

# Frequently Asked Questions: FEMA GO, ND Grants Restart

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### 1. Can awardees submit payment requests and amendments?

- Yes. Grant recipients may submit payment requests and amendments in FEMA GO and ND Grants/PARS system.

### 2. Will those payment requests and amendments be processed?

- Because FEMA is still experiencing a lapse in appropriations, its federal staff are not permitted to work on non-disaster grant programs except in limited circumstances. **As a result, only requests and amendments that can be processed automatically, or that pertain to an exempt program, can be processed at this time.** All other requests and amendments will be processed after the lapse ends and FEMA's funding is restored.

### 3. Specifically, which grant awards can be processed during the lapse? Which ones can't be processed?

- **Yes**, can process during the lapse:
  - Most grant awards from Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 or earlier; and
  - All grant awards under Operation Stonegarden, the FIFA World Cup Grant Program, and the Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems (CUAS) Grant Program.
- **No**, cannot process during the lapse:
  - Most grant awards from FY 2025; and
  - Grant awards under Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG), and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S).

### 4. Operation Stonegarden awards are not separate from Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awards. Will payment requests/amendments be processed for my entire HSGP award?

- Operation Stonegarden is identified as exempt during the lapse in appropriations, but other HSGP awards are not exempt. As a result, FEMA staff are not permitted to support activity related to State Homeland Security Program or Urban Area Security Initiative funds until the lapse in appropriations has ended. However, payment requests and amendments for HSGP awards from FY 2024 and earlier typically do not require federal support, meaning they will be processed during the lapse in appropriations. For FY 2025 awards, payments and amendments will be processed for HSGP awards containing OPSG funds.



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**5. I have questions about my awards. Who can I contact for answers?**

- Although FEMA GO and ND Grants are accessible, FEMA is still experiencing a lapse in appropriations. Many FEMA staff are furloughed. Those staff who are not furloughed are only permitted to work on exempt activities, which does not typically include non-disaster grant activity. **As a result, FEMA is generally unable to support grant recipients at this time.**

**6. Are the FEMA GO and ND Grants helpdesks available?**

- No, the FEMA GO and ND Grants helpdesks are not staffed during the lapse in appropriations.

**7. Can awardees accept FY 2025 amended grant awards such as Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding or Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) funding?**

- Yes. Grantees who have not yet accepted awards for HSGP and Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) for FY 2025 are now able to accept their awards in FEMA GO. Grantees will not be able to draw down funding from those awards, with the exception of Operation Stonegarden, until the lapse in appropriations ends and FEMA's funding is restored.

**8. What if the Period of Performance (PoP) on the grant has expired or a grantee is awaiting an extension?**

- If the desired actions require federal staff support, they will not be processed during the lapse unless they relate to a grant program identified as exempt by OMB guidance.



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