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Dear University Community:

We want to make you aware that we are closely monitoring the status of Congressional negotiations to fund federal government operations beyond September 30, 2025. If funding legislation is not passed by that time, a potential federal government shutdown will begin on October 1, 2025, and impacted federal agencies will cease non-essential operations until funding is restored.

It is expected that each federal agency will post their operational contingency plans and disseminate their specific guidelines.


In the event of a government shutdown, the following areas may be impacted:

- **Delay in Award Processing:** New federal grants and contracts may not be issued until the shutdown ends, delaying project start dates and funding availability.
- **Limited Communication:** Federal program officers and grants staff will be largely unavailable during a shutdown. Expect delayed responses and auto-replies.
- **Suspension of Administrative Services:** Some agency systems used for progress reports, prior approvals, or financial tasks may be temporarily inaccessible.
- **Proposal Submissions:** Electronic portals (e.g., Grants.gov, NIH ASSIST) generally remain open, but applications will not move forward until federal operations resume.
- **Peer Reviews and Meetings:** Agency peer review panels and council meetings may be postponed, affecting proposal evaluations and decisions.


Office of Sponsored Programs will continue to closely monitor the situation and will post updates to the [Federal Research Updates 2025](#) webpage as the situation evolves.

For additional information, the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) has [created a new webpage](#) with articles and resources related to the potential shutdown.

If you have specific questions or concerns regarding sponsored programs and the potential government shutdown, please do not hesitate to contact us at unosponpro@unomaha.edu.


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