

Grants.gov, Proposal Deadlines, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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3D MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads

From: Lori Ann M. Schultz, Assistant Director

Sponsored Projects Services

RE: Grants.gov, Proposal Deadlines, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

For the past couple of months, submitting proposals through the Grants.gov system has been an exercise in pain and confusion for all involved. Proposal packages have taken hours to submit, and even longer to receive confirmation, if we get confirmation at all.

It is clear that Grants.gov has significant pipeline issues, and these are not expected to be resolved any time soon. Lack of funding, lack of legislative incentive, and the continuing resolution have a lot to do with that. It's also clear that the problem will certainly get worse with the expected influx of proposals under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Some context:

- During the week of March 1-8, Grants.gov received 11,204 applications.
- During the two month period that included the Feb 5 and March 5 NIH deadlines, Grants.gov received over 80,000 applications. Their previous high for any period was 32,000 applications.
- Estimates we have heard for submissions in response to the ARRA number in the hundreds of thousands – these opportunities will see applications from universities, state & local governments, tribal authorities, and more. While “typical” grants.gov deadlines have the UA competing for submission server time with other institutions of higher education, upcoming deadlines will dramatically increase the type and number of submissions on any given day.
- The law that put Grants.gov in effect (PL 106-107) has sunsetted. A replacement bill that would continue the effort is stuck in Senate committee.

While there are a number of funding opportunities under the ARRA that will use Grants.gov for submission, the biggest deadline in the short-term is the NIH Challenge Grant deadline (April 27). For this and all deadlines, the 3-day proposal deadline policy must be followed. We will not guarantee that any proposal submitted after the 3-day deadline will be submitted on time.

Sponsored Projects will continue to send reminders/updates about Grants.gov and proposal deadlines to the Ramtalk listserv.

For information on the UA's Federal Stimulus Package Coordination, go to: <http://www.vpr.arizona.edu/node/84>

The SPS 3-day deadline policy: <http://www.sps.arizona.edu/proposal/DeadlinePolicies.htm>

Regular updates on the ARRA, Grants.gov, and important research administration issues are sent to the Ramtalk listserv, and will not always be duplicated via 3D memo. Contact Jason Von Fange at vonfange@email.arizona.edu to be added to Ramtalk.

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