

Listen & Learn for Local Authorities

29 May, 13:00 - 14:00





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## Government Grants Management Function (GGMF)

#### **Vision**

To empower our grant-making community to maximise outcomes by unlocking the greatest value from grant funds for citizens and the economy







**Building capability** 

**Achieving excellence** 

**Improving outcomes** 















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### The problems we aimed to solve

1 - Disconnected



Each department has their own mechanisms for advertising and applying for grants 2 - Difficult



Grants are difficult to find and time-consuming to apply for 3 - Size



Larger organisations have the capacity to search and apply, so receive more funding than smaller organisations 4 - Location



A disproportionate number of grants are awarded to organisations in the South East 5 - Fraud



With no centralised due diligence, grant processes are targeted by fraudsters

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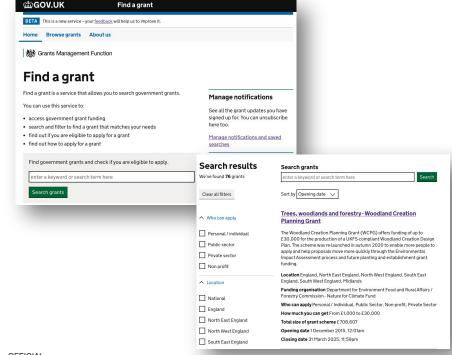
#### What we built

#### Find a Grant

A centralised service where all eligible\* central Government grants *must* be advertised.



575 schemes£10.4bn+290 admins258k+ users



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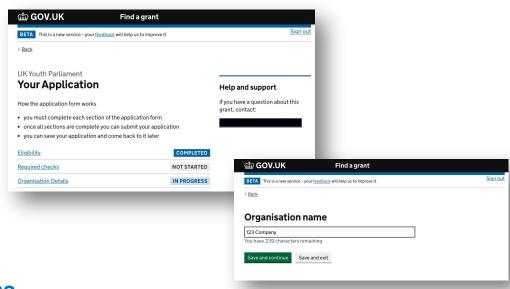
#### What we built

#### **Apply for a Grant**

A centralised service where all citizens can apply for funding, and admins can build application forms.



25 schemes £250m+ 2.3k applications



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#### Co-creation

# Partner departments





Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport



Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs



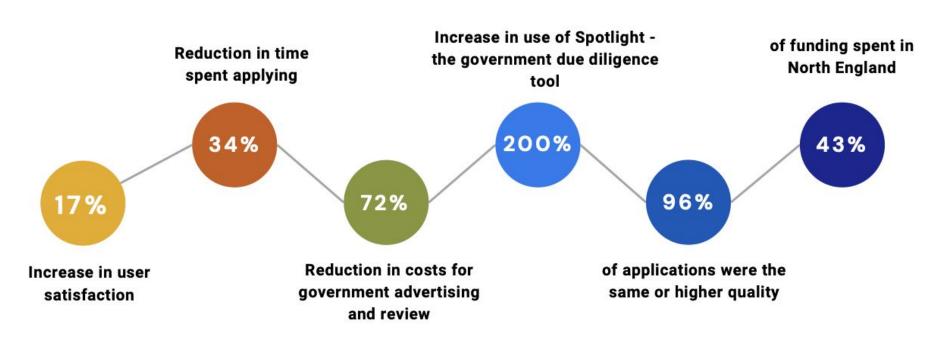
Department for Business & Trade

#### User research

- All other departments
- Charities
- Individuals
- Voluntary, Community or Social enterprise (VCSEs)
- Large businesses
- Small businesses

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### **Evaluation findings**



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#### **Features**

- ✓ Advert and application form builder with standard look and feel on Gov.UK
- ✓ Compliant with Government Digital Service and accessibility standards
- ✓ Full flexibility of content, questions and question formats
- ✓ Documents can be uploaded by applicants
- ✓ API transfers data for due diligence automatically into Spotlight
- ✓ Open API enables automatic transfer of applications into any grant admin system
- ✓ Grant admin dashboard shows number of applications submitted and in progress per scheme
- ✓ Applicant dashboard shows applications in progress/completed and allows questions to be downloaded upfront
- ✓ No limit to number of grant admins who can register as users
- ✓ Co-authorship of grants enables sharing, sign-offs etc.

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## Demo

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## **Questions?**

## Thank you for coming!



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