Grants.gov Release 16.3 Applicant Release Notes

Version 3

Production Deployment: October 20-22, 2018
Training Deployment: October 22-24, 2018



Release 16.3 Summary

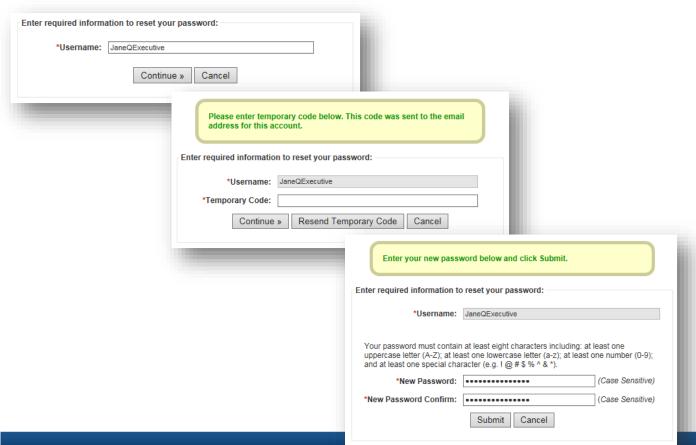
- Enhance Reset Password process
- Require unique email address (merge accounts)
- Related Opportunities
 - Display in View Grant Opportunity
 - Include in Search results
- Related Submissions
 - Workspace Sign and Submit
 - Check Application Status / Submission Details
- Applicant S2S
 - Header V2.0
 - Specify Related Submissions
- New email notifications
 - SAM registration about to expire
 - S2S Certificate about to expire
- Other Enhancements
 - Track My Application: Clarify button and always show search criteria
 - Check Application Status: Add Application Filing Name as search criteria



Enhance Reset Password Process

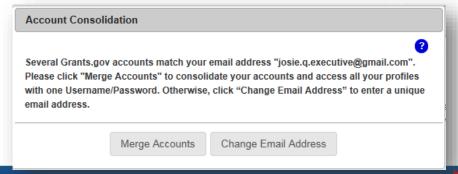
- No longer collect secret question and answer during registration
- Enter a temporary code sent to your account's email address to reset forgotten password
 - User allowed to change Password after entering correct temporary code
- Change Password functionality after login is not affected

Forgot Password / Unlock Account



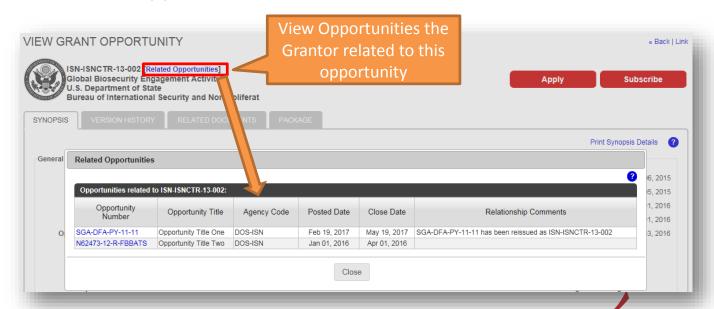
Require Unique Email Address (Merge Accounts)

- User accounts must have a unique email address for features such as password reset, email subscriptions, forum, etc.
 - Users must either merge their accounts or change their email address during the login process
 - Users will no longer be allowed to postpone this task if they have multiple accounts with duplicate email addresses

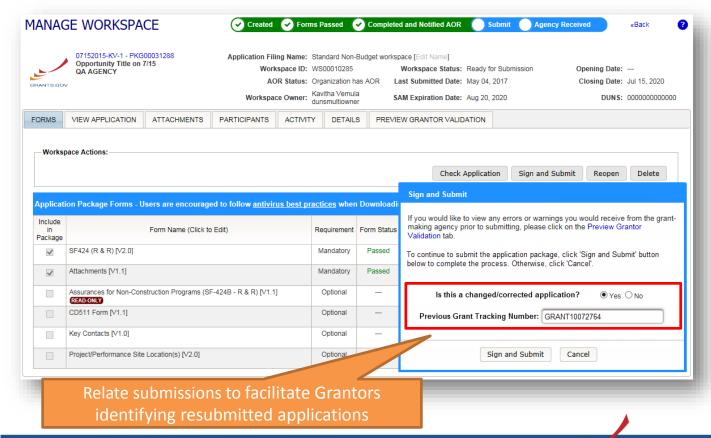


Related Opportunities – View Grant Opportunity

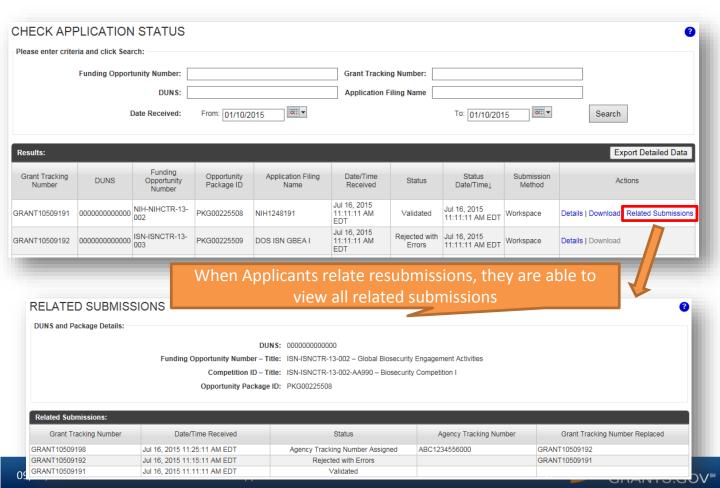
- From View Grant Opportunity, Applicants have ability to view related Opportunities
- Expand Keyword and Opportunity Number search to include **Related Opportunities**



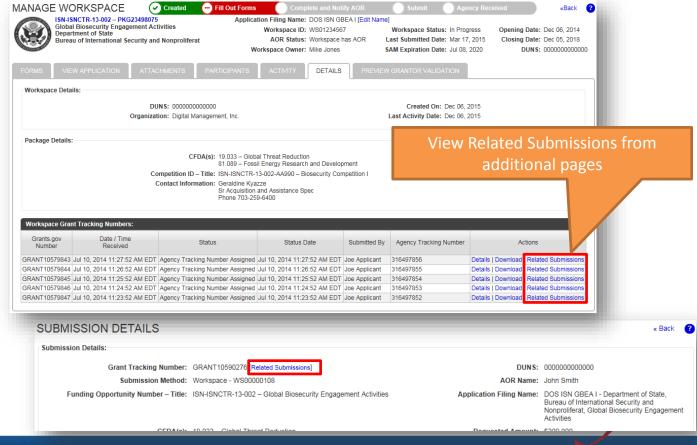
Related Submissions – Submit Workspace



Check Application Status - Related Submissions



Manage Workspace / Submission Details - Related Submissions



Applicant S2S

- Use Applicant Submission Header V2.0 instead of Header V1.0
 - After October 22, Header V1.0 will be retired
- Use Get Opportunity List web service instead of web services being retired:
 - Get Opportunities
 - Get Opportunity Plus Comp Title
- Web services will have a new optional input parameter to provide Previous Tracking Number in order to relate submissions
 - Submit Application
 - Submit Application as Third Party

Applicant Submission Header

Header-V1.0 (Cannot be used after R16.3)

Data Element	Type / Max Length	Required?
Hash Value	Base64Binary	Mandatory
Agency Name	60	Optional
CFDA Number	15	Mandatory if Package has a CFDA
CFDA Title	120	Optional
Funding Opportunity Number	100	Mandatory
Funding Opportunity Title	255	Optional
Competition ID	100	Mandatory if Package has a Competition ID
Opening Date	Date	Optional
Closing Date	Date	Optional
Application Filing Name	240	Optional

Header-V2.0

Identify a Package using Opportunity Package ID

Simplify data collected and remove Hash

Data Element	Type / Max Length	Required?	
Package ID	11	Mandatory	
Application Filing Name	240	Mandatory	

Note: There is no impact to the submission files received by the Grantors.



New Email Notifications

- Your SAM Registration is expiring soon
 - Sent 60 days and 30 days before SAM expiration
 - Recipients: EBiz POC and users with any of the following privileges
 - Manage Organization
 - Submit Applications for My Workspace
 - Submit Applications for Organization Workspaces
- Your S2S Certificate is expiring soon
 - Sent 60 days, 30 days, and 15 days before Certificate expiration
 - Uses certificate expiration date provided on the Certificate Request Form
 - Recipients:
 - Certificate email address
 - EBiz POC and Applicants with "Manage Organization" or "Manage Certificates" privilege

Other Enhancements – Track My Application

TRACK MY APPLICATION

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- » Apply for Grants
- » Track My Application

APPLICANT RESOURCES

- » Workspace Overview
- » Applicant Eligibility
- » Organization Registration
- » Applicant Registration
- » Applicant Training
- » Applicant FAQs
- » Adobe Software Compatibility
- » Submitting UTF-8 Special Characters
- » Encountering Error Messages









Track and check the status of your submitted applications

- . The system will only return a status for valid tracking numbers.
- Until the status is available for valid tracking numbers, the following message will be returned by the system: Tracking number(s) entered currently being processed, please check back later.
- For invalid tracking numbers entered, the system will return the following message: The tracking number(s) entered below are not valid. Please make sure you entered the correct tracking number(s).

To track Grants.gov submissions, enter up to five Grants.gov tracking numbers, one per line and click the "Track" button:

Help: Online User Guide
Find registration, search, and application
instructions for all users in the Grants.gov
Online User Guide.

For detailed applicant information, review the Applicants section of the online user guide.

Help: Support Center Contact the Grants.gov Support Center to get help from a representative.

Email us at support@grants.gov or visit our Support page.

Enhance Application tracking

Search box always visible

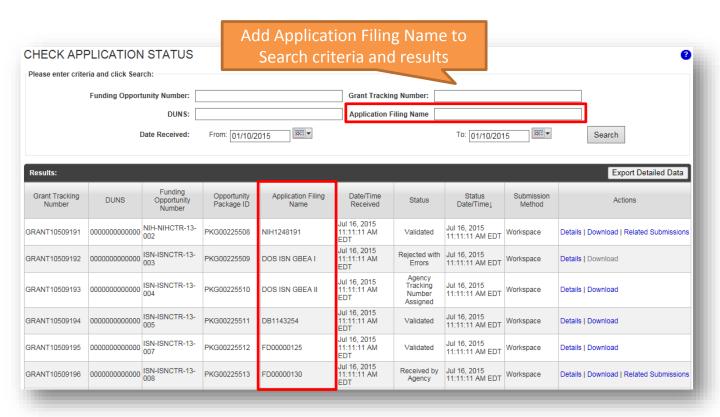
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Track

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Other Enhancements – Check Application Status



RELEASE 16.3 USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING

User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

- Release 16.3 UAT Dates:
 - Round 1: 09/20/2018 to 10/03/2018
 - Round 2: 10/10/2018 to 10/11/2018
- To sign up or if you have any questions, please send an email to:
 - To: <u>UAT@grants.gov</u>
- Please provide the following information when you sign up:
 - Participant contact information
 - Type of user (Applicant UI, Applicant S2S)
 - Participation (confirmed or tentative)
- Guidelines will be provided before the testing begins. Users are encouraged to do ad-hoc testing as well and inform Grants.gov on what was tested.



SUMMARY OF USER IMPACTS

Upcoming Changes with User Impact (1 of 2)

 For the latest information on upcoming changes with user impacts, please check out the Grants.gov Notices page.

http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/grants-gov-notices.html

Affected Users	Effective Date	Notice	
Applicant S2S	October 20, 2018 (Release 16.3)	 Grants.gov will only accept new submission header V2.0 for Applicant S2S After October 20, 2018, Applicant S2S systems will need to utilize the new submission header V2.0. Submission Header V1.0 will no longer be supported. Applicant web services Get Opportunities and Get Opportunity Plus Comp Title will no longer be supported. S2S applicants need to transition to use the Get Opportunity List web service Get Opportunities Expanded web service will be updated to return the opportunities with header V2.0 No impact to Grantor web services 	
Applicant UI	October 20, 2018 (Release 16.3)	 Applicant accounts with a duplicate email address will be required to merge their accounts to login to Grants.gov To merge your accounts, you need access to the email address associated with the accounts. If you no longer have access to the email account or you do not want to merge these accounts, then you can change the email address to enter a unique email address. 	
Applicant, Grantor	October 20, 2018 (Release 16.3)	 Grants.gov password reset process improvements The process to reset a forgotten password will change to require you to enter a temporary password that will be sent to the email address associated with your Grants.gov account. Please ensure the email address associated with your Grants.gov account is up to date and accessible. 	

Upcoming Changes with User Impact (2 of 2)

Affected Users	Effective Date	Notice
Applicant S2S	December 31, 2019	 Following web services will be retired: Get Opportunities Expanded: Replaced by Get Opportunity List Get Application Status Detail: Replaced by Get Application Info Get Application List: Replaced by Get Submission List Get Application List As Third Party: Replaced by Get Submission List As Third Party