## Using USASpending.gov to check your CARs in 15 minutes or less

As of the 2023 NROTC PNS Business Meeting

Note: CARs will not appear in this report until 90 days after they are entered into FPDS-NG



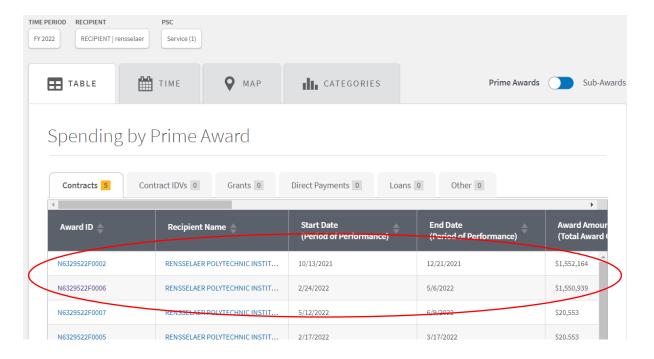
## This data is also useful for:

Analyzing your unit's tuition impact and spending over time

Discussions with elected officials (or staffs) on spending within their district.

Discussions with host institutions or local business leaders

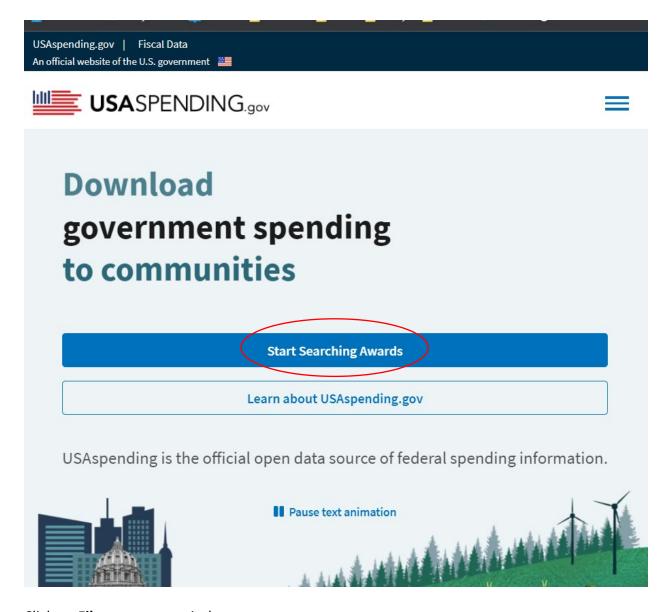
For example, in this screen you can see the main tuition payments (the \$1.5Ms) and several other payments for FY22 at NROTC Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (UIC N63295):



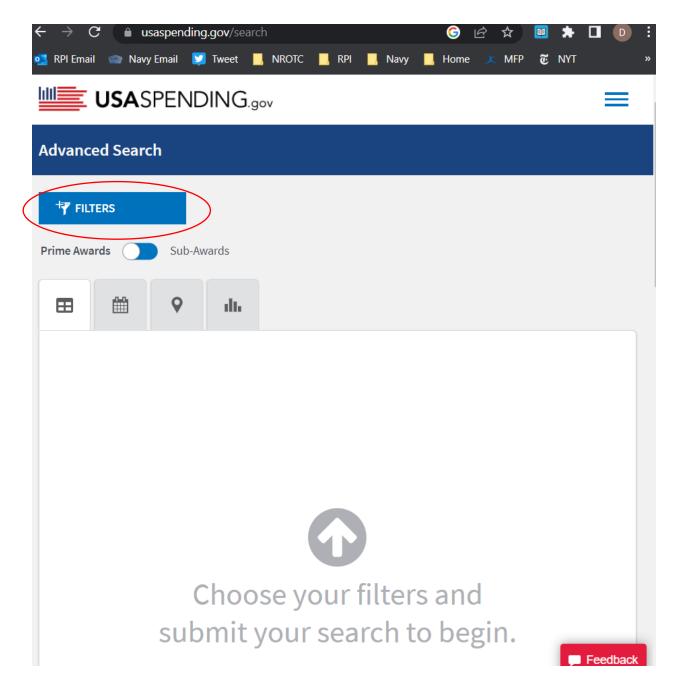
And here is how to do it...

## Start by going to usaspending.gov

## Click to Start Searching Awards



Click on **Filters** to narrow it down.



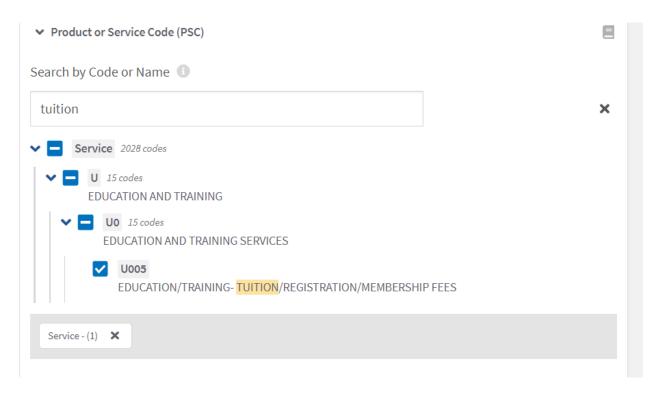
For the data above, I chose three filters:

Time Period = FY 22

**Recipient = Rensselaer** 

**PSC = Service (1)** ...see below...

**PSC** stands for Product or Service Code. This is where we neck down to **TUITION** specifically. You may find other codes (or blank) also provide useful data. I just searched it, but here is the drill-down to **TUITION**:



Other things I've learned along the way:

Searching by city may help if you are not sure of the payee's official name. Or try other filter fields.

There is a lot of downloadable data for Excel (for example, perhaps you want to see the whole NROTC universe, or see how you compare to Army or Air Force at your institution).

Perhaps your institution gets federal or DoD grants – you might aggregate that \$\$ with yours if you wanted to give a certain perspective. Awarded grant data can also help you uncover potential allies/professors/student opportunities.

My recommendation: save this guide into Outlook Tasks under a six-month recurrence.

I am certainly not an expert in contracting and spending, but federal spending data analysis was absolutely a thing we did when I worked as a Fellow in the U.S. House.

Hope this helps & v/r, Dave Latta Lattad2@rpi.edu