

NewsFlash!

Announcement: The Government Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 ended on September 30, 2015 and an Appropriation Act for FY 2016 has not been passed. The Administration strongly believes that a lapse of appropriation should not occur, and that there is enough time for Congress to act to prevent a lapse. However prudent management requires that we prepare for an orderly execution of contingency plans in the unfortunate event of a lapse.

Should a lapse in funding occur, several federal departments have provided notices that administrative staff will not be available to provide routine administrative supportive services.

Payment Management System: The Payment Management System will maintain operational status during the budget lapse. Awards received prior to the gap in funding, will continue to allow drawdowns and payments. If your notice of grant award contains restrictive terms and conditions that have not been resolved, you will not be able to drawdown funds during the lapse.

Grants.gov: If you are considering submitting an application for additional federal assistance funds, the Grants.gov system will be operational and will accept applications. The Grants.gov system will accept and store applications until such time as the responsible Department has the authority and funding to return to normal business operations.

For more information, the National Institutes of Health has issued a guidance notice, [NOT-OD-15-164](#). In the event of a lapse, NIH will issue very specific guidance for NIH applicants and grantees.

Federal Contingency Plans:

- [DHHS](#)
- [DOD](#)
- [DHS](#)
- [DOED](#)
- [DOI](#)
- [DOJ](#)
- [IMLS](#)

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact the [Contracts and Grants Officer](#) assigned to your unit.