

## 2022 NGMA Award Winners

The winners of the 2022 NGMA Awards were honored at the 2022 Annual Grants Training (AGT) in Arlington, Va. on April 20. Congratulations to Jeff Myers, Gil Tran and Angel Velez Perez. All three gentlemen were recognized for making a positive and lasting impact in grants management. The winners were nominated by their colleagues and selected by an NGMA panel. Learn more about each winner below.

### NEWTON AWARD

Recognizes outstanding, sustained leadership in the grants management field. Winner has executed sensitive and difficult assignments in grants policy or grants administration; has an articulated vision for grants management professionals and has made a difference in the profession.



**Gil Tran**  
*Senior Policy Analyst*  
*Executive Office of the President, OMB, OFFM*

**About Gil:** A 27-year veteran of OMB, Gil has often served as a go-to field expert and is a sought-after presenter who has earned a reputation as a source of knowledge and engaging industry speaker. Among his contributions in shaping the financial assistance landscape for future generations are: helping reduce the audit burden for both auditees and federal government oversight agencies; playing an integral role in the development of the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and consolidating cost principles in the guidance; and, in 2005, leading the development of the first-ever government-wide waiver to provide relief to grantees caused by natural disasters. After a distinguished and impactful career, Gil plans to retire at the end of 2022. [Learn more.](#)

### IMPACT AWARD/PRIVATE SECTOR

Recognizes exceptional contribution in advancing the field of grants management by an individual from the private sector. This could include a general or specific positive impact on professional grants management practice, methodology, advocacy, partnership or volunteerism.



**Jeff Myers**  
*Senior Director*  
*REI Systems*

**About Jeff:** Jeff has earned recognition for increasing communication and information-sharing among grants managers in the private sector. In his 10 years at REI Systems, Myers has implemented ways for grants managers to better communicate and help each other navigate the complex issues often encountered in grants management. Myers played a large role in launching the widely successful Annual Grants Management Survey in 2016 as a way for grants managers nationwide to identify common challenges and learn how to resolve them. [Learn more.](#)

### IMPACT AWARD/PUBLIC SECTOR

Recognizes exceptional contribution in advancing the field of grants management by a public official at the federal, state, or local level, or by a Congressional representative. This could include a general or specific positive impact on professional grants management practice, methodology, advocacy, partnership or volunteerism.



**Angel Velez Perez**  
*Grants Deputy*  
*Central Recovery and Reconstruction Office of Puerto Rico (COR3)*

**About Angel:** Angel was lauded for his involvement in multiple (78!), complex grants closeout processes across Puerto Rico. His critical thinking skills and clear, concise communications efforts ensured they progressed quickly and smoothly. Angel went above and beyond to ensure municipalities understood the process, required documentation and consequences of not following procedures. [Learn more.](#)