

Grants.gov Cloud Migration

Overview



Training environment downtime: **August 30 – September 19, 2022**

Production environment downtime: **September 23 – 29, 2022**

Grants.gov's maintenance schedule is available here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/calendar.html>

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- Grants.gov's cloud migration is part of a 4 - 5 year effort to modernize the Grants.gov system.
 - After successful migration, Grants.gov will focus efforts on:
 - ❑ UI updates that support a modern and responsive design driven by human centered activities
 - ❑ Redesign web services to transition to REST API from SOAP services (**targeting 2023**)
 - Grants.gov has been providing updates about the cloud migration and system downtime to the Applicant and Grantor communities through listservs, the [Grants.gov blog](#), and banners on the Grants.gov site.

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Impact to SF424 and other systems connecting to Grants.gov

- ✗ Users will not be able to do the following during the Grants.gov downtime:
 - Download or update FOAs
 - Submit SF424 applications
 - Retrieve status updates on submitted applications
- ✓ Users will be able to do the following during the Grants.gov downtime:
 - Create SF424 applications from FOAs that were downloaded prior to the Grants.gov system going offline
 - Edit existing SF424 applications
 - Validate SF424 applications
 - Generate the PDF for SF424 applications

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Questions from the community

- Q If a user starts an application prior to the Grants.gov system going offline, will the data still be available when the system comes back online?

A Yes, the data will still be available as it is entered, edited, and stored in the Huron system, not the Grants.gov system.
- Q If an SF424 application is submitted before the downtime, will the application remain intact when the system comes back online?

A Yes, the reason that Grants.gov will be down for the extended period of time is to ensure that everything migrates over successfully.
- Q If something happens and the application is lost, how will users be able to tell, and will the applications be allowed to be submitted again without penalty?

A If there is a problem with an application related to the migration, users will need to contact the Grants.gov and federal agency help desks for guidance on what steps to take next.

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Questions from the community (continued)

- Q Have agencies besides NIH extended their deadlines for submissions that have deadlines during the downtime?
- A Grants.gov has been reaching out to the agencies to inform them of the downtime so that they can adjust their deadlines if they fall within the migration period, but there is not a list of agencies contacted or a list of adjusted deadlines available.

NIH Adjusted Deadlines

Overview



NIH has adjusted due dates to accommodate Grants.gov downtime to **October 3, 2022**.

Guidance for adjusted deadlines can be found here:

<https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2022/08/03/extended-grants-gov-downtime-impacts-september-22-30-due-dates/>

- NIH has adjusted due dates that fall during the Grants.gov migration period, September 22-29, 2022, to an extended due date of October 3, 2022.
- Be sure to read the NIH announcements regarding the Grants.gov downtime and the extended due date as there are caveats.