Vanderbilt University’s Office of Contract and Grant Accounting and Sponsored Research Administration Office are providing the following guidance in regard to the potential impact on sponsored projects by the agencies affected by the current partial U.S. Federal Government shutdown.

NIH, the Department of Education, and Department of Defense are not affected. However, NSF, NASA, NOAA, USDA, NIST, and NEH are impacted (see here for additional agency contingency plans). We expect that no new awards from these agencies will be issued during this lapse in appropriations, nor do we expect payments to be made for active awards.

- **Payment Suspension:** We expect that no drawdowns of funds will be available for the furloughed agencies until the shutdown is resolved. Payment may be delayed or a stop work order may be issued for current awards. This may affect payments for research personnel and departments should ask for approval from their Dean to cover those costs.

- **Awards Delayed:** We expect that issuance of new awards will be delayed until after the shutdown is resolved. Note that any pre-award spending before an award document is received must receive approval from their Dean in advance of expenditures.

- **Proposal Submissions and Routine Grants and Contracts Administration:** We expect that most agencies will continue to accept proposal submissions during the shutdown, but that they will not be reviewed until the shutdown has ceased. It is expected that requests for re-budgeting, no cost extensions, award continuations, and other administrative actions will be delayed.

- **Access to Federal Facilities and Agency Contingency Plans.** Some federal facilities may not be available during the shutdown and faculty should inquire directly with those facilities about their availability. Additional information on agency contingency plans can be found here. If you receive any shutdown-related correspondence directly from the sponsor, please notify ovpr@vanderbilt.edu immediately.

We are continuing to monitor the impact on sponsored projects and we will be updating this page as new information becomes available. Additionally, the Vanderbilt Office of Federal Relations has been closely following the status of the partial government shutdown and is issuing regular updates to the campus community.

Please direct any questions you may have to either your department chair, dean or the Vice Provost for Research Padma Raghavan (padma.raghavan@vanderbilt.edu).