



Lobo Researchers,

As we anticipated in our email to campus on Monday, the federal government has gone into a partial shut down as of 12 a.m. EDT. Despite the challenges posed by the shutdown, UNM remains steadfast and resilient in our commitment to advancing research in our state and around the globe.

In the past 48 hours, we have gathered valuable insights into the various communications and updates being shared by individual agencies on their websites:

The Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU), [released a statement](#) on the shutdown's impacts on public and land-grant universities and called for The White House and U.S. Congress to find the path forward to reopen.

In further news, The White House announced that agency contingency plans will no longer be collated on a central webpage. Therefore, APLU developed this [compilation](#) of agency 'lapse plans' that covers all the major funding agencies. For example, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) link discusses specifically what activities will continue and which will not. Notably, the NIH has also issued a separate [notification](#) (NOT) that also provides useful information related to a lapse of federal government funding.

Our UNM Contracts and Grants Accounting (CGA) office has ensured that UNM can still request payment for expenditures on grants. For example, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will use available carryover balances to continue daily operations. The Awards Cash Management Service (ACM\$) and the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) will remain available for the submission and processing of valid payments for recipients and contractors. Recipients may continue performance under their NSF awards during a lapse in appropriations, to the extent funds are available, and the period of performance of the grant or cooperative agreement has not expired. In the event of a lapse, more detailed information on NSF operations for recipients, panelists, and employees will be [posted](#) and will be updated as necessary during a lapse.

As a reminder, additional guidance can be found on the Office of Sponsored Projects ([OSP](#)) website. We will continue to provide updates regarding UNM's response to the shutdown. In the event of a long duration shutdown, additional guidance will be issued. As always, feel free to reach out to the Office of Sponsored Projects (Central campus) or Sponsored Project Office (Health Sciences Center) for specific questions.

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