

Heather Pullen

Senior Public Affairs Consultant

In 2006, Heather started her career in the public sector at the Florida Department of Community Affairs. As a former Florida Disaster Recovery & Small Cities CDBG Program staffer, Heather worked in the CDBG Operations Unit where she managed the FloridaPapers request for funds system for over 250 CDBG grantees, completed quarterly Federal reporting for all Small Cities and Disaster Recovery grantees, and assisted grant managers with monitoring financial progress of all current Disaster Recovery & Small Cities CDBG grantees.



In 2009, Heather joined the Langton Consulting team to lead grant administration services for six (6) Florida Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP1) grantees. She provided program design and implementation technical assistance to our NSP1 clients including conducting intake/eligibility services, single-family purchase/rehabilitation program design, multi-family purchase/rehabilitation program design, HUD Environmental Review process, reporting and financial management. Heather also provided rapid response technical assistance for eight (8) at-risk Florida NSP1 grantees, through a contract with the Florida Department of Community Affairs, which led to 100% obligation of funds for all eight (8) grantees within a four-month period.

In 2010, Heather began writing grants with a special focus on parks & recreation, coastal management, economic development, and rural infrastructure. To date, Heather's grant writing efforts have secured more than \$15 million in grant funding for Florida local governments.

In 2014, Heather shifted her focus back to grant administration and training in order to assist our local government clients with the transition to the 2 CFR part 200 Uniform Guidance. In an effort to ensure that our local government clients remained in compliance with the new Federal regulations, Heather developed a series of workshop style presentations on topics such as Benefit Cost Analysis, Cost Principles, Procurement Policies, Records Access and Retention, Reporting, Monitoring and Close-out. Due to the successful feedback from our clients, we expanded the training program to include helpful tips for a variety of grant writing and grant administration topics. To date, Heather has conducted over twenty-five (25) presentations for our clients and will continue to expand the program as regulations change.

In 2016, Heather became the Grant Manager of a \$4.6 million planning assistance grant for the development of the Florida State Expenditure for the Florida Gulf Consortium. Heather provides full-service grant administration including Multi-Year Implementation Plan development, financial management, recordkeeping, reporting, monitoring, and

closeout, as well as specialized technical assistance in updating current internal policies and procedures to remain in compliance with Federal regulations and RESTORE Act Standard Terms and Conditions.

In 2018, Heather is continuing her professional development by being an active member of the National Grants Management Association (NGMA) where she will be a first-time presenter at the association's national conference and plans to receive her certification as a Certified Grants Management Specialist.

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Flagler College

Certifications

HUD Environmental Review Certification

Member Affiliation

Grant Professionals Association

National Grants Management Association