Partial Federal Government Shutdown
November 24, 2025
Sponsored Programs Administration FAQs

Q1. My account/project is under a federal pass thru award; can I still spend money on supplies and travel?

A. Contact your funder to find out if they are operating as usual and will process payments during the federal shutdown. Share that information with your SPA C&G Analyst.

Q2. My federal grant provides student stipends. Will they still receive them?

A. UEI makes student stipends a priority item and will continue to process them. The situation is continually monitored and if there are any changes in UEI's ability to continue processing them, an announcement will be sent.

Q3. I have students/staff hired under my federal grant/subaward, can they continue to work?

A. UEI considers student/staff pay as a priority item and will continue to pay currently hired students/staff. Please contact your SPA C&G Analyst for any new hire requests.

UEI is monitoring the situation and if there are any changes in UEI's ability to continue to pay students/staff/faculty an announcement will be sent.

Q4. I need my subrecipient to continue working to meet project deadlines. How can I get approval for them to work?

A. These types of exception requests should be submitted for review and approval prior to work continuing. Please email both Lisa Hammersley and Monica Kauppinen at lisah@csus.edu; mkauppi@csus.edu and explain the need for the work, the funding source, and provide any details you may have received from the funder.

Q5. Do I still need to meet program deliverables during a federal government shutdown?

A. Yes. Please adhere to any deliverable dates stated in your award or communicated by your program officer.

Q6. How long will the shutdown last?

A. The 2025 shutdown lasted 43 days and ended on November 13, 2025.

Q7. How long will UEI limit expenses?

A. As of November 18, 2025, UEI is no longer limiting expenses.

Q8. I heard that federal payment systems are still available to collect reimbursement. Can I spend as usual?

A. We have confirmation that many agencies are still allowing draws (payments), and this is being tracked and checked as expenditures come in for processing. A written statement from an agency confirming the ability to continue to draw and perform work will factor into UEI's decision making.

If an agency's payment portal closes, then UEI will analyze the information available to it at that time. As a result, UEI may then issue instructions impacting your program.