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Impact of Government Shutdown on Your Federal Project

The partial federal government shutdown is still in effect and may impact your sponsored projects at the University of Miami. The agencies listed below are funded by 2019 appropriations and are not impacted by the partial shutdown.

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Labor
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education

All other agencies, such as NSF, NASA, NOAA, USDA, NIST, NEH, etc., are impacted by the partial shutdown. Agency Contingency Plans and FAQs can be found on the OMB website at https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/agency-contingency-plans/. Federal agencies will typically not issue new or amended awards and/or process payments (except under rare exceptions) while the shutdown remains in effect. Research.Gov, Grants.Gov and other sponsor-specific systems will remain operational during the partial shutdown. Their helpdesks are manned and they advise that proposals can be submitted.

ORA advises you to honor existing proposal deadlines and submit to ORA consistent with the UM Application Deadline Policy. While the partial shutdown may cause a delay in funding of both new and incremental awards, ORA will continue submitting proposals and progress reports, as well as preparing and submitting financial reports. ORA will also review and approve requests for Advance Accounts based upon the UM Advance Account Policy.

Overall, ongoing work for projects previously funded by the federal government may continue. Two primary exceptions exist, ongoing work may not continue if: (i) the work requires significant oversight from the federal government (eg cooperative agreements) and the agency is affected by the shutdown and (ii) the federal employees' continued supervision or support is critical to the contractor's or grantee's continued performance and the agency is affected by the shutdown.

If you have any questions or concerns, please utilize Who is My ORA Contact Person? when directing inquiries to ORA. This will allow us to assess the funding announcement or award in question and provide our guidance.

Thank you.

For additional information, please visit the ORA website at www.ora.miami.edu.

If you have any questions, please email us at ora-si@miami.edu.