



TO: Subrecipients on CU Boulder Sponsored Projects Receiving Federal Funding
FROM: Alexa Van Dalsem, Senior Director, Office of Contracts and Grants
RE: Formal Notice about Federal Shutdown Impacts
DATE: October 27, 2025

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This is formal notification from The Regents of the University of Colorado, a body corporate, acting on behalf of the University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder), to Subrecipients working on projects that may be affected by the federal shutdown. Given the current federal government shutdown, pursuant to the Antideficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. 1341 *et seq.*, as of midnight, October 1, 2025, many agencies have halted “nonessential” operations until passage of a funding measure.

Agencies have provided general instructions that work may continue to the extent that doing so will not require federal staff intervention, funds have been previously made available, and work is within the approved period of performance.

CU Boulder will not suspend essential work on its federally funded sponsored projects. To the extent that your organization is willing, we encourage you to continue essential work and prudently spend under the agreement between your organization and CU Boulder, especially work involving animals and human subjects. Should you undertake work that exceeds your authorized period of performance or authorized funding, this work is done at your entity’s own risk.

During previous shutdowns, the United States Government honored its commitments to ongoing sponsored projects and reimbursed expenses incurred during the shutdown, but there is no explicit guarantee that activities not funded prior to the shutdown will be reimbursed.

CU Boulder will be in contact if we receive specific communication pertaining to the prime grant or contract governing your subagreement(s), and if any adjustments to project spending need to be made.

cc: Massimo Ruzzene, Senior Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation and Dean of the Institutes
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