

Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) Accounts Temporary Suspension: Temporary Pause of Federal Financial Assistance

On January 27, 2025, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued memorandum M-25-13, *Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs*. This memorandum requires Federal agencies to "identify and review all Federal financial assistance programs and supporting activities consistent with the President's policies and requirements," including certain recent executive orders.

Among other things, the OMB memorandum requires that while these reviews are being conducted, Federal agencies must, to the extent permissible under applicable law, pause disbursement of Federal funds under all open awards.

This temporary pause is intended to provide the Administration with time to review agency programs and determine the best uses of the funding for those programs consistent with the law and the President's priorities. Accordingly, all DOJ-related ASAP accounts will be temporarily suspended during the pause. As expressly provided in the OMB memorandum, the temporary pause "will become effective on January 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. ET." After this deadline, DOJ award recipients will not be able to request a drawdown in ASAP until further notice.

If a grantee attempts to draw funds down in ASAP during the account suspension period, the grantee will receive an "Error 839: No accounts found matching criteria" message and will not be able to request drawdowns.

Please visit the <u>ASAP Resources page</u> on the JustGrants Resources website for background about the system, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and training opportunities. For information on how to request funds in ASAP in the ordinary course, please reference this <u>user guide</u>.

For all questions related to the ASAP system, please contact the OCFO Customer Service Center by email at Ask.OCFO@usdoj.gov or by telephone at 800–458–0786.

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