

## Unlock powerful reporting with SmartyGrants OData

### Questions & Answers

***Q: If we integrate another data source, will its data be stored in SmartyGrants, or does the linking happen externally?***

A: No, the data won't be stored in SmartyGrants. OData retrieves data from SmartyGrants, and you can securely store and link it externally, such as in Power BI.

***Q: Can you download data just for one specific question that appears in various programs on SmartyGrants?***

A: Yes, with OData, you can retrieve submitted form responses from applications including responses to specific questions. This data can be filtered to retrieve the specific questions of interest.

***Q: Can all standard fields in SmartyGrants be pulled into OData?***

A: Yes, all standard fields and standard sections are available through OData.

***Q: Will data linked through OData automatically update in Excel or Power BI when updated in SmartyGrants, or is another step needed?***

A: OData is a live data feed, so updates in SmartyGrants are immediately available in the feed. You can manually refresh this or enable an automatic refresh in your connected system to retrieve updates.

***Q: Will this be a standard feature for all SmartyGrants users, or will there be an additional charge?***

A: This will be an add-on feature, priced at \$5,000 AUD, with discounts for multiple instances.

***Q: Is there a minimum dataset size recommended for using OData?***

A: No, there's no minimum dataset size for OData; it depends on your reporting needs and whether OData meets those requirements.

***Q: Is there a method to capture data changes if not using a live feed? For example retrieving only changes in data after a certain point in time?***

A: Yes, OData supports the *deltatoken* query option to retrieve only data changes after a specific point in time. We have more information on the different query options in our technical documentation.

***Q: How does the data query handle archived data? Such as archived rounds or programs?***

A: Archived data is still available through the OData feed. Things that can be archived such as programs and rounds will have a 'archived' property that can be used to filter out archived records.

***Q: Can people who are not administrators in SmartyGrants use reports using OData?***

A: Reports will be generated outside of SmartyGrants (possibly in a different system or environment). You can manage the access to these reports separately to SmartyGrants.

***Q: How does OData handle exporting data from Standard Sections with Grids, which currently don't export well to Excel?***

A: OData returns data from standard sections in a format that's easier to work with. Each row returns an individual cell from a standard section grid, rather than bundled in a single cell. In your connected system (such as PowerBI) you can further transform the data as needed.

***Q: Will test rounds be pulled into the reports? Or is it only on Live grants?***

A: Test rounds are available in the OData feed, enabling you to test reporting integrations with test round data.

## **Feedback Comments**

***Would be great to see the documentation/data structure available.***

As well as our help hub documentational (which includes the OData data dictionary), we have a technical guide with details on requests, query options, and parameters that you can use. The technical guide also outlines the data structures returned by the API. We also have a demonstration Postman collection that contains example queries to explore the OData functionality.