

# OSP Newsflash



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## GRANTS.GOV Shutdown - System Enhancements & Server Maintenance Outages 9/23/22 - 9/29/22

As mentioned in last week's OSP News & Updates, the Grants.gov Program Management Office (PMO) schedules system-wide software releases to bring its users new features and fixes. During these releases, downtime will be scheduled to deploy new enhancements. The PMO also performs scheduled maintenance on its databases and Websites in order to provide enhanced IT security and increased network reliability. Grants.gov will be using the following downtime to migrate their services to the Cloud:

### Scheduled Maintenance Outage:

Grants.gov Production System will go **Offline** Friday September 23, 2022 at 12:01 AM ET.

Grants.gov Production System will go **Online** Thursday September 29, 2022 at 11:59 PM ET.

In response, NIH and AHRQ applications with due dates that fall on or between September 22 and September 30, 2022 **will move to October 3, 2022.**

The following caveats and considerations apply:

- Applicants planning to submit to NIH under the [Continuous Submission](#) policy should consider this downtime when planning their submission. The Continuous Submission application receipt period end date for the September 7, 2022 AIDS application due date (January Advisory Council) remains Saturday, October 1, 2022 and therefore automatically moves forward to October 3, 2022.
- The two-week window of consideration associated with the [NIH Late Application Policy](#) (when applicable) will be calculated from the original due dates.
- The two-day [application viewing window](#) in eRA Commons will continue to function as normal for applications successfully submitted through Grants.gov. Applicants are reminded to [Reject their application in eRA Commons](#), if a corrective submission is planned prior to the October 3 due date. Otherwise, it may be necessary to officially [Withdraw Your Application](#) to submit a changed/corrected application prior to the due date.

- This notice serves as notification of the due date change for impacted funding opportunities. Edits to due dates within the text of individual funding opportunities will NOT be made.

Read the full notice, [NOT-OD-22-190](#), for further information.

Other agencies may have different policies and procedures regarding this Grants.gov maintenance window and applications associated with deadlines during that time should be carefully evaluated to determine when they should be submitted.

**Yale IRES Users will be able to create, develop, and review applications in Proposal Development throughout Grants.gov's downtime period. NIH pre-submission validation and image building will continue to function during this time.** OSP Proposal Managers clicking the 'Submit to Grants.gov' (or 'Resubmit to Grants.gov') button during this period will result in failure. *Submissions will not be queued for later processing.* Proposals reviewed during the outage will be submitted in the order they were received once the system comes back up on September 30, 2022.

**\*\* The Office of Sponsored Projects is strongly recommending early submission for all proposals – Please urge all Principal Investigators to aim for submission prior to September 22, 2022 \*\***

While deadlines will be moved to Monday, October 3, we expect there to be a high volume of submissions around the country when the system goes back online, with an increased potential for system glitches and delays. Therefore, we are strongly recommending that proposals with due dates occurring during the shutdown be submitted prior to Grants.gov going offline on September 23, 2022. As a reminder, the NIH October 5<sup>th</sup> deadline will also create a high volume of proposals for the Proposal Management Team within the same time frame.

OSP requires five (5) working days to review your grant application. Please keep in mind, and remind your faculty, that OSP will have increased volume throughout the first week of October. The five day requirement allows us to review your application thoroughly for compliance and other administrative issues, and allows for time needed to resolve any potential problems.

Please reach out to your Proposal Manager if you have questions or concerns.