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CRM for Lead Generation Agencies: 12 Must-Have Features (+ Free Checklist)

Short answer: The best CRM for a lead generation agency turns positive cold-email replies into leads automatically, assigns them to the right person, creates follow-ups from what the prospect said, reports pipeline by campaign, and does not charge per seat as your SDR team grows. White-label branding matters if clients log in.

Key takeaways

- Most pipeline in an agency starts as a reply in Smartlead, Instantly, Lemlist or Apollo, so **reply-to-lead automation** is the feature that saves the most hours.
- Per-seat pricing punishes agencies that hire SDRs; compare **year-one cost for your real team size**, not the entry price.
- Campaign-level reporting tells you which campaigns create meetings and revenue, not just opens and replies.
- Test every must-have in a free trial with your own data before you sign anything annual.

The 12 must-have CRM features for lead generation agencies

What to compare	Typical per-seat CRM	Spreadsheet	Tailr CRM
Price model	Per user, often annual	Free	One flat monthly price, no per-seat fees
Positive replies become leads	Via integrations	Copy and paste	Built in (4 tools + webhook)
Automatic lead assignment	Usually, sometimes on higher tiers	No	Yes
Your brand on it (white-label)	Rarely	No	Yes, every screen and email
Ready to use	Configure yourself or paid onboarding	DIY	Yes, in minutes, plus free 1:1 onboarding
Contract	Often annual	None	Monthly, cancel with full export

CRM checklist for lead generation agencies (template: copy and adapt)

- [] 1. Positive replies from our sending tool (Smartlead / Instantly / lemlist / Apollo) become leads automatically
- [] 2. Out-of-office, unsubscribe and wrong-person replies are filtered out
- [] 3. Contacts from the same company merge into one lead
- [] 4. New leads are assigned automatically and the owner is notified
- [] 5. "Call me next week" becomes a task; quiet leads get a nudge; reps get a daily digest
- [] 6. Our own pipeline stages and fields, with a drag-and-drop board
- [] 7. Reports show meetings, pipeline and revenue by campaign
- [] 8. Our logo, name and colours on screens, login page and emails (if clients log in)
- [] 9. Roles: control who can import, reassign, email, export and delete
- [] 10. Gmail / Calendar / Zoom activity on each lead
- [] 11. Year-one cost for OUR team size (incl. onboarding and add-ons): _____
- [] 12. Full data export anytime, monthly contract, built-in help and training

Quick answers

Do lead generation agencies need a CRM if they already use a cold email tool?

Yes. Cold email tools are built to send and track sequences. Once a prospect replies positively, you need a place to qualify, assign, follow up, move deals through stages and report revenue. Without a CRM those replies end up in inboxes and spreadsheets, and follow-ups get missed.

What is the most important CRM feature for a lead gen agency?

Automatically turning positive replies from your sending tool into leads, with the right owner and a follow-up task. It removes hours of copy-paste a week and stops warm leads from going cold.

Is a white-label CRM worth it for an agency?

If clients or client-side reps log in, yes. A CRM with your agency's name, logo and colours looks like part of your service rather than a third-party tool, and it keeps the relationship with you.

Per-seat or flat pricing: which is better for agencies?

Flat pricing is usually cheaper for agencies because the SDR team grows and changes often. Per-seat CRMs get more expensive with every hire. Compare the cost for your real team size over 12 months.

Can I try Tailr CRM before paying?

Yes. Tailr CRM has a 14-day free trial with no card needed. Your own CRM, with your company name and sample data, opens in about two minutes.

How much does Tailr CRM cost for an agency?

One flat monthly price per plan, whatever the mix of SDRs and client users: Starter \$59 for up to 5 users, Team \$79 for up to 15 and Growth \$149 for up to 40, with 2 months free on yearly billing. There is no setup fee or per-seat fee, and white-label branding is on every plan.

Start your 14-day free trial

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