



ATTENTION: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Financial Assistance Award Recipients - GRANTSOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTATION DELAYED - TRAINING RESCHEDULED

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Dear U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) financial assistance award recipients:

As a follow-up to the Department of Interior's (DOI) email messages to their recipients dated April 3 and April 7, 2020 (attached), we wanted to reach out to you on behalf of the Service. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, DOI has delayed the implementation of GrantSolutions. May 18, 2020 is now the anticipated go-live date for our transition to the system.

As you are aware, DOI is transitioning from PRISM Grants to GrantSolutions to improve the DOI's financial assistance process by automating all phases of the financial assistance lifecycle. GrantSolutions will reduce the effort required to manage financial assistance agreements and provide leadership with more insight into financial assistance expenditures and how effective those expenditures are in addressing the needs to which they were allocated. The ultimate goal is to develop common processes to support financial assistance (FA) administration across all Bureaus. GrantSolutions will replace PRISM Grants and will be integrated with FBMS. It will support the entire FA lifecycle and interface with most major government-wide systems (i.e. Grants.gov, SAM.gov, etc.).

Award processing will be discontinued for approximately 2 weeks prior to the May 18, 2020 go-live date. This will allow for conversion of all open awards from PRISM Grants to GrantSolutions.

Below is a timeline of upcoming key dates:

- Blackout period: April 30 - May 15, 2020
- Recipient training: May 13 - 14, 2020
- Service Transition: May 14 - 15, 2020
- Service Go-Live! Awards processing resumes: May 18, 2020

After system deployment, recipients will have the ability to perform the following tasks in GrantSolutions: application submission, award acceptance, post-award reporting, amendment requests, and correspondence. Additionally, GrantSolutions will increase transparency allowing recipients to view where in the financial assistance process their application is. Introductory GrantSolutions award recipient training videos can be found on the [GrantSolutions website](#).

Recipients' SAM.gov point of contact will be contacted directly by GrantSolutions with training and system access details in advance of their scheduled training and deployment dates, respectively. Please forward the information received from GrantSolutions to staff in your organization that manage Service financial assistance awards. Award recipient user training will be conducted via three live webinars on May 13 - 14, 2020, which will be recorded and posted on the [DOI recipient website](#) for future reference.

We will be providing additional information as it becomes available. We look forward to the completion of our transition and the efficiencies that this new platform will bring. And we appreciate your patience and

support as we work through this process together.

Please direct all questions about the Service's transition to GrantSolutions to FWSGrants@fws.gov.

- [2020-04-03 DOI Email to Recipients - Deployment Dates Changed.pdf](#)
- [2020-04-07 DOI Email to Recipients - Training Rescheduled.pdf](#)

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