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Introduction

How to Use this Guide

This Job Aid Reference Guide (JARG) helps users navigate the JustGrants Grant Award Administrator (GAA) role within the award Closeout. All training resources can be accessed on the JustGrants Training Training & Resources page.

Linked Content

This JARG utilizes a chapter linked Table of Contents. In addition, a link has been included on each page to help the user quickly return to the Table of Contents.



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Closeout Overview

Closeout

Closeout occurs at the end of the grant process. To complete a closeout, the GAA must submit the final Federal Financial Report (FFR) and Performance Reports (PRs). The financial reconciliation must verify that all award conditions comply with the terms and conditions of the award and that all award deliverables are attached. The Closeout must be submitted within 120 days after the grant award expires or is terminated.

If the award has an **in-progress** Grant Award Modification (GAM), it must be resolved before award closeout can be submitted. In-progress GAMs appear as one of the closeout requirements. See the <u>Award Closeout (Pending Grant Award Modification)</u> section for additional information on resolving in-progress GAMs.

NOTE: Notification occurs when the closeout is generated and when it is due. The **Final SF-425** must be submitted to view the financial reconciliation.

120 days after the project period end date, drawdowns will not be available until the financial reconciliation period during closeout review.



Closeout (cont.)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will review the materials to ensure compliance with the grant terms and conditions and ensure all funds are spent appropriately. The process may generate requests for additional documentation or justifications until the DOJ Finance Office confirms full compliance and closes the award. Within JustGrants:

- Closeouts are automatically generated one day after the grant end date or automatically if the award is declined.
- Closeouts are automatically submitted to DOJ 121 days after the grant end date if the GAA fails to do so within the allotted 120 days.



Features and Responsibilities



JustGrants features help the user complete the Closeout requirements with information displayed on one screen. From there, the user can navigate to the application, funding

recommendations, and funded award tabs including FFRs (SF-425), PRs, and GAMs. DOJ staff and grantees access similar screens.

The GAA leads the Closeout completion efforts and has several unique abilities:

- Generate a Closeout prior to the end date of the award, if needed;
- Review the requirements;
- Submit the FFR from the Closeout screen;
- Add comments;
- Add attachments;
- Submit the Closeout package;
- Review specifically assigned Closeout cases.



Closeout Notifications

JustGrants Closeout notifications are programmed messages or alerts sent via email to inform the user of upcoming deadlines, status updates, and other closeout events.



Closeout notifications are sent via email when:

- A closeout is past the due date (121 days after project period end date);
- The award moves to resolved-closed status (award is closed);
- Action needs to be taken for closeout three (3) days before the due date;
- A closeout is due in ten (10) days;
- A closeout is initiated/created;
- A closeout is declined;
- A closeout is change requested.



Award Closeout Key Points

The Award Closeout is the process for the GAA to review and submit a Closeout. The GAA has the authority and ability to administer and manage a Closeout on behalf of an entity.

There are six (6) closeout types available:

- Administrative Funding Adjustments are used when funds are moved from one entity to another for completion of the proposed project. This type of closeout is only performed by DOJ staff.
- Compliant is used when all final documents are completed (final PR, final FFR, compliance with all award conditions, and financial reconciliation).
- Declined is only used by the DOJ staff if an award is declined. This type is visible but not editable by recipients. The declined closeout type will automatically display if the Authorized Representative (AR) declines the award.
- Noncompliant is used when closeout requirements are not completed within 120 calendar days after the end of the grant.
- Other is viewable by all recipients; however, it should not be used. Other should only be used by DOJ staff.
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) is specific to a particular type of award. This type of closeout should not be selected by recipients.



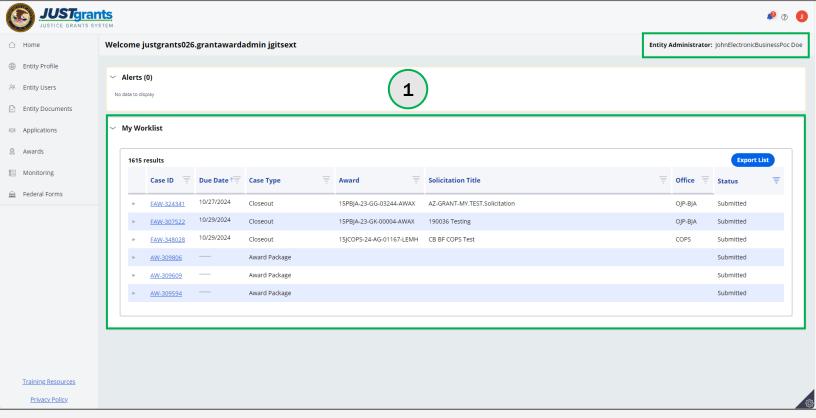
Step 1

Select Award

From the JustGrants landing page, select the **My Worklist** link. All awards that are ready for **Closeout** are displayed on this screen.

1) Select the **Case ID** for an award to begin.

NOTE: Entity Administrator (EA) identification is displayed on the landing page. Hover over the EA name and receive the following message: "Contact your Entity Administrator to update roles and manage user assignments to Applications and Awards."



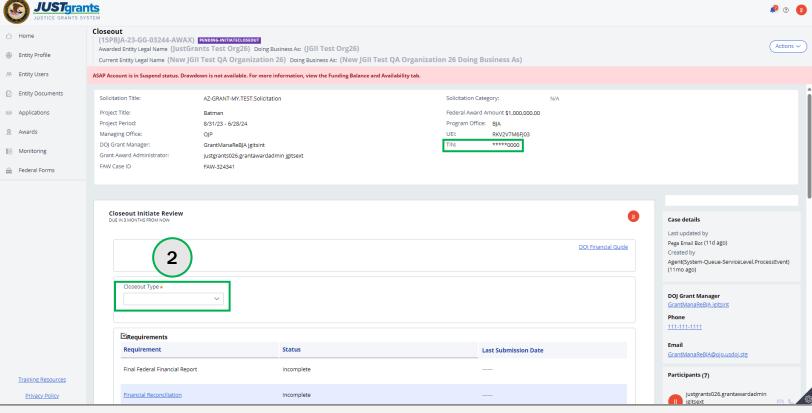


Step 2

Closeout Type

2) Open the drop-down menu to select the Closeout Type.

NOTE: As added security, the Tax Identifier Number (TIN) number has been hidden except for the last four digits.



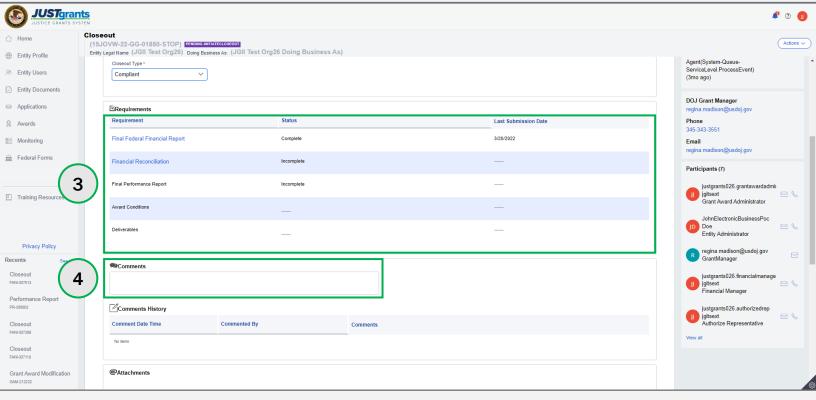


Steps 3 - 4

Review Requirements

- 3) Navigate to the **Requirements** section. Select any link on the screen to review details, as necessary. View the final FFR by opening the **Final Federal Financial Report** link. The final PR and all award deliverables are visible in the award's **Performance Management** section. The award conditions are visible in the award's **Award Conditions** section.
- 4) Select the **Comments** box to add notes.

NOTE: The Financial Reconciliation screen displays financial information. A final FFR must be submitted for viewing access.



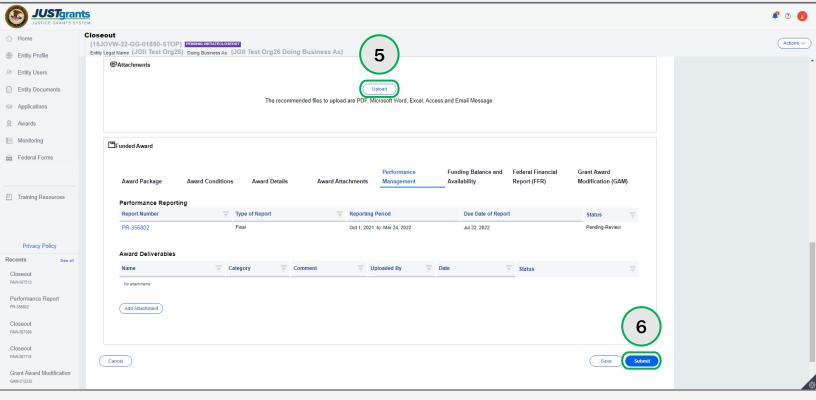


Steps 5 - 6

Submit Closeout

- 5) Select **Upload** to attach files to the award for review during the **Closeout** process.
- 6) Select **Submit** to send the **Closeout** information to the DOJ office for review.

NOTE: Financial managers can only edit final FFRs up to the award due date. To adjust the final FFR after the due date, contact the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) helpdesk at Ask.OCFO@usdoj.gov to make any edits.





Award Closeout (Pending Grant Award Modification)

Award Closeout (Pending GAM)

Overview

Closeout requirements prevent a user from moving a **Closeout** forward if there is an active pending **Grant Award Modification** (GAM) on the **Funded Award (FAW)**.

If there is a pending GAM on the FAW, the FAW **Requirements** section will include a **Grant Award Modification** row. A warning triangle is displayed, and the status of the GAM row will read as **Incomplete**. When the user hovers over the warning triangle, the GAM **Case ID** and **Status** are displayed.

The following statuses **are considered pending**, and will prevent submission of Closeout:

- Pending-Approval;
- Pending-ChangeRequest;
- Pending-Resubmitted-BCGAM.

If there are no pending GAMs on the FAW, then the GAM row will not be visible in the FAW Requirements section.

The following statuses **are not considered pending**, and will allow submission of the Closeout:

- Resolved-Completed;
- Resolved-Deleted;
- Resolved-Denied;

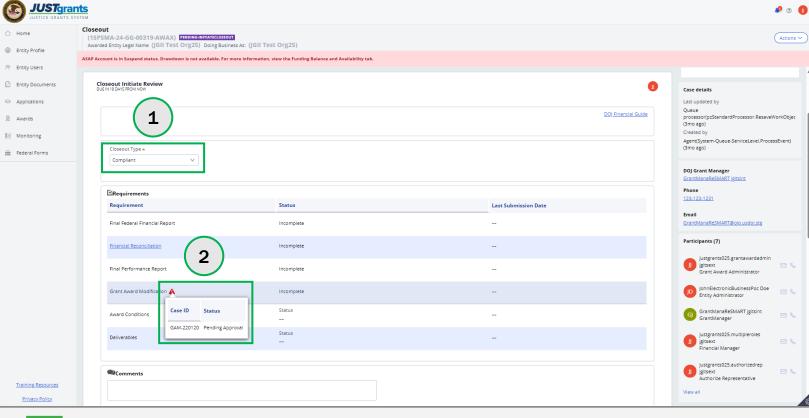
- Resolved-Incomplete;
- Resolved-Withdrawn;
- Pending-UFMS.

Award Closeout (Pending GAM)

Steps 1 - 2

Closeout Type

- 1) Open the drop-down menu to select the **Closeout Type**.
- 2) Hover over the **Grant Award Modification** warning triangle to display the GAM's **Case ID** and **Status**.



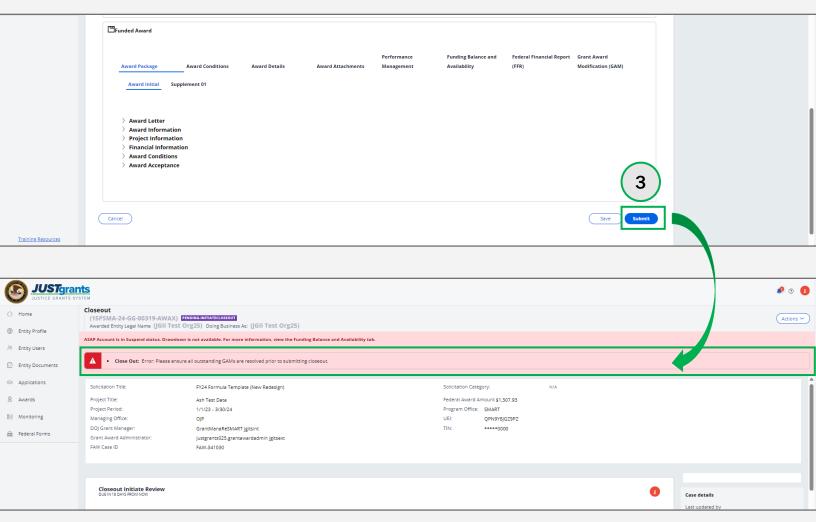


Award Closeout (Pending GAM)

Step 3

Submission Error

3) The **Submit** button is now active. Selecting **Submit** will cause an **error** and the following error message will be displayed related to the the Closeout Case: "Close Out: Error: Please ensure all outstanding GAMs are resolved prior to submitting closeout."



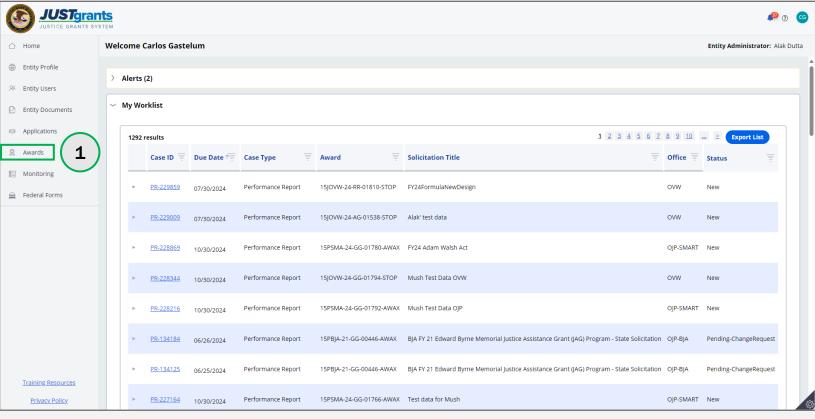


Step 1

Select Award

This is the process used by the GAA to initiate a **Closeout** prior to the award's end date.

1) Select **Awards** from the **JustGrants** landing page.



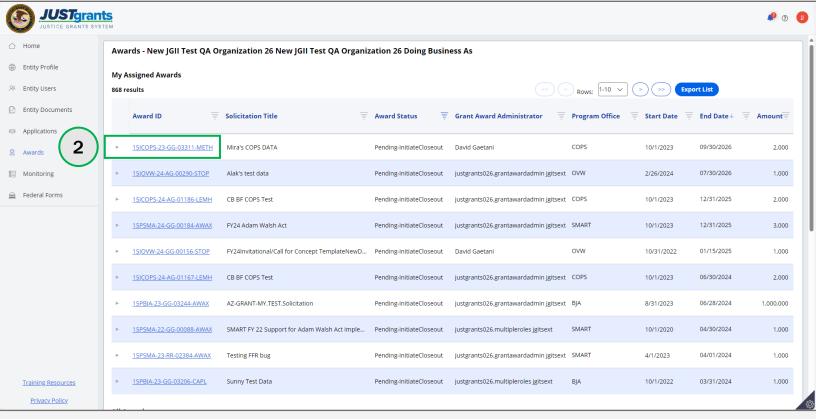


Step 2

Select Award ID

2) Select the **Award ID** to initiate closeout.

NOTE: Filter a column by selecting the **down arrow** \square or sort up or down by selecting the column heading and utilizing the **arrow** $\uparrow \downarrow$ direction.

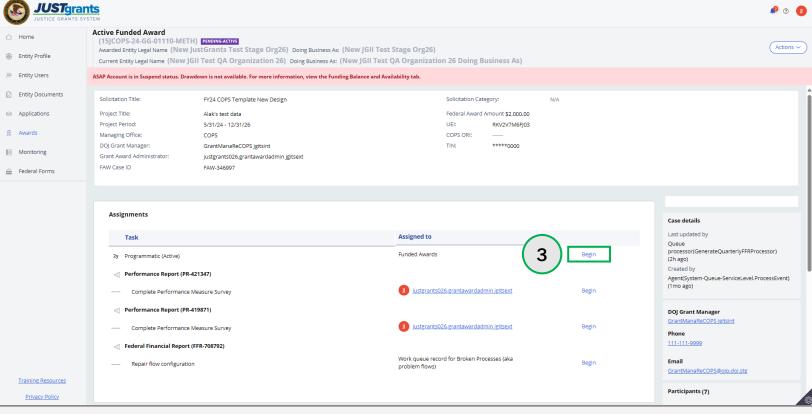




Step 3

Select Begin

3) Select **Begin** on the corresponding to the **Programmatic** line.

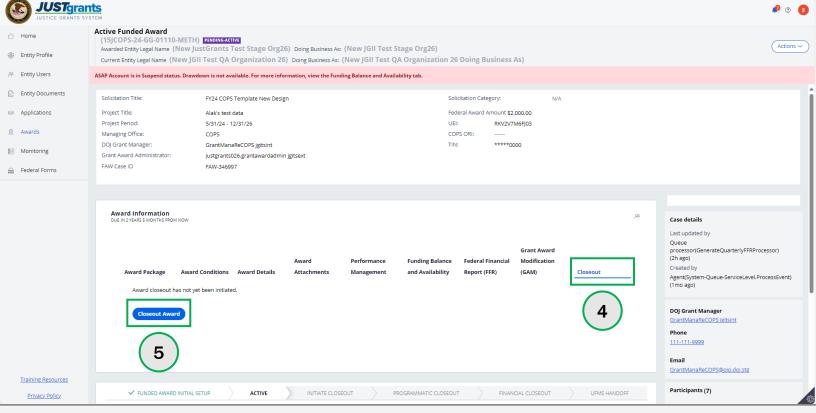




Steps 4 - 5

Select Closeout

- 4) Select the Closeout link.
- 5) Select Closeout Award. The award moves from Pending-Active status to Pending-Initiate Closeout. The GAA can follow the steps in the Award Closeout section of this document to complete the award closeout process.





Initiating Grant Award Modification (GAM) During the Closeout Process

Initiating GAM During the Closeout Process Overview

The JustGrants system has certain technical configurations that determine if and how a GAA could initiate a GAM during the award closeout period.

The GAA cannot initiate a **Project Period Extension** (PPE) GAM **less than 30 days prior to the project period end date** or when the award in is in **any Closeout** status. The GAA must coordinate with their Grant Manager to initiate a PPE GAM or change request the closeout to the GAA.

The GAA can still initiate **Financial** (Budget Modifications or Sole Source Approvals) or **Programmatic** GAMs (Scope Changes and Programmatic Costs) when the award is in **Pending-Initiate Closeout** or **Pending-Change Request Closeout** status.

The GAA cannot initiate the financial or programmatic GAMs when the award is in **Pending-Programmatic Closeout or Pending-Financial Closeout** status. The GAA must coordinate with their Grant Manager to request the award be change requested back or to initiate a GAM on their behalf for an award in these statuses.

Neither internal nor external users can initiate any GAMs once an award reaches **Resolved-Closed** status.

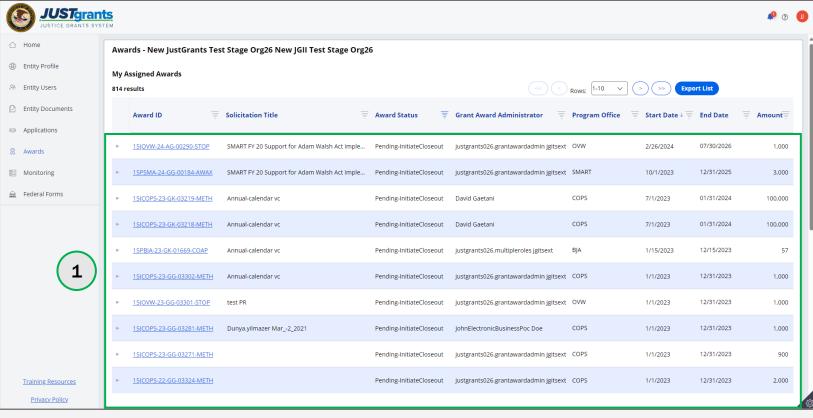


Step 1

Select Award

The GAA can initiate a **Financial** or **Programmatic** GAM when the FAW is in **Pending-Initiate Closeout** or **Pending-Change Request Closeout** status.

1) Select the **Award ID** for an award to begin.

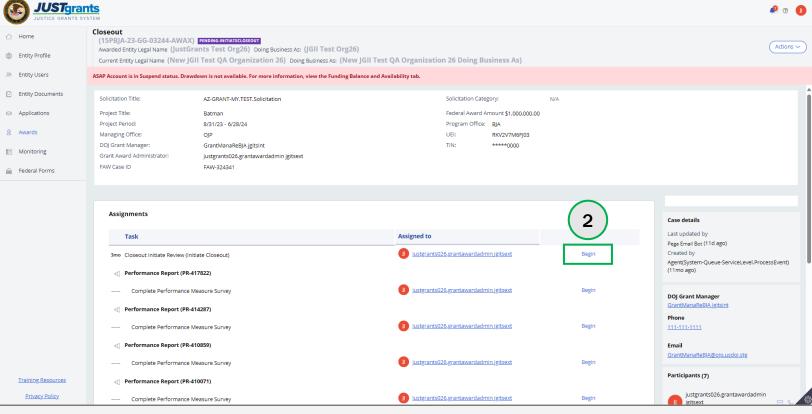




Step 2

Select Begin

2) Select the Begin link to open the award for closeout.

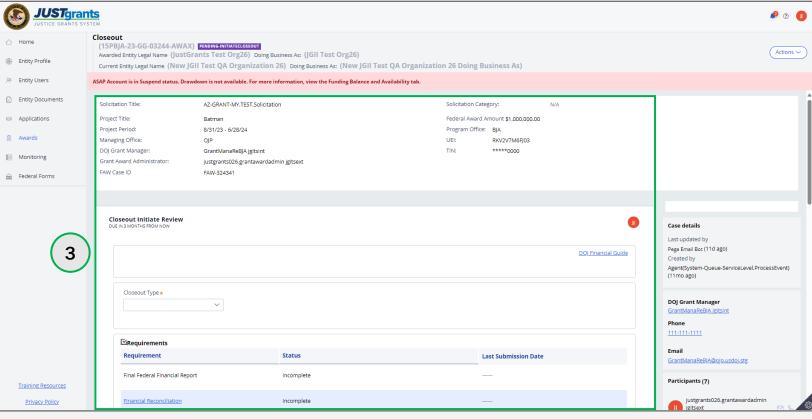




Step 3

Scroll to Funded Award Section

3) On the Closeout page, scroll to the Funded Award section.

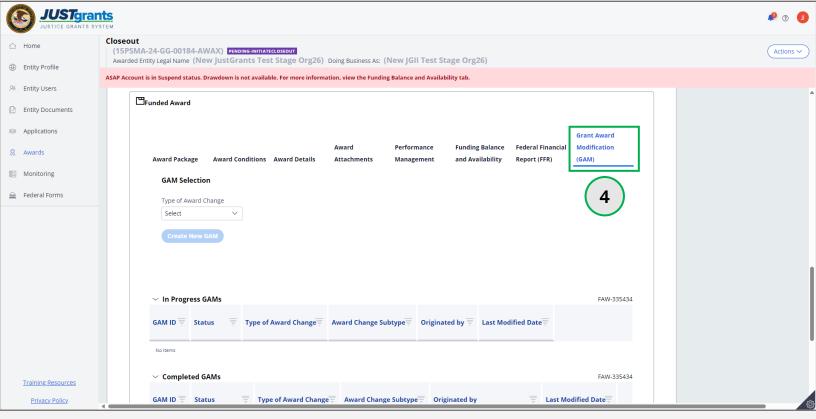




Step 4

Select GAM Tab

4) Select the **Grant Award Modification** tab from the **Funded Award** section.

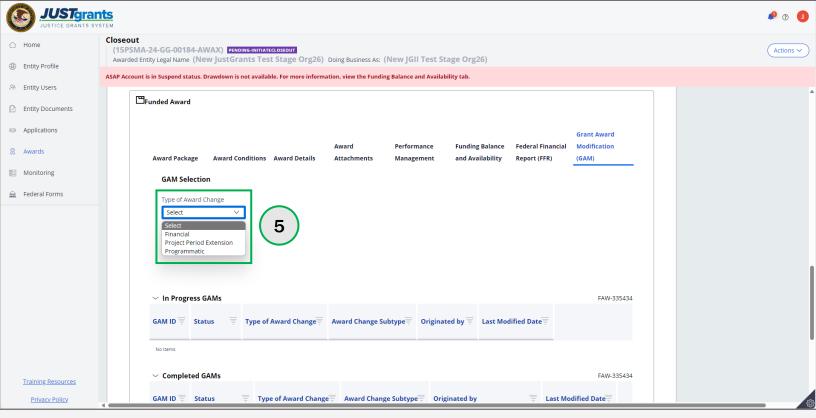




Step 5

Select Type of Award Change

5) Select either **Financial** or **Programmatic** from the **Type of Award Change** selection menu.

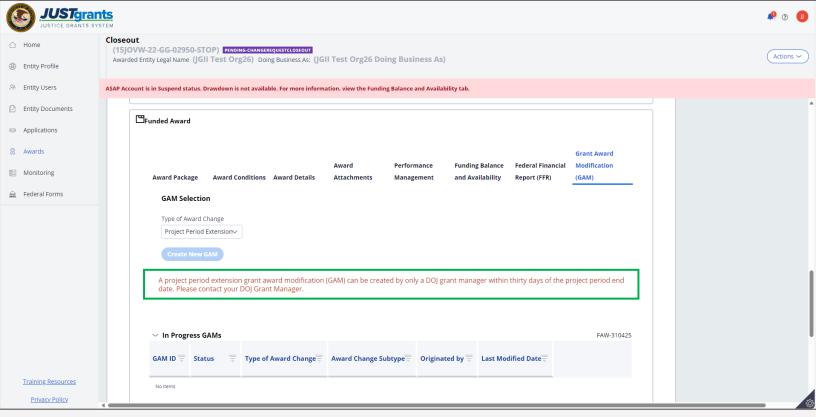




Project Period Extension (PPE) Error

Select Type of Award Change

An error displays if the GAA selects the **Project Period Extension** option from the **Type of Award Change** selection menu. A GAA cannot initiate a PPE GAM within 30 days of the project period end date. At that time, only the **Grant Manager** can initiate a PPE GAM.

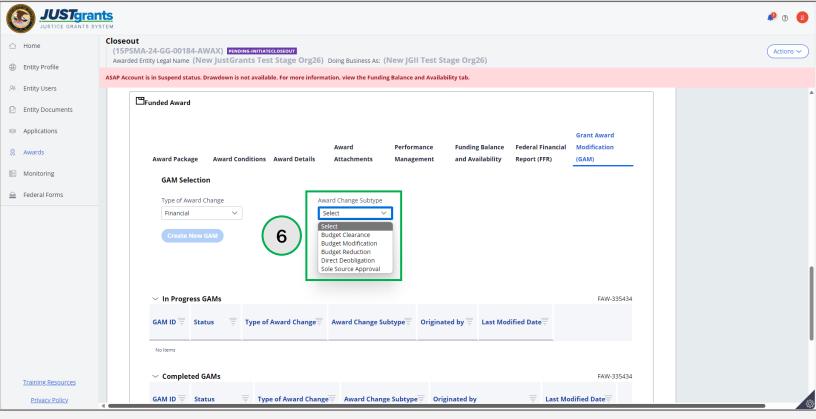




Step 6

Select Type of Award Subtype

6) Select the **Award Subtype** from the **Award Change Subtype** selection menu.

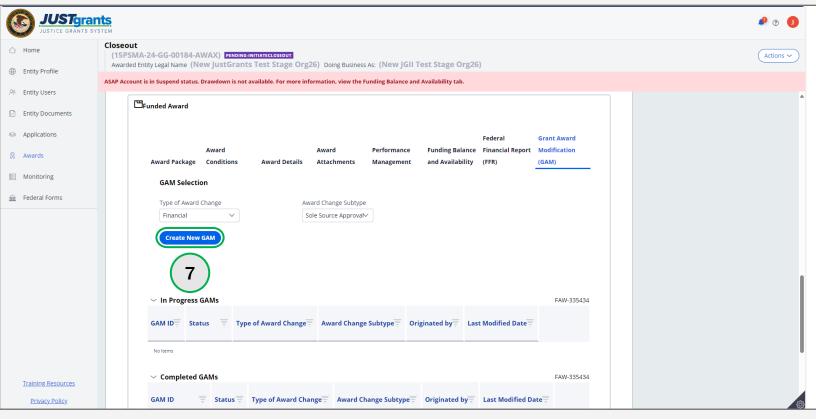




Step 7

Select Create New GAM

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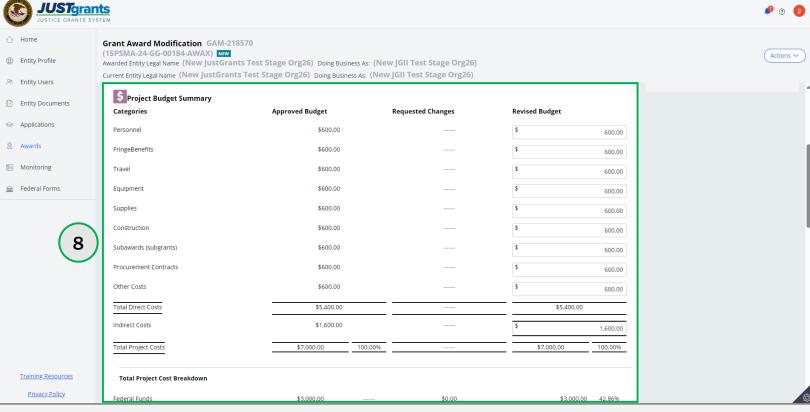




Step 8

Complete New GAM

8) Complete the fields in the GAM. The displayed fields reflect the information required for the type of GAM selected. The example displays the fields in a Budget Modification GAM.

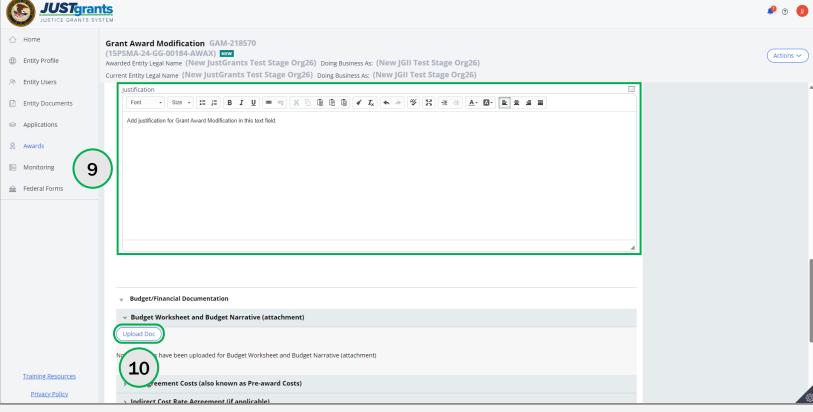




Steps 9 - 10

Add Justification and Upload Documents

- 9) Enter justification for the GAM in the Justification text field.
- 10) Select **Upload Doc** to attach any necessary documents to support the GAM.

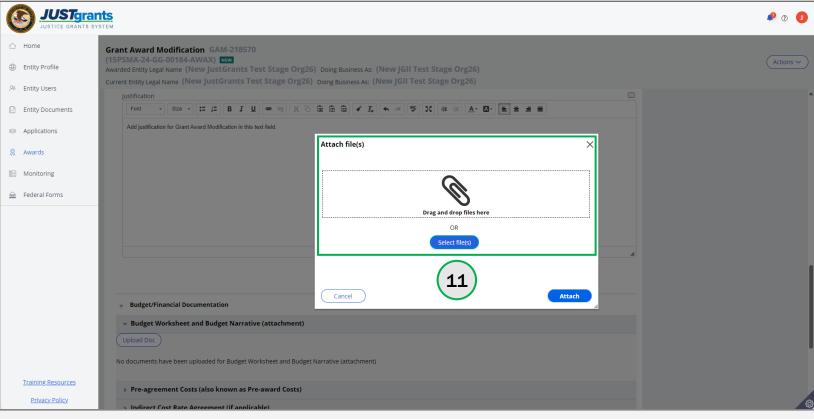




Step 11

Upload Documents

11) Either drag and drop or choose **Select File(s)** to upload needed documents.

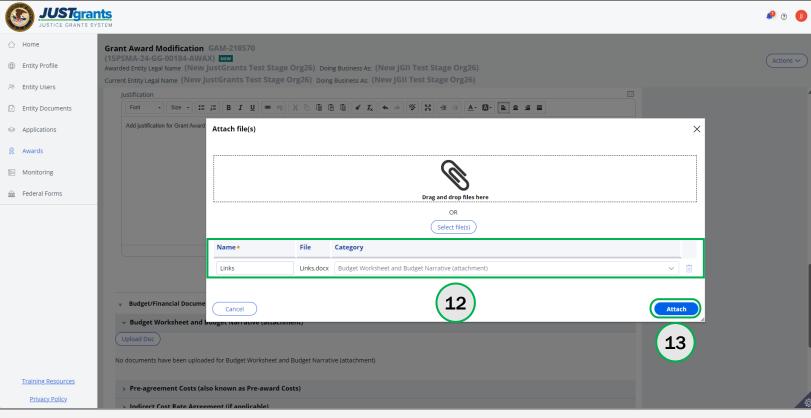




Steps 12 - 13

Upload Documents

- 12) Rename the document if needed. The category for the uploaded document corresponds to the category in the GAM. To remove the uploaded document, select the trash can icon.
- 13) Select Attach.

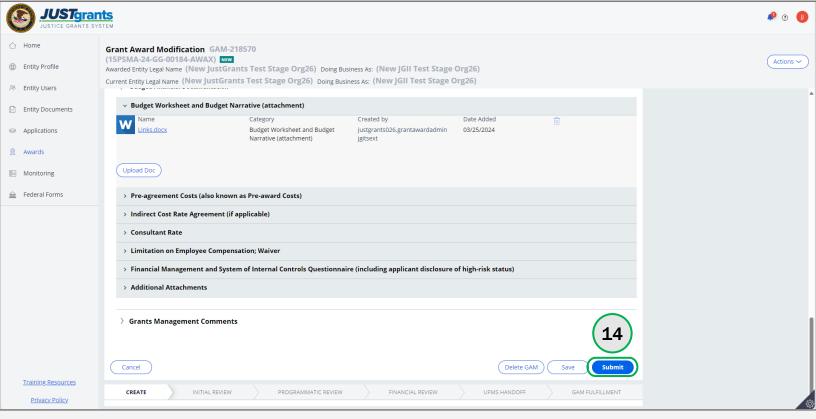




Step 14

Submit GAM

14) Select Submit to send the GAM to DOJ for review.

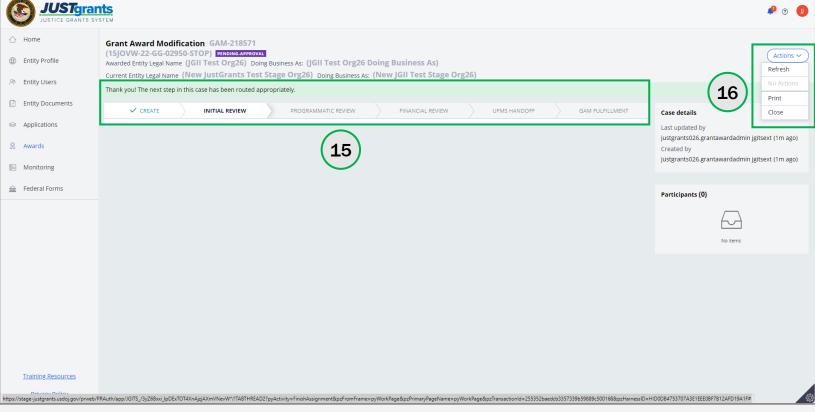




Steps 15 - 16

Close GAM

- 15) A message displays which reads, "Thank you! The next step in this case has been routed appropriately."
- 16) Select **Close** from the **Actions** menu to close the GAM and return to **My Assigned Awards**.





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