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Megan Otto Wins 2025 NGMA Impact Award

March 13, 2025 – WASHINGTON, D.C. – Megan Otto, a senior manager at Moss Adams, won the 2025 Impact Award, Private Sector from the National Grants Management Association (NGMA). She was nominated for her dedication to serving her community, her passion for her grants management clients and projects and her advocacy for civil rights.

A specialist in comprehensive grant management services, Otto is recognized for her expertise in planning and monitoring grant programs that effectively achieve community impact. She works with government agencies, non-profits and foundations, and has supported strong grants management practices across diverse sectors. Otto has managed federal grants from various grantmaking agencies, including AmeriCorps, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), U.S Department of Commerce (DOC), and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

Otto has significant experience in direct service, having led program management for federal grants focused on food insecurity. In this role, she partnered with large metropolitan food banks and small local food pantries in rural areas. Throughout her career, she has concentrated on helping organizations build capacity and effectively support their communities. In her previous role as a director at a non-profit organization, she led an emergency food response initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic that received national recognition.

As the communications chair of NGMA's Houston Chapter, Otto promotes professional development and collaboration among grants management professionals. She also advocates for inclusivity as a leader of Moss Adams' Pride Business Resource Group, fostering a workplace culture that values diversity. Her goal as a grants management professional is to empower organizations to maximize their impact and enhance their ability to serve their communities effectively.

"Megan Otto's expertise working with a variety of grantees, her dedication to her clients and her generous spirit in mentoring other grants professionals sets her apart," said NGMA President Scott Sheffler. "We are delighted to recognize her as the 2025 Impact Award winner for the private sector."

The NGMA Impact Award, Private Sector, recognizes exceptional contributions in advancing the field of grants management by an individual from the private sector. Otto and the winners in



the other NGMA Award categories (Impact Award, Public Sector and Newton Award for Distinguished Service) were recognized at the 2025 Annual Grants Training (AGT) on March 13, 2025 in Washington, D.C.

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