

NewsFlash!

As you are likely aware, Congress has yet to reach an agreement on the federal budget. As a result, the United States federal government continues to be in a partial shutdown. Below is some key information to keep in mind in order to navigate the shutdown.

Which Agencies are Impacted?

While NIH and the Department of Education are funded, others such as NSF, NASA, NOAA, USDA, NIST, and NEH are not. Impacted agencies and quicklinks to their shutdown plans are:

Department of Agriculture (USDA, including ARS, Forest Service, NIFA)

- [Department of Agriculture Shutdown Plan](#) - December 2017
- [ezFed Grants Available During Shutdown but Unsupported](#) - December 21, 2018

Department of Commerce (including NIST, NOAA, etc.)

- [Department of Commerce Shutdown Plan](#) - December 17, 2018

Department of Homeland Security

- [Department of Homeland Security Shutdown Plan](#) - December 17, 2018

Department of the Interior

- [Department of Interior Shutdown Plan](#) - December 07, 2017

Department of Justice

- [Department of Justice Shutdown Plan](#) - January 19, 2018

Department of State

- [Department of State Shutdown Plan](#) - December 06, 2018
- [United States Agency for International Development Shutdown Plan](#) - December 20, 2018

Department of Transportation

- [Department of Transportation Shutdown Plan](#) - December 18, 2018

Environmental Protection Agency

- Environmental Protection Agency Shutdown Plan - December 17, 2018

NASA

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration Shutdown Plan - December 18, 2018

National Endowment for the Arts

- National Endowment for the Arts Shutdown Plan - September 26, 2018

National Endowment for the Humanities

- National Endowment for the Humanities Shutdown Plan - September 25, 2018

National Science Foundation

- Information About the Government Shutdown for NSF Proposers and Grantees - December 24, 2018
- National Science Foundation Shutdown Plan - November 16, 2018

Each federal agency is handling the shutdown differently so it is important to follow the instructions of each particular funding agency.

A full list of agency contingency plans can be reviewed

at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/agency-contingency-plans/>

What is/is not Impacted?

- **Existing Projects**
Continue working normally unless you receive guidance from DCG or your program officer/grants official to stop work. If you receive a stop work order, immediately send that communication to your DCG Officer.
- **Agency Prior Approvals**
You will likely not be able to obtain prior approvals from federal agencies impacted by the shutdown during the funding hiatus (including requests previously submitted and ones you need now to submit). The specific activities that are the subject of the prior approval should not be undertaken. Consult with DCG if you have an emergency situation that requires action in this regard.
- **Proposal Submissions**
Grants.Gov, Research.Gov, Fastlane and ezFedGrants are up and accepting proposals during the shutdown; this means that it is likely that proposal deadlines will not be extended for agencies using these systems for proposal

submission. Please proceed with your proposal submissions in a normal fashion. Associated proposal Help Desks are also operational (except ezFedGrants).

- **Technical Reporting**

Please continue to submit award reports that become due (even if there is no one at the agency to read it). If you are using an on-line agency reporting system to file your report and the system will not allow you to submit, please specifically note the date/time you attempted submission, and submit your report promptly after the funding hiatus is over.

- **New Awards/Additional Funding on Existing Awards**

We do not expect to receive new awards (or incremental funding on existing awards) during the funding hiatus. In addition, new solicitations will not be issued by affected federal agencies. You may continue to submit Preaward/Advance Funding requests to continue spending on existing awards for which you feel confident a new increment of funding will be provided. Remember, however, that Schools must approve Preaward/Advance Funding requests consistent with School policies and procedures.

Additional Resources

[Frequently Asked Questions During a Lapse in Appropriations](#)