

Federal Government Shutdown

What We Know

As of 12:01 a.m. on October 1, the federal government has shut down. We know this creates uncertainty for organizations that rely on federal funding. Below are the top points you need to know right now:

1

Federal Program Staff May Be Unavailable

Many federal employees are furloughed. This means delays in approvals, technical assistance, and routine communications.



Check Federal Contingency Plans

If your grant funds were already awarded or obligated (multi-year or carryover funds), you may continue to use them. New awards or changes requiring federal action may be delayed. We've included links to the plans that are currently available:

- Circular No. A-11(Guidance)
- FAQs During a Lapse in Appropriations
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Internal Revenue Service
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of State
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs

2

Previously Awarded Funds Can Still Be Used

If your grant funds were already awarded or obligated (multi-year or carryover funds), you may continue to use them. New awards or changes requiring federal action may be delayed.

3

Reporting Deadlines Could Still Apply

Automated systems (e.g., Grants.gov, PMS, SAM.gov) may remain online. Submit reports on time unless the federal program office issues guidance otherwise. Document any issues you encounter.

4

Expect Possible Delays in Payments

Payments and approvals may be slowed. Please plan for potential cash-flow impacts and communicate with your sub-recipients, boards, partners, and staff as needed.

Our office will continue to track developments and share updates as more information becomes available. Please keep detailed records of any disruptions or challenges you experience, as this will help with coordination once federal operations resume.

