

Subject: Considerations in anticipation of a federal government shutdown

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Dear UH Research Community,

As you may be aware, the current short-term continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government will expire at the end of the day on Friday, March 14, 2025. Although we cannot anticipate the extent of the impact, a federal shutdown may impact application submissions, award processing, no-cost extensions, and other tasks that require federal sponsor interaction.

A shutdown situation is an additive to the pre-existing, on-going challenges in the federal funding landscape which have been communicated through numerous notices and compiled on the OVPRI webpage at: <https://research.hawaii.edu/new-administration-federal-funding-updates/>

Please be advised of the additional impacts that may occur from a shutdown and make the necessary preparations:

- Federal proposal submission systems (like Grants.Gov) are still anticipated to be online during a shutdown, however, proposals may not be processed by sponsoring agencies until normal operations resume.
- Researchers with active funded grants may continue work during the shutdown period unless notified otherwise.
- Researchers with active funded contracts may also continue work unless the Principal Investigator (PI) or the University of Hawai'i receives a Stop Work Order.
- Researchers working in federal labs/facilities and on cooperative agreements may possibly receive notification that they are not permitted to work on the impacted awards during the shutdown.
- If any federal sponsoring agencies do not have personnel available to assist with prior approvals, support, or administrative actions, there are likely to be delays in federal responses/approvals.
- Federal sponsoring agencies may also take other actions including, but not limited to, suspending the acceptance of new grant proposals and the issuance of new awards.
- If the federal systems are available for submission, continue to meet progress report deadlines.
- If an award is near closeout and the federal systems are available, continue to submit final reports.

Should you receive any shutdown-related correspondence from a federal sponsor (e.g., a Stop Work Order), please immediately provide the information to your supervisor and your assigned ORS Specialist at: <https://research.hawaii.edu/ors/ors-assignments/>

Regards,

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