**Government Shutdown Update**

September 29, 2023

Earlier today, the House of Representatives rejected a continuing resolution to temporarily fund government operations as Congress continues to attempt to pass the annual appropriations bills. Barring an unlikely last-minute agreement between the House and the Senate, the federal government will shut down on Sunday, October 1.

Most federal employees will be furloughed and prohibited from working until the government reopens.  If you, or a PI, need assistance from a Grants Management Specialist (GMS) or Program Officer (PO), you must contact the agency **TODAY**.

University Operations

University functions and operations will continue as normal and University employees should continue to report to work as usual. The Office of Grants and Contracts (OGC) will continue all operations.

Grant Applications

Most federal agencies will continue to accept proposals; however, the proposals will not be reviewed until the government reopens. Proposals should continue to be submitted by the deadline as indicated on the funding opportunity announcement.

Federal agencies will not be issuing new funding opportunities during a shutdown.

Federal Drawdowns

It currently does not appear that federal drawdowns will be impacted. OGC will still be able to draw down funds for existing awards.

Expiring Budget Periods

If you have an award that has a budget period that will end during the government shutdown, you will need to make internal departmental contingency plans. A federal agency cannot make new awards or release new funding under a non-competing continuation segment until Congress approves the appropriations for that agency.

Ongoing Research and Project Performance

For current awards, research and project performance may continue as long as funds are available for that award. There may be rare instances in which a federal sponsor will inform the PI that research must stop. Follow all sponsor instructions.

RPPRs and Other Deliverables

Deadlines for RPPRs and other reports and deliverables must be met in accordance to the notice of award.

Sponsor Prior Approval

Federal agencies will not be able to grant prior approval during a shutdown. Please refer to [2 CFR 200.308](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ecfr.gov%2Fcurrent%2Ftitle-2%2Fsubtitle-A%2Fchapter-II%2Fpart-200%2Fsubpart-D%2Fsection-200.308&data=05%7C01%7CSHANE.JERNIGAN%40CUANSCHUTZ.EDU%7C176a49b9c2f64b6aafaa08dbc127324a%7C563337caa517421aaae01aa5b414fd7f%7C0%7C0%7C638316146325216897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ddslEalm0zZ7oeol1YZ2gq4GdQ3WUXOWselm5x%2FURZM%3D&reserved=0) and [Chapter 8 of the NIH GPS](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgrants.nih.gov%2Fgrants%2Fpolicy%2Fnihgps%2FHTML5%2Fsection_8%2F8.1.2_prior_approval_requirements.htm&data=05%7C01%7CSHANE.JERNIGAN%40CUANSCHUTZ.EDU%7C176a49b9c2f64b6aafaa08dbc127324a%7C563337caa517421aaae01aa5b414fd7f%7C0%7C0%7C638316146325216897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4qL1woiskUBBfL7i299yt%2FmWkFCtkscTaG354j%2Fz7oA%3D&reserved=0) for actions that may require prior approval. Please note that if a project needs prior approval for an administrative action or cost-related item, the University cannot proceed with that action until we receive prior approval from the agency.

Any no cost extension (NCE) that requires agency approval will not be processed until the government reopens.

IPAs

For PIs on IPAs, the PI needs to immediately contact the federal agency to determine their status for Monday, October 2.

Agency Contingency Plans

All federal [agency contingency plans](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whitehouse.gov%2Fomb%2Finformation-for-agencies%2Fagency-contingency-plans%2F&data=05%7C01%7CSHANE.JERNIGAN%40CUANSCHUTZ.EDU%7C176a49b9c2f64b6aafaa08dbc127324a%7C563337caa517421aaae01aa5b414fd7f%7C0%7C0%7C638316146325216897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JVAWy8PljopwhYdhG9mQwdvbhoiUbVsgIP8L0d%2FKneI%3D&reserved=0) are provided on the Office of Management and Budget website. Some agency contingency plans, such as the [NSF’s plan](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nsf.gov%2Fpublications%2Fpub_summ.jsp%3Fods_key%3Dshutdown23001&data=05%7C01%7CSHANE.JERNIGAN%40CUANSCHUTZ.EDU%7C176a49b9c2f64b6aafaa08dbc127324a%7C563337caa517421aaae01aa5b414fd7f%7C0%7C0%7C638316146325216897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=feWk0LFb%2B9dS6fyd3oaMeSuQKHtVXPwuQpr49WGynIs%3D&reserved=0), are robust and detailed. Other agency plans, such as [NIH’s plan](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hhs.gov%2Fabout%2Fbudget%2Ffy-2024-nih-contingency-staffing-plan%2Findex.html&data=05%7C01%7CSHANE.JERNIGAN%40CUANSCHUTZ.EDU%7C176a49b9c2f64b6aafaa08dbc127324a%7C563337caa517421aaae01aa5b414fd7f%7C0%7C0%7C638316146325216897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YdpkIq3fs6wieMRUELGZx8EUmOGkdtJr48MCKgd9i40%3D&reserved=0), are not detailed or provide much guidance. The OGC website will be updated later today to provide summaries for each agency.

Updates

The [OGC homepage](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fresearch.cuanschutz.edu%2Fogc%2Fhome%2Fogc-teams%2Fpost-award%2Ffacilities-and-administrative-costs&data=05%7C01%7CSHANE.JERNIGAN%40CUANSCHUTZ.EDU%7C176a49b9c2f64b6aafaa08dbc127324a%7C563337caa517421aaae01aa5b414fd7f%7C0%7C0%7C638316146325216897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vC8P%2B%2FfSpWyMziIIVbbAMqJelObzXuZ2teVIOJrs%2Fk0%3D&reserved=0) will continue to be updated with new information as necessary.

Questions and Contacts

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