



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Managing Organization Cognizant Point of Contact,

This memorandum provides notification that the appropriations under which the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) has been operating expires September 30, 2025. Consequently, NSF will shut down its operations with limited exemptions for specifically excepted activities.

NSF Recipients may continue to perform under their cooperative agreements and cooperative support agreement for work where sufficient funds were obligated prior to a lapse in appropriations, and where performance does not require Government support, such as quality assurance oversight or other actions required of NSF staff. The Award Cash Management Service (ACM\$) will be available for use by recipients to drawdown funds on existing awards. In the event of a lapse in government appropriations, payments will be processed on an intermittent schedule until normal operations resume. Additionally, the absence of NSF personnel to process administrative actions or provide needed authorizations during a lapse in appropriations does not constitute agency approval of any pending action.

For Major Facilities Construction or Mid-scale Research Infrastructure Implementation activities, recipients may continue work only up until the next full monthly reporting period requirement, not to exceed 30 days, even if funds are available. Recipients must not enter into any subawards, contracts, or other like arrangements, that require NSF prior approval. If the lapse in appropriations continues to the monthly reporting period, not to exceed 30 days, recipients must minimize expenditures while taking such steps to orderly suspend these activities in a manner that does not imminently threaten the safety of human life or the protection of property.

In all cases, recipients must take appropriate steps to ensure that property and equipment acquired in whole or in part with Federal funds are protected and otherwise secured from harm during a lapse in appropriations.

To the extent legally permissible, NSF is committed to minimize the negative impacts this disruption may have on the science and engineering enterprise and, as necessary, may issue follow-on guidance after a lapse in appropriations ends. In the event that an emergency situation arises that endangers life or property, please contact Tim Kashmer, Branch Chief, Infrastructure Support Branch by telephone at (703) 292-4818 or by e-mail at: tkashmer@nsf.gov, as well as the cognizant NSF Program Officer. Program Officers who have been designated as “excepted personnel” may also engage with recipients in emergency situations.



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The direction in this memorandum remains effective until an appropriation authorizing NSF to operate is signed by the President at which time this direction is rescinded.

Sincerely,

Tim Kashmer, Branch Chief
Infrastructure Supportive Branch
Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support