



Funding for Community Junior, and Technical Colleges

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Opportunities and Resources for Two-Year Colleges Federal Funding Report

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Note: This is an abbreviated report because of the partial federal shutdown. The next regular report will be posted on or about February 18; perhaps earlier if federal circumstances change. The December report will be kept on line for reference purposes.

Current Status of the Various Federal Agencies That Normally Offer Funding Programs of Interest to Two-Year Colleges

Department of Agriculture (www.usda.gov) - "This website will not be updated during a lapse in federal funding. Content on the website will not be current or maintained until funding issues have been resolved."

Department of Education (www.ed.gov) - Because the Department of Education had already been allocated funds before the partial shutdown it continues to function. Click "Grants," then click "Apply" for current programs open to applications. Very little is available at the moment.

Department of Energy (www.energy.gov) - The Department relies heavily on funds that are appropriated on a multi-year basis and not attached to a specific year, so it can afford to stay open and keep paying employees.

Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov) - "Due to a lapse in appropriations, EPA websites will not be regularly updated. In the event of an environmental emergency imminently threatening the safety of human life or where necessary to protect certain property, the EPA website will be updated with appropriate information. Please note that all information on the EPA website may not be up to date, and transactions and inquiries."

Department of Health and Human Services (www.hhs.gov) - Half of the more than 80,000 employees have been furloughed. Key programs continue to function because their funding has ongoing authorization and doesn't depend on annual approval by Congress.

Department of Labor (www.dol.gov) - The Department has stated that all of its departments will remain open during the shutdown.

Department of State (www.state.gov) - "Due to a lapse in appropriations, website updates will be limited until full operations resume."

Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov) - “Due to the lapse in federal funding, this website will not be actively managed.”

National Endowment for the Arts (www.arts.gov) - “Funding for the federal government expired at midnight on December 21, 2018. During this lapse in appropriation, the NEA will not be posting content or responding to comments or messages.”

National Endowment for the Humanities (www.neh.gov) - “Due to the unavailability of appropriated funds to continue the operations of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the agency has been shut down. Consequently...[the] website is not being maintained and the information it displays may not be up to date. The Endowment will not be able to update information, process any transactions submitted via the website, or respond to any inquiries until funding for NEH is restored and the agency resumes its operations. Please note that during the government shutdown, the NEH is still accepting grant applications through the usual submission process.”

National Science Foundation (www.nsf.gov) - “Due to lapse in appropriations, NSF is closed. NSF will continue to accept proposals in accordance with published guidelines.... NSF will not be posting or responding to any comments. We will return as soon as possible.”

From the Chronicle of Higher Education online, January 11, 2019*

“The University of Arizona has a [grim message for professors](#) on its website: If the partial government shutdown stretches on, the impact on research and science will only grow.

New funding? Don’t count on it. Payment on existing grants? On pause. Peer-review of pending grant applications? Postponed.

On Friday the 21-day shutdown was tied for the longest in U.S. history, and it appeared poised to break the record as elected officials adjourned for the weekend early in the afternoon. Federal agencies that have not been funded for the remainder of the 2019 fiscal year, including the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Department of Agriculture, closed in late December. Other agencies, whose 2019 budgets were approved by Congress and signed by President Trump, are open.

Almost immediately, stories from around the country showed the personal and systemic effects of the shutdown in academe. An assistant professor told NPR that the shutdown may have derailed [his first-ever NSF award](#). Emory University estimated that [more than 100 of its active grants](#) had been affected. The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities warned scientists that they [may not be able to email or call officials](#) who work for agencies that have gone dark.

But top academic officials have started to look ahead, wondering what would happen if the shutdown extended for several more weeks — or longer. They fear a wide impact on grant renewals, early-career scientists, and potential big purchases or travel.”

*“The Government Shutdown is Reaching Historic Territory. Here’s What That Means for High Ed,” by Lindsay Ellis and Lily Jackson.