

OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW) ACTION DATES FOR SYSTEM TRANSITION

The use of the Grants Management System (GMS) and Grants Payment Request System (GPRS) will be discontinued on September 22, 2020. Data for all current active awards from GMS will be migrated to JustGrants. This will include all open, active awards and any awards that have not yet reached final closure. During the migration period between September 23 and October 14, grantees will not be able to take any action in legacy systems or the new JustGrants system. All award management activities will take place in JustGrants starting October 15, 2020.

In the weeks leading up to the October 15 transition, there are a number of actions current OVW award recipients will need to take. Key dates for these actions are below:

Grant Adjustment Notices (GAN)

Recipients must submit all GANs to OVW in GMS no later than 8/14/2020. This includes any GAN that is in a change requested status. For GANs still in a change request status on 8/31/2020, the GAN will be denied and the recipient will need to resubmit in JustGrants after 10/15/2020. (GANs to change an Authorized Representative that are necessary to process award acceptances will continue to be processed until 9/18/2020.)

Federal Financial Reports: Quarterly and Final

Quarterly Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) – Regular (Period ending 6/30/2020): FFRs for the period ending 6/30/2020 are due no later than 7/30/2020 and are not impacted by this transition. A withholding of funds will be applied after 7/30/2020 for any report that has not been submitted. The hold will remain in place until submission.

Quarterly Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) – Regular (Period ending 9/30/2020): FFRs for the period ending 9/30/2020 will be due in JustGrants no later than 11/30/2020. The due date has been extended 30 days to accommodate the transition to JustGrants. Award recipients can submit their reports in JustGrants starting on 10/15/2020. A withholding of funds will be applied after 11/30/2020 for any report that has not been submitted. The hold will remain in place until submission.



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Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) – Final: Final FFRs are typically due 90 days after the award end date as part of the closeout process. OVW will grant extensions on the closeout process, including the submission of final reports, depending on the award end date to ensure adequate time to learn how to access the new JustGrants system. See the “Award Closeout” section below for additional information.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS: QUARTERLY						
Reporting Period	Due By Date	Reporting in GMS	Reporting in JustGrants	Due Date Extended	Delinquent After	Delinquent Reports
Quarterly						
April 1– June 30	7/30/2020	Through 9/22/2020	10/15/2020 and after	N/A	7/30/2020	Withholding will be applied after 7/30/2020
July 1– September 30	10/30/2020	N/A	10/15/2020 and after	11/30/2020	11/30/2020	Withholding will be applied after 11/30/2020

Progress Reporting: Semi-Annual and Final

Semi-Annual Progress Reports: Semi-annual progress reports for the period ending 6/30/2020 will be due in GMS by 7/30/2020 and are not impacted by this transition. A withholding of funds will be applied after 7/30/2020 for any report that has not been submitted. The hold will remain in place until the report is submitted. When a report is change-requested, recipients should promptly revise and resubmit the reports to ensure an approved report is on file before the transition to JustGrants.

Final Progress Reports: Final progress reports are due 90 days after the award end date as part of the closeout process. OVW will grant extensions on the closeout process, including the submission of final reports, depending on the award end date to ensure adequate time to learn how to access the new JustGrants system. See the “Award Closeout” section below for additional information.

PROGRESS REPORTING						
Reporting Period	Due By Date	Reporting in GMS	Reporting in JustGrants	Due Date Extended	Delinquent After	Delinquent Reports
Semi-Annual Progress Reports						
January 1– June 30	7/30/2020	Through 9/22/2020	N/A	N/A	7/30/2020	Withholding will be applied after 7/30/2020

Award Closeout

- For awards that ended 6/30/2020, final reports, deliverables, and closeout packages are normally due by 9/29/2020. OVW will grant an extension until 11/30/2020 to submit final reports, deliverables, and closeout packages in JustGrants. Funds will be withheld as part of the closeout process, either on the date the closeout is submitted in JustGrants or after 11/30/2020.
- For awards that end 7/31/2020, final reports, deliverables, and closeout packages are normally due by 10/30/2020. OVW will grant an extension until 11/30/2020 to submit final reports, deliverables, and closeout packages in JustGrants. Funds will be withheld as part of the closeout process, either on the date the closeout is submitted in JustGrants or after 11/30/2020.
- For awards that end 8/31/2020 and later, final reports, deliverables, and closeout packages are due within 90 days. Funds will be withheld as part of the closeout process, either on the date the closeout is submitted in JustGrants or after 11/29/2020.

Award Acceptance

OVW award recipients may submit GMS award acceptances via email to OVW.Acceptance@usdoj.gov for processing until 9/18/2020. Between 9/19/2020 and 10/14/2020, recipients will not be able to accept their FY 2020 awards. After 10/14/2020, recipients will accept their awards in JustGrants. Recipients will receive instructions on how to accept their awards in JustGrants if the award acceptance was not processed in GMS prior to 9/19/2020.

Funds Drawdown in the Grants Payment Request System (GPRS)

Recipients will be able to drawdown funds in GPRS through 9/22/2020. To accommodate financial needs during the system downtime, OVW award recipients may drawdown advance funding beginning on 9/1/2020 to cover estimated costs through 10/31/2020.

Refunds

Any refund payments must be received no later than 9/15/2020 to be processed prior to the 9/22/2020 system migration. OVW strongly encourages recipients to submit refunds electronically using Automated Clearing House (ACH) or Fedwire. For assistance, recipients may contact OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556.