Announcement: The Department of Justice has released the following information regarding the Federal Government Shutdown.

**Continuing Projects Under the Government Shutdown**
Grantee activities and projects already funded under existing grants will generally be able to continue to the extent the grantee has funding available. The exception to this would be if Federal employee involvement is critical to the project being carried out or proceeding to the next step. For example, under a cooperative agreement, there may be actions that a Federal employee has to take for a project to continue; that is, the project has arrived at a decision point that requires Federal government approval or other determination in order for the project to proceed to the next step. If you have not heard from your grant manager at OJP that a particular project is at a critical step which would require OJP involvement, you may assume that all such projects can continue.

**How Will the Shutdown Affect Conferences, Meetings, and Trainings?**
Most approved grantee-sponsored events (e.g., conferences, meetings, trainings) scheduled during the funding lapse generally will not be affected and can proceed as planned. Please note that OJP’s ability to review and approve events will cease after Friday, October 4th and no events will be approved after that point unless and until OJP receives an appropriation. All existing pre-event approval requirements remain in effect. If Federal employee participation in these meetings or trainings is critical in order for these events to proceed, the event cannot be held even if previously approved. This could include Federal employee involvement to carry out the event or provide oversight or guidance.

**Requesting Payments and Draw Downs**
The following payment request systems will not be available to users after October 4th:

- Grant Payment Request System (GPRS)
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Payment System
- Border Prosecution Initiative Payment System (BPS)
- Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Payment System

For all systems listed above, OJP has processed payment requests received as of 9:00 a.m. (EDT) October 4th and OJP expects grantees will receive these payments. However, OJP will not be able to verify or resolve any potential problems that may arise during the processing of the payments until after appropriations are enacted and federal staff returns to work. Requests made after 9:00 a.m. (EDT) on October 4th will be processed once the government is reopened. These systems will not be available after 5:00 p.m. (EDT) October 4th.

**Grants Management System and Help Desk**
The Grants Management System (GMS) will not be available to users. Users will not have access to apply for funds, submit progress and Federal Financial Reports (FFRs), request grant adjustment notices, submit closeout actions, or respond to on-site monitoring issues for resolution. Likewise, the
GMS Help Desk will not be available to users. Grantees whose funds are currently frozen due to overdue reports or other reasons will remain in this status.

**System for Award Management (SAM)**
According to GSA, the System for Award Management (SAM) will remain operational during a lapse of appropriations. Users will be able to submit new registrations and updates to existing registrations. Users will be able to search for entity registration records and exclusion records on the SAM.gov website. Please check the Federal Service Desk at [http://www.fsd.gov](http://www.fsd.gov) or the [SAM.gov](http://www.sam.gov) home page for any changes to SAM’s operating status.

**OJP On-Site Monitoring**
All on-site monitoring visits and enhanced programmatic desk reviews scheduled during the funding lapse will need to be postponed or cancelled. If your OJP grant manager or an OCFO financial monitor has not yet contacted you to reschedule the monitoring, expect them to do so once the government is reopened.

**Recovery Act Recipient Reporting**
[FederalReporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov) and their Help Desk will not be impacted by a lapse in funding and will remain open and fully operational during the October Reporting Cycle and Continuous QA. Please note that beginning with the October reporting cycle, the Help Desk will no longer receive live calls, rather will use email as the sole method to receive requests for assistance. The Help Desk email address is [FederalReportingHelpDesk@ratb.gov](mailto:FederalReportingHelpDesk@ratb.gov).

**OJP Solicitations**
The GMS will not be available to accept funding applications. To provide adequate time for an applicant to prepare and submit an application, OJP will extend deadlines for open solicitations that are impacted by a funding lapse. Please note that currently, OJP does not have any open solicitations in Grants.gov. Please continue to read our [DCG NewsFlashes](mailto:DCG NewsFlashes) regarding the Federal Government Shutdown, and forward to any faculty or staff that are not subscribers. We will continue to distribute information as it is received. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your [DCG Administrator](mailto:DCG Administrator) at the Department of Contracts and Grants.