

MEMO: 2023 Potential Federal Government Shutdown  
To: Campus Community  
From: Office of Sponsored Programs  
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Dear Colleagues,

If you are not involved with federal sponsored project funding, disregard the following. Otherwise, take note:

As many of you are aware, a full or partial government shutdown may occur if the federal appropriations bills are not passed before 10/1/2023.

Each federal agency may handle the shutdown differently. If the shutdown occurs, the Office of Research and Economic Development expects that each agency would provide guidance concerning operations during the shutdown.

Generally, such plans have had little or no impact on grants and cooperative agreements. Federal appointments and contracts may be impacted on a case-by-case basis. ORED will monitor the situation and keep you informed. An FAQ page may be created if needed.

To be proactive, please see the following tips:

- For projects that are coming due to expire or require competitive continuations during this period - please plan to submit the sponsor prior approvals (extension request, rebudgeting in advance of closeout, etc.) or continuation application early.
- Ensure pending expenses are posted to your sponsored accounts, as OSP will plan to invoice or draw funds as early as we can if a shutdown becomes imminent.
- Plan to resolve any programmatic issues that require decisions/interactions with federal personnel in advance of 9/30. Federal office disruptions will occur in a full or partial government shutdown.

- Plan for pre-shutdown proposal deadlines accordingly. Proposal deadlines after 9/30 may be affected and agencies will post or share updates as needed.
- Plan for impacts on receipt or continuation funding during this period and request [advance funding](#) as needed.

Questions can be directed to Sarah Martonick at [osp@uidaho.edu](mailto:osp@uidaho.edu).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah Martonick", written over the printed name.

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