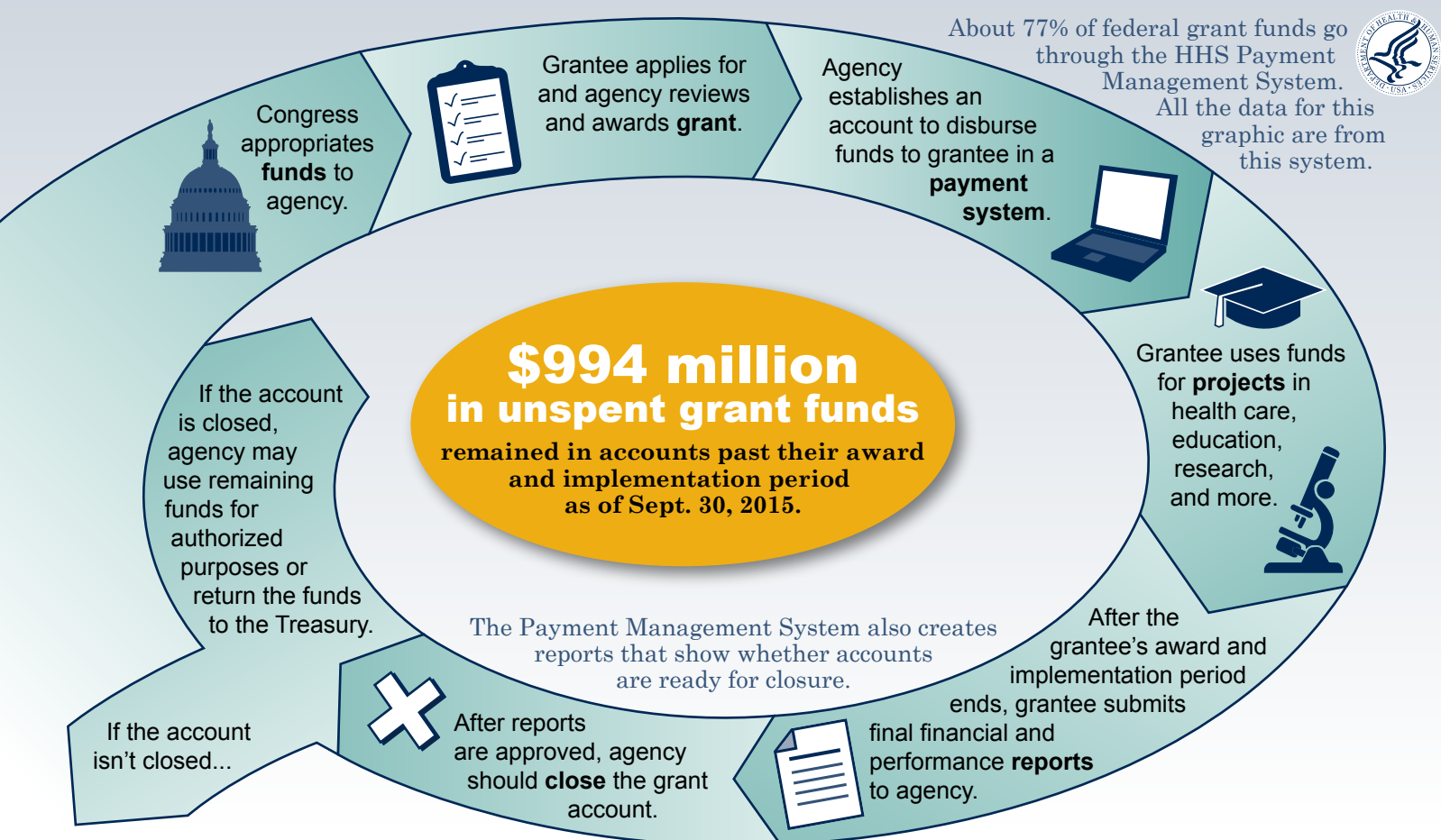


Grant Closeout

What happens to unused federal grant funds?

AN OVERVIEW FROM GAO-16-362

How do funds flow through the grant life cycle?

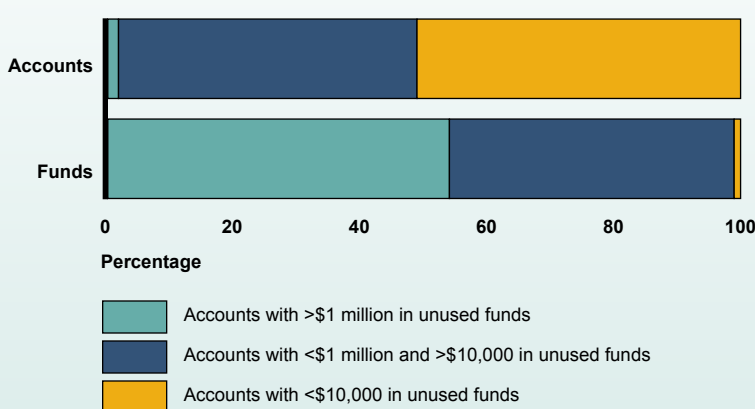
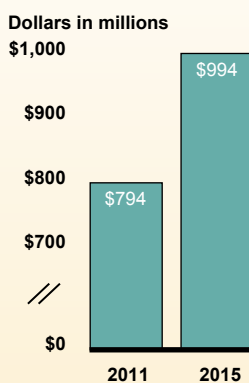
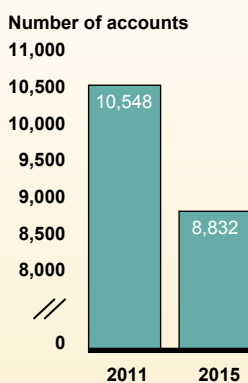


What's the situation with grant closeouts, and how has it changed?

The number of accounts that could have been closed decreased by >1,700

While the total amount of funds remaining in these accounts increased by about \$200 million

As of Sept. 30, 2015, a small number of these accounts had large balances, while half of the accounts had relatively small balances.



Snapshots of Sept. 30, 2011 and Sept. 30, 2015

Even accounts with no money in them can incur fees if they aren't closed.

In September 2015:

5,906
Number of accounts with no money in them that the Payment Management System identified as ready for closure

\$29,000
Approximate fees that these accounts incurred in September 2015

Why do agencies say grant accounts are left open?

Grantee under audit

Grantee no longer in existence

Manual report reconciliation process

Grant projects that require multi-jurisdictional review

Obstacles to Final Grant Reporting and Processing that May Impact Closeout

Disconnection between grant management and payment system

Delayed technical deliverable

Cost-sharing agreements/program income

Final indirect cost rate approval