



# Applicant Release 18.1.1 Notes

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# Release Notes Overview

- OMB Allows Flexibility with SAM Registration and Validation
- Additional Information
- Upcoming User Impacts

# APPLY FLEXIBILITY WITH SAM REGISTRATION AND VALIDATION

# OMB Requests Grants.gov to Provide Flexibility with SAM Registration and Validation

- As allowed by OMB Memoranda M-20-11 and M-20-17, OMB, in partnership with the federal agencies, Grants.gov relaxed SAM Registration and Validation during the submission process for all applicants:
- M-20-11 - Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
  - Flexibility with SAM registration/recertification for applicants:
    - Awarding agencies can relax the requirement for active SAM registration at time of application in order to expeditiously issue funding. At the time of award, the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.205, Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by applicants, continue to apply.
- M-20-17 - Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations
  - Flexibility with SAM registration:
    - “Awarding agencies can relax the requirement for active System for Award Management (SAM) registration at time of application in order to expeditiously issue funding. At the time of award, the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.205, *Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by applicants*, continue to apply. Current registrants in SAM with active registrations expiring before May 16, 2020 will be afforded a one-time extension of 60 days.”

# Expired SAM Registrations

- Grants.gov will not validate the SAM expiration date at the time of submission
- SAM validation relaxation will remain on until OMB waivers expire
- Applicants are encouraged to renew SAM registration in the meanwhile
- Agencies will perform DUNS and SAM validation checks at the time of award

# Applicants Not Registered in SAM

- See how to register on Grants.gov:  
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html>
- Please contact our helpdesk, at 1-800-518-4726 or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov), should you require assistance.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- No changes to Grantor S2S functionality with Grants.gov
- Flexibility with SAM Registration and Validation will remain on until OMB waivers expire
- Applicants are strongly encouraged at all times to get DUNS and/or register with SAM.gov



# UPCOMING USER IMPACTS

# Upcoming Changes with User Impact

- 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 Title
Applicant, Applicant S2S, Grantor, Grantor S2S	April 30, 2020	Updated Country and State Lists in Training
Applicant, Applicant S2S, Grantor, Grantor S2S	May 15, 2020	Updated Country and State Lists in Production
Applicant, Applicant S2S, Grantor, Grantor S2S	September 8, 2020	UEI Forms in Training as Available
Applicant, Applicant S2S, Grantor, Grantor S2S	November 16, 2020	UEI Forms in Production