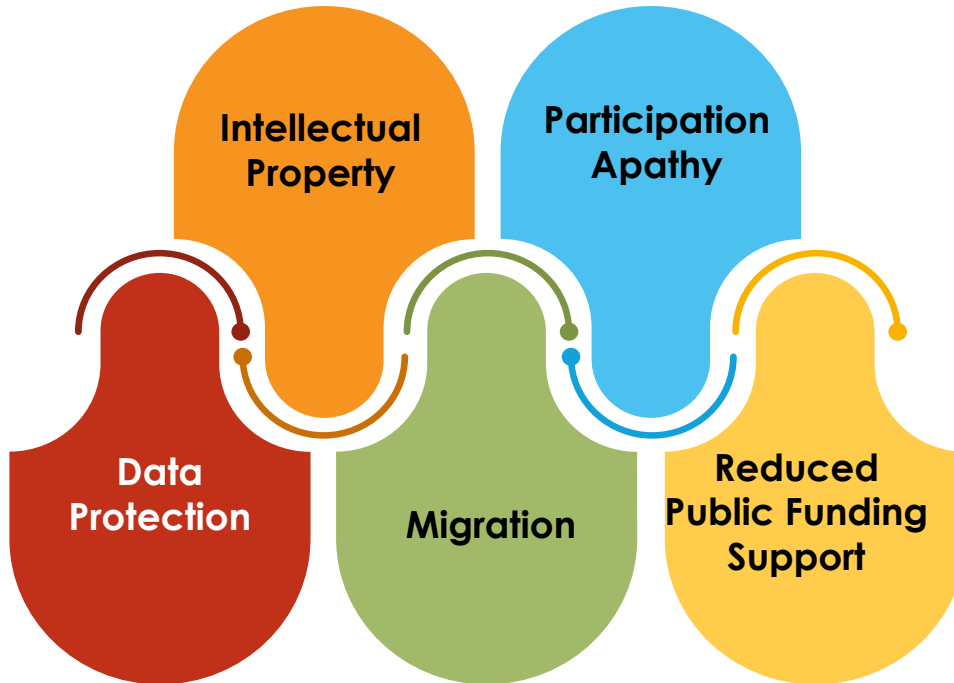
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Other Matters



Politics

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Questions?

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