

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Applicant Webinar

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## Four (4) Required Registrations



## **Applicants MUST Complete Four Registrations**

# There are four (4) <u>separate</u> registrations that MUST be completed for all applicants to apply to a SAMHSA grant.

- 1) Dun and Bradstreet Number (DUNS)
- 2) System for Award Management (SAM)
- 3) Grants.gov
- 4) eRA Commons





## **DUNS and SAM Registrations**

## 1. Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS)

http://www.dnb.com\_or call 1-866-705-5711

## 2. System for Award Management (SAM)

- https://www.sam.gov
- New registration procedures explained on website
- Must be updated every 12 months and remain active during project period if awarded a grant



## **Grants.gov Registration**

## 3. Grants.gov



- Must complete DUNS and SAM registrations prior to starting process of registering in grants.gov
- http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html.
- The person submitting your application must be properly registered with grants.gov as the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for the specific DUNS number cited on the SF-424 (first page).



## **eRA Commons Registration**

#### 4. eRA Commons



- The organization MUST register in eRA Commons to submit a grant application.
  - https://era.nih.gov/reg\_accounts/register\_commons.cfm
- It is strongly recommended that you start the eRA Commons registration process at least six (6) weeks prior to the application due date.



## **eRA Commons Accounts**



- Once your accounts are created they will receive an eRA Commons ID and can access eRA Commons. Accounts with the SO role can access the electronic application once submitted, receive notifications on application status, and other relevant application/grant information in eRA.
  - SO accounts will be able to access information about ALL applications from their organization.
- PD accounts with the PI role will be able to access the electronic application submission, receive notifications on application status, and other relevant information ONLY FOR APPLICATIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE LISTED AS THE PROJECT DIRECTOR.



## Two (2) eRA Commons Roles Required to Submit Applications

SO =
SAMHSA
Business
Official (BO)

One account with the SO role is created as part of your organization registration. The person with this role may create other accounts for the organization. There can be more than one SO account for your organization. Additional SO accounts can only be created by another SO.

If you are submitting your application through eRA ASSIST, the BO listed on the SF424 section 21. *AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE* must have the SO role in Commons.

PI =
SAMHSA
Project
Director (PD)

There must be at least one PD account for the application. More than one PD/PI account may be affiliated with the organization. Creating PD accounts is covered in more detail later in the presentation.

The SAMHSA Project Director listed on the application must have an account with the PD/PI role in eRA Commons.

The eRA Commons Username of your SAMHSA Project Director is entered in #4 Applicant Identifier on the SF424.

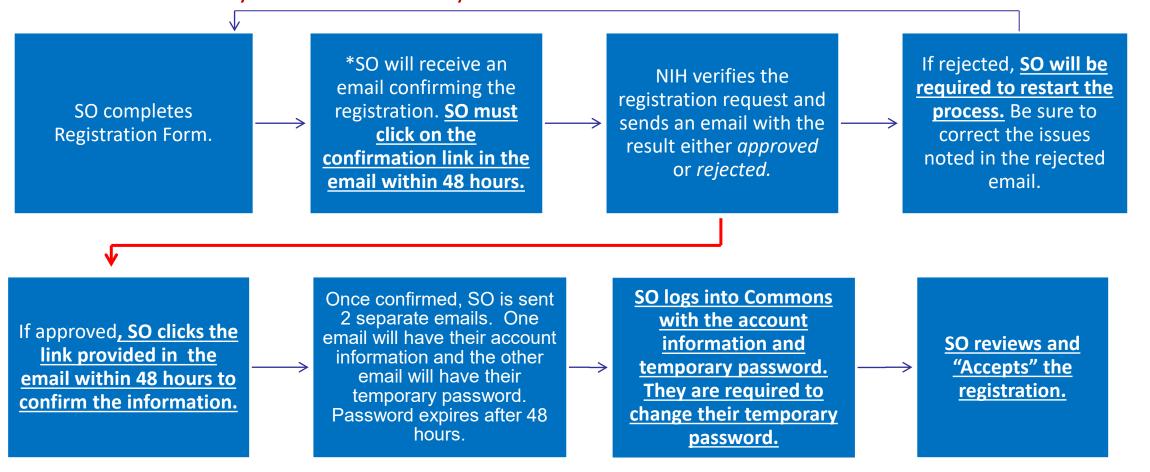


## Registering an Organization in eRA Commons



## **eRA Commons Registration Process Overview**

- The SO registering the organization MUST regularly check their email during this process and take action as noted in the emails.
  - Check your SPAM folder if you do not receive the emails.





## **Accessing the eRA Registration Form**

Electronic Research Administration











I LOGIN.GOV

#### Login with eRA Credentials ?

**Username:** 

Enter Username

#### Password:

Enter Password



(For External Users Only) Forgot Password/Unlock Account?

#### Login with Federated Account @

Start typing to search for organization..

Login

#### Login with PIV/CAC



Login using Smart Card

### eRA Commons •

Track your application; manage and report on your federally funded award

#### 1 Commons Help/Service Desk

**\** 866-504-9552 **\** 301-402-7469

① Hours Monday-Friday, 7am-8pm EST

#### A Recent News

#### Note: Two-Factor Authentication: Alert for PIs and Senior/Key Personnel

Effective September 15, 2021, eRA will begin requiring two-factor a on 45 days after the submission of a Type 1 or 2 application or RPPR for all individuals listed there as principal investigators and senior/key personnel. Users can comply by using Login.gov and/or a qual mon Federated account. Administrative account holders will be required to move to two-factor authentication in early 2022. Learn more about using Login.gov or InCommon Federated accounts to acce mons and ASSIST.

Note: NIH is working with the Office of Management; (OMB) to obtain approval for changes to the templates and application instructions for biosketch and other support attachments. A guide notice with details on the changes and implementation will be issued when approval

#### Register Organization

Your organization must complete multiple registrations, including eRA Commons, in order to submit a grant application. See Register; Register in eRA Commons.

#### Submit a Reference Letter

To provide a reference letter for a fellowship or career development applicant, see Submit a Reference Letter; Reference Letters. No need to log in.

#### A How to Create an Account

Once your organization is registered, your signing official creates accounts for others in the Account Management System. For help, see Create an Account.

#### Commons Demo

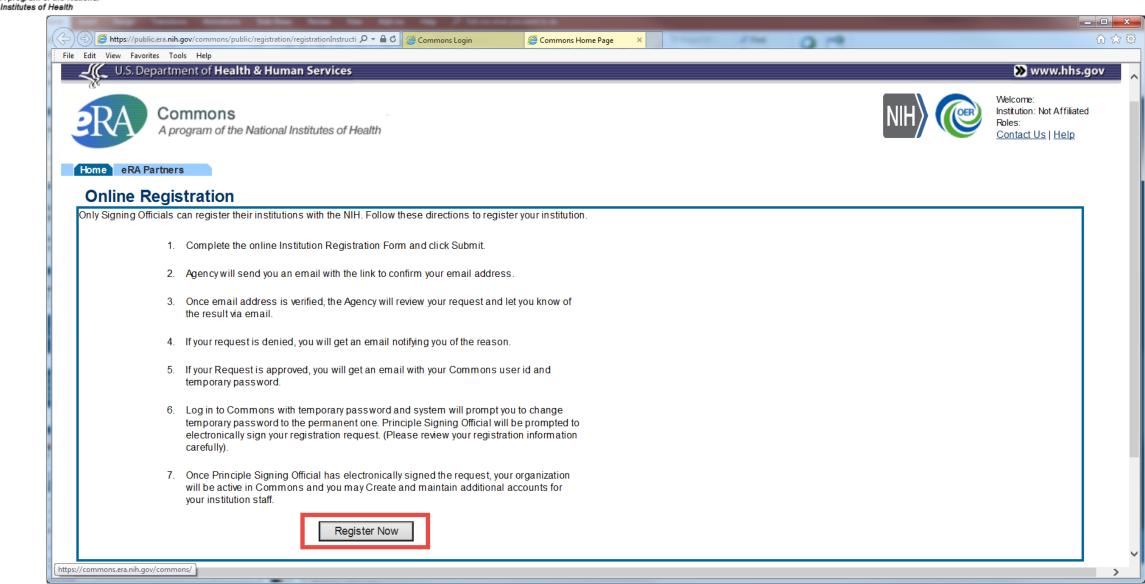
Register to try most capabilities of the eRA Commons in a sample environment.

#### **@** LikeThis

LikeThis is a thesaurus-based search tool that allows you to find similar funded projects and publications.



## **Accessing the eRA Registration Form**





## eRA Registration Form part 1 of 2

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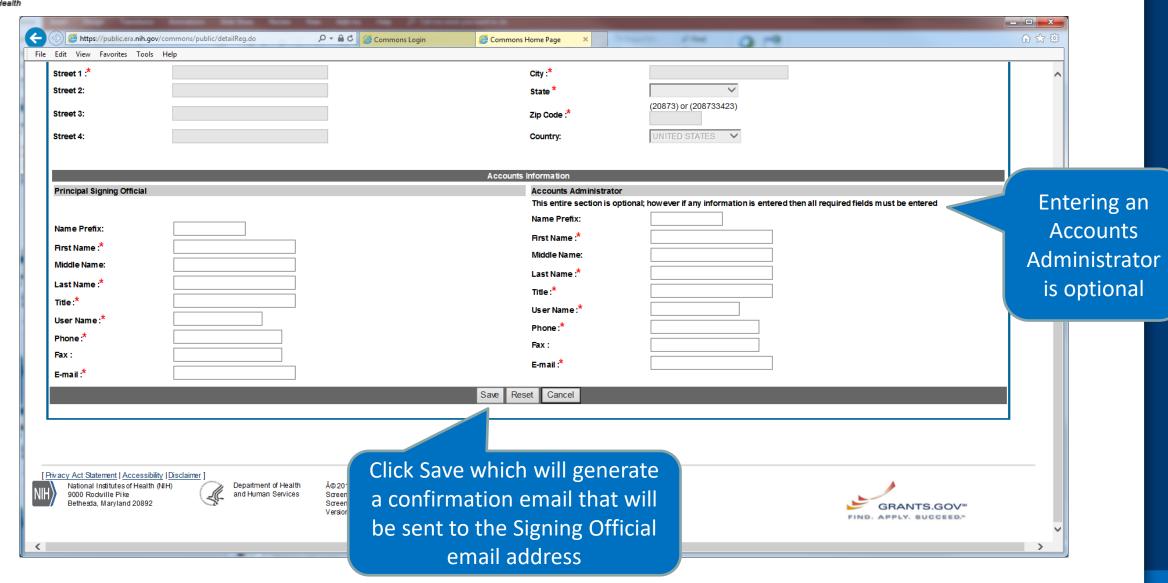
You must verify you DUNS number before entering institution information

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## eRA Registration Form part 2 of 2





## **eRA Registration Confirmation Email**

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#### Email confirmation for TEST ORGANIZATION Inbox x









#### era-notify-test@mail.nih.gov

to me 🔻

Your registration request has been received. The next step is for the NIH to verify this email address, which we have recorded for the Signing Official of your institution. Please click on the email link below to confirm this information.

http://public.test.era.nih.gov/commons/public/verifyEmail.do?r=346712

If you are unable to click on the above email link or have other concerns or questions, contact the NIH eRA Service Desk using the contact information listed below.

Thank you for registering your institution with the NIH eRA Commons.

For any further questions about this email, call the eRA Service Desk at 1-866-504-9552 or refer to http://grants.nih.gov/support for additional methods of contact. Please access Commons at <a href="http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/">http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/</a>. For more information please visit http://era.nih.gov/



## **Email Verification Message**



www.hhs.gov







Welcome: Institution: Not Affiliated Roles: Contact Us | Help



#### **Email Verified**

The email for [TESTORGSO] has been verified.

NIH will review your application pending for approval. Once reviewed, you will receive another email stating the status of your application. Further instruction will be provided to complete the registration process.

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## **Email with Registration Status (Rejected)**

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to me

We are sorry, but we were unable to approve your registration request for your institution: TEST ORGANIZATION 123 on 2018-07-18 12:58:15.0. The reason for this is as follows:

Your NIH Commons registration request has been rejected for the following reason: 1. Did not supply a valid DUNS number. The DUNS entered on the registration ,000000000, is not a valid DUNS number. Please re-register again with a valid DUNS number. If you feel you can correct your specific issue please feel free to register again, at public.era.nih.gov/commons

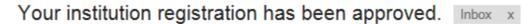
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## **Email with Registration Status (Approved)**

Jul 5 (6 days ago)











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The NIH has approved your registration request for TEST ORGANIZATION, requested date: 2018-07-05 10:33:04.0.

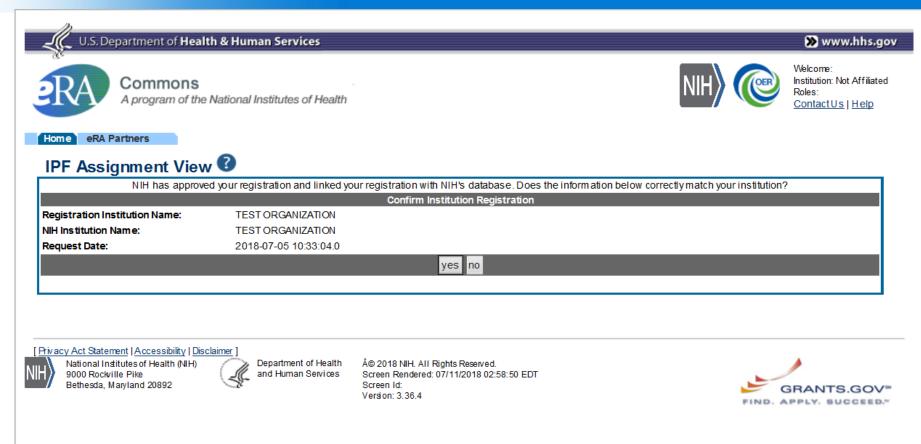
Click on the link below to confirm your registration. http://public.test.era.nih.gov/commons/public/d.do?mode=c&r=346692

Following this confirmation, the initial Signing Official account will be sent to you by email. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the NIH eRA Service Desk using the information provided below.

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## **Confirm Registration Information**





## **User Account Information Emails (1 of 2)**

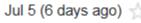
#### eRA Commons: Notification of Authentication Credentials and New eRA Account Indox x







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\*\*\* This is an automated notification - Please do not reply to this message. \*\*\*

Signing Official,

An eRA account has been created for you on Jul 5, 2018. Your account details are:

- Account holder: Signing Official
- Username: TESTORGSO
- Organization: TEST ORGANIZATION
- System(s): Commons
- Role(s): SO/TEST ORGANIZATION;

Shortly, you will be receiving another email containing your password.

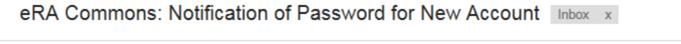
To access the system use the username and password provided in these emails.

For any further questions about this email, call the eRA Help Desk at 1-866-504-9552 or refer to <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/support">http://grants.nih.gov/support</a> for additional methods of contact. Please access Commons at http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/. For more information please visit http://era.nih.gov/



## **User Account Information Emails (2 of 2)**

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\*\*\* This is an automated notification - Please do not reply to this message. \*\*\*

The password associated with your recently created account is



The above password is temporary, and will expire in 48 hours. You will be required to change your password the first time you successfully log into the Commons before the temporary password expires. On the Change Password page, enter the temporary password in the Current Password field. Please read the instructions on the Change Password page carefully before selecting a new password. If the temporary password expires, you will be taken to the Reset Password page where you can request another temporary password.

To access the system use the Username provided in the email notifying you of your new account.

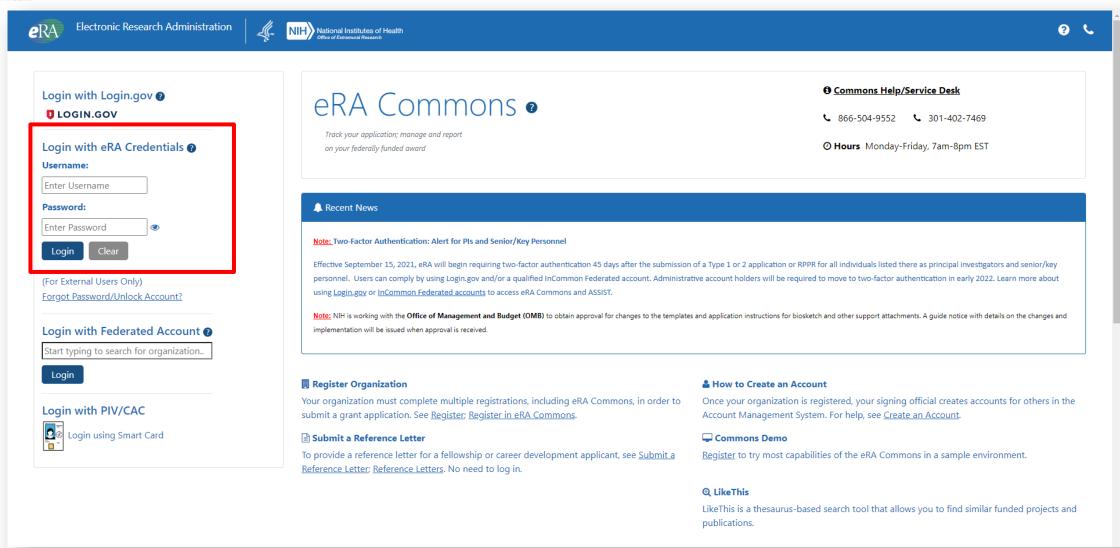
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Your temporary password is only valid for **48 hours**. If you have issues with the temporary password, contact the service desk.



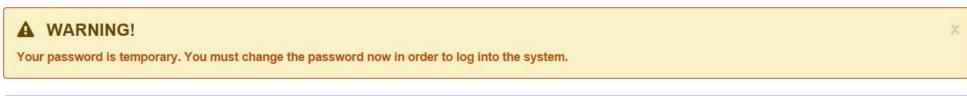
## **Log In With Temporary Password**





## **Change Your Password**

#### Change Password



#### 1 INFORMATION!

- The password length must be between 8-16 non-blank characters
- Must Contain a mixture of letters, numbers and Special characters: `~!@#\$%\*^()-\_=+[]{}|\':;"<>,.?/
- · First and last characters cannot be numbers
- · Cannot contain username
- · Cannot be reused within one (1) year

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New Password:	
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Confirm New Password:	
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	ssword Validation Results
0	The password length must be between 8-16 non-blank characters
0	Must Contain a mixture of letters, numbers and Special characters: ` ~! @ # \$ % * ^ ( ) = + [] { }   \' : ; " <> , . ? /
0	First and last characters cannot be numbers
0	Cannot contain username
0	New Password cannot be the same as Current Password
0	Confirm Password should be the same as Password



## **Access Commons**











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**Account Management System (AMS)** 

#### Change Password



#### SUCCESS!

Your password has been changed successfully.

#### Application Links:

- Commons: http://public\_test.era.nih.gov/commons/
- iEdison: https://public.flut.era.nih.gov/iedison/
- Facts: https://public.te ra.nih.gov/facts/sd

Click on the Commons application link to review and complete your registration.

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## **Complete Registration**

#### **Registration Information**

In order to protect the confidentiality of certain information, access to the secure eRA Commons server is limited to authorized users. The registration of authorized eRA Commons users will be administered by the Principal Signing Official, or their designee, serving as the grantee organization Commons Accounts Administrator.

The grantee organization Principal Signing Official serving as administrator of the Commons accounts, and signatory of this form, should be the Official with institutional authority in so far as legally binding grants administrator actions with the NIH are concerned, including serving as the grantee organization authority responsible for submission of grant applications to the NIH. As Commons Accounts Administrator, this Official will have the authority to create, modify and delete Commons accounts for additional Signing Officials, Administrative Officials, Principal Investigators, Program Directors, and other scientific and/or administrative organization.

Solely for the purpose of facilitating administration of Commons accounts, and distinct from submitting grant applications to the NIH, the Principal Signing Official can extend authority to a Primary Commons Accounts Administrator can be acknowledged herein, as detailed below, so long as both Principal Signing Official and Primary Commons Accounts Administrator are signatories of this form.

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Accept



• After "Accepting" your registration, the organization registration process with eRA Commons is complete.

You may now make other accounts for your organization.

You MUST create/affiliate your Project Director's (PD) Commons account (PI role) in order to apply to NOFOs.



## Creating a PD/PI Account in eRA Commons



## **Key Information for Creating a PD Account**

■ A Project Director may already have an account. If they do, you should give them roles with your organization instead of creating a duplicate account.

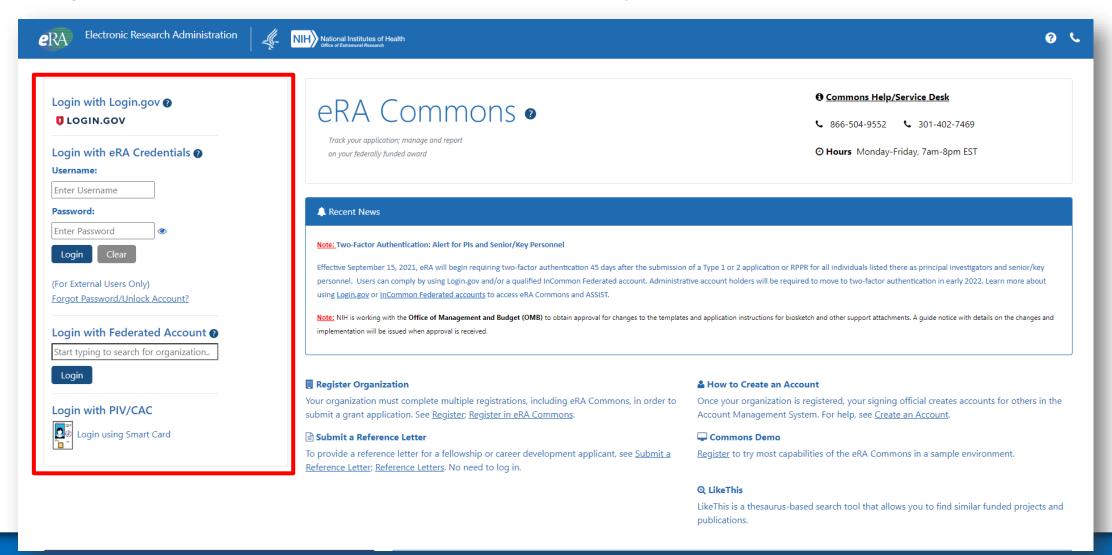
■ PD accounts need to have the PI role in eRA Commons.

You will not be able to create a new account unless you first search for existing accounts.



## **SO: Log into the eRA Commons**

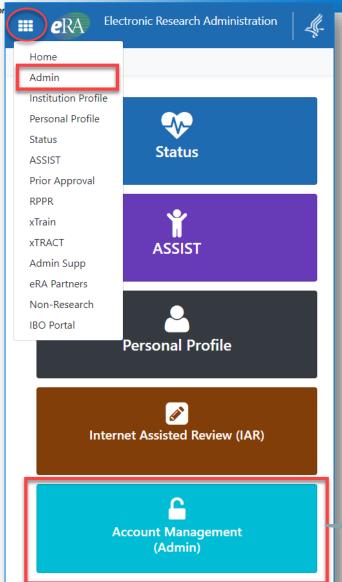
Navigate to eRA Commons at <a href="https://public.era.nih.gov/commons">https://public.era.nih.gov/commons</a>





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## **SO: Navigate to Account Management**

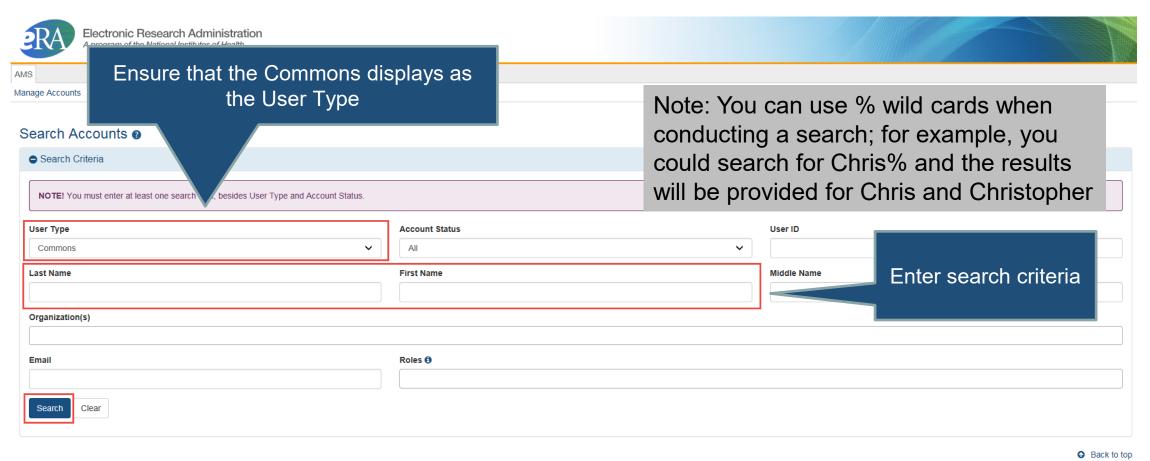




1) Select Account Management

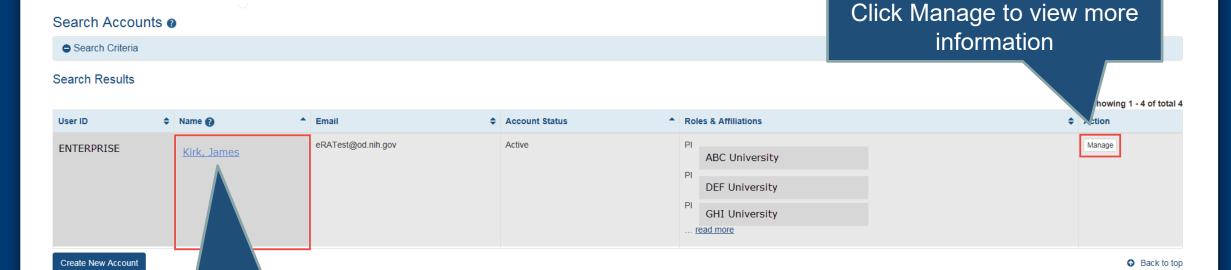


## SO: Search for the PD





## **SO: Review Search Results**



By clicking a name you are able to view a list of applications this person is affiliated with, as well as other information that may help you determine which account is applicable, if any



## **SO: Review Active Account**

Review the User Information, Contact Information, and Roles sections to determine if this is the PD account you are looking for

Note: You could validate the User ID (i.e., ENTERPRISE) with the PD

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ENTERPRISE							
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Monroe County Public Health Department							
Contact Information							
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mail	Confirm Email						
eRATest@od.nih.gov	eRATest@od.nih.gov						



## **SO:** Review Active Account (continued)

Roles ?



Review the list of organizations and determine if your organization is listed

Role(s)Organization(s)PIABC UniversityPIDEF UniversityPIGHI University



## **SO:** Determine the Appropriate Scenario

Scenario 1

Scenario 2

Scenario 3

PD already has an account that is affiliated to the SO's organization

PD already has an account with the PI role that is NOT affiliated to the SO's organization

PD does NOT have an account

Next Steps: No action required

Next Steps:
Affiliate existing account

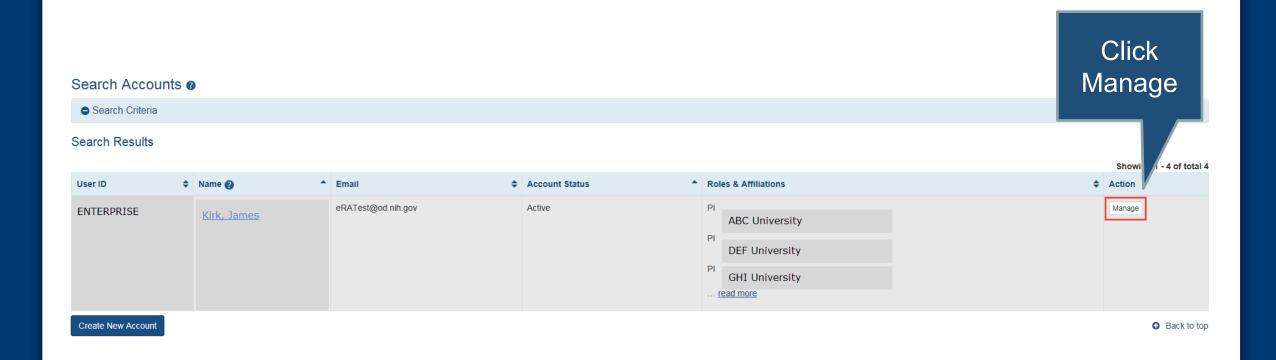
Next Steps: Create a new account



# Scenario 2 – Affiliating an Existing Account With The PI Role To Your Organization



## **SO: Affiliate Account to Organization**





## **SO: Affiliate Account to Organization**



Role(s)	Organization(s)
PI	ABC University
PI	DEF University
PI	GHI University

#### SO: Select PI Role

#### AMS | Add Roles

Organization

Starfleet Academy

Role(s) (to multi-select, please use ctrl (

GRADUATE\_STUDENT - Graduate S
PACR - Public Access Compliance

PI - Principal Investigator

POSTDOC - POSTDOC

PROJECT\_PERSONNEL - Project Personnel

SCIENTIST - Scientist

SO - Signing Official

SPONSOR - Sponsor Users

TRAINEE - Trainee

UNDERGRADUATE - Undergraduate

Select PI –
Principal
Investigator
from the
dropdown menu

Select Add Role(s)

X

Close

Add Role(s)



#### **SO: View and Save**



			View results		Showing 1 - 4 of total 4
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PI		DEF University			
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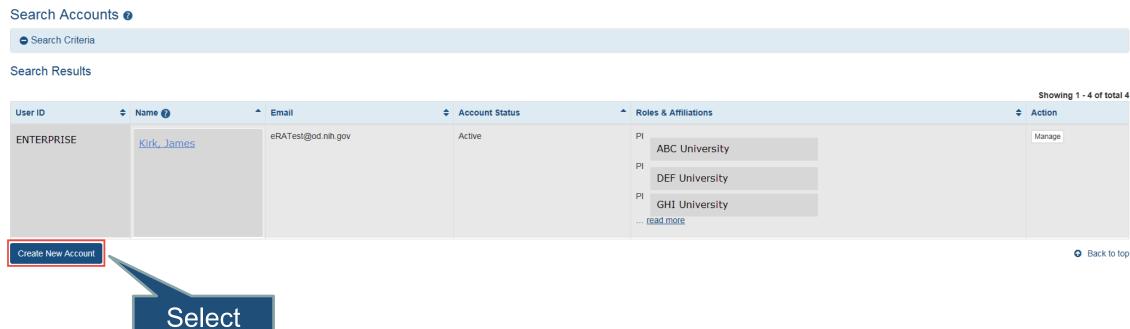


## Scenario 3 – Creating a New PD Account



#### **SO: Create new account**

Note: If none of the accounts/profiles look correct, then create a new account



Select Create New Account



Select Add Roles

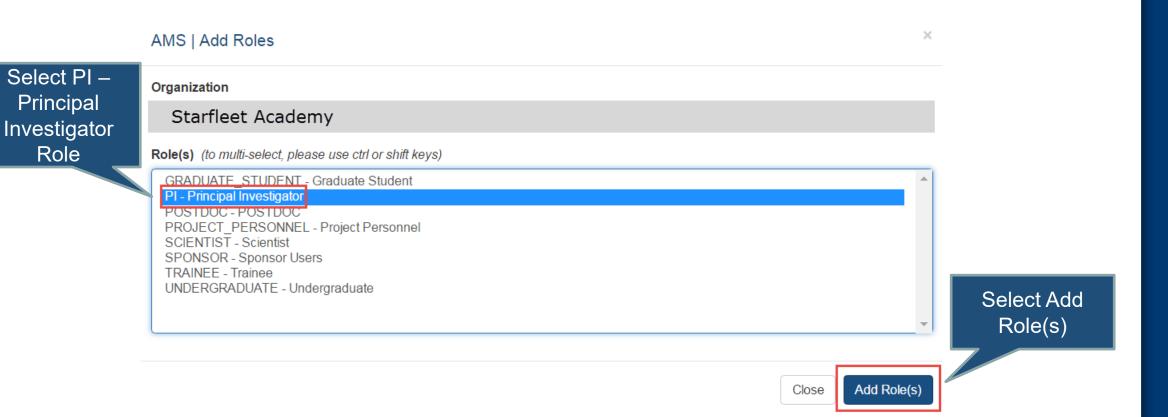
#### Scenario 3

## **SO: Complete Fields and Add Roles**

Create Account  All fields are required unless the User Information  User Type  Commons  User ID		Create a User ID (Make sure to let the PD know the User ID you assign)
Primary Organization University of California San I	Diego	
Contact Information Last Name SZILAGYI Email	First Name  moira  Confirm Email	Middle Name (Optional)  You will need the PD email address, and to
Roles ? + Add Roles  Create Clear		let the PD know to look for an email from the system

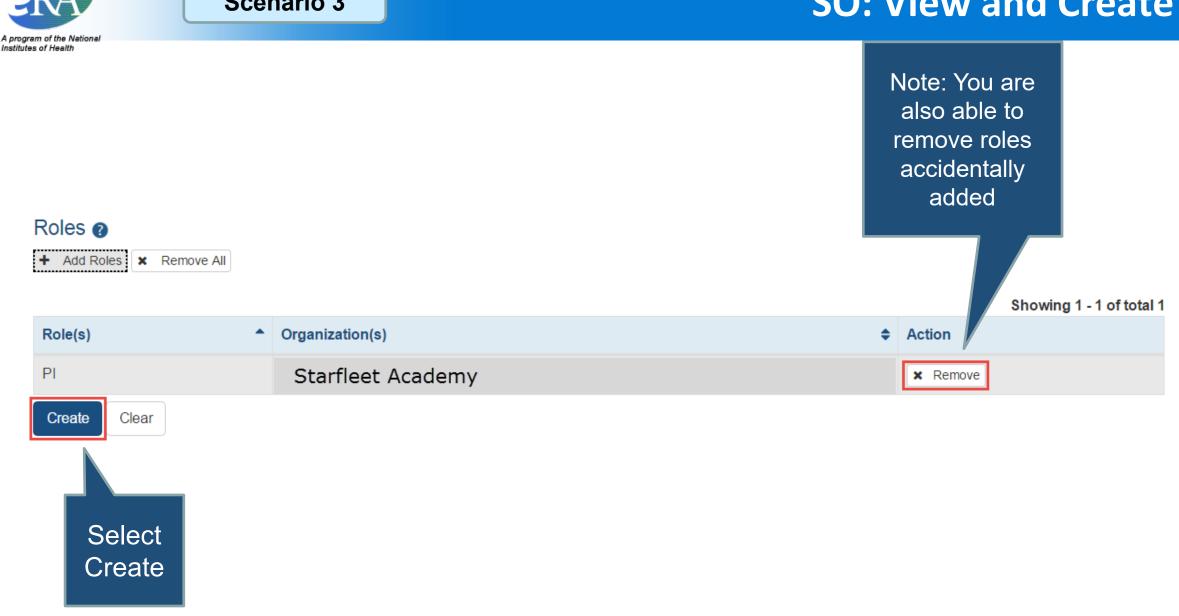


#### **SO: Select PI Role**





#### **SO: View and Create**





- The PD will receive 2 separate emails. One email will have their account information and the other email will have their temporary password. Password expires after 48 hours.
- The PD will need to log into Commons with the account information and temporary password. They are required to change their temporary password.
- If you have completed your registration with eRA Commons and Grants.gov and your PD has an account in eRA Commons with the PI role and affiliated with your organization, you can begin applying to NOFOs.



# **Applying to NOFOs**



Do not wait until the last minute to fill out and submit your application – allow for plenty of time to address submission errors that arise (At Least 72 hours prior to the application deadline).

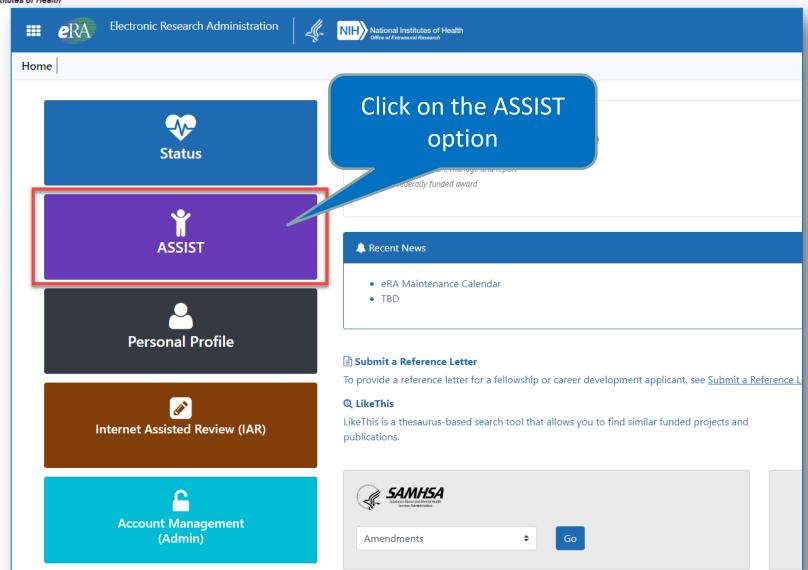


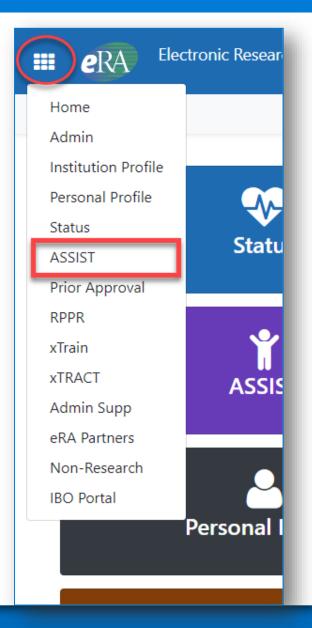


- You can apply using eRA ASSIST, Grants.gov Workspace, or another system-to-system provider.
- Successfully submitted applications are sent to eRA Commons where they go through data validation checks
  - Your application is only considered submitted once all validations are passed from both Grants.gov AND eRA Commons. Applications must be error-free on or before the due date.
- If using eRA ASSIST, any member with an eRA Commons role within your organization may start an application or may be given access to an application to work on it. You do not need an SO or PD role to start the application process.



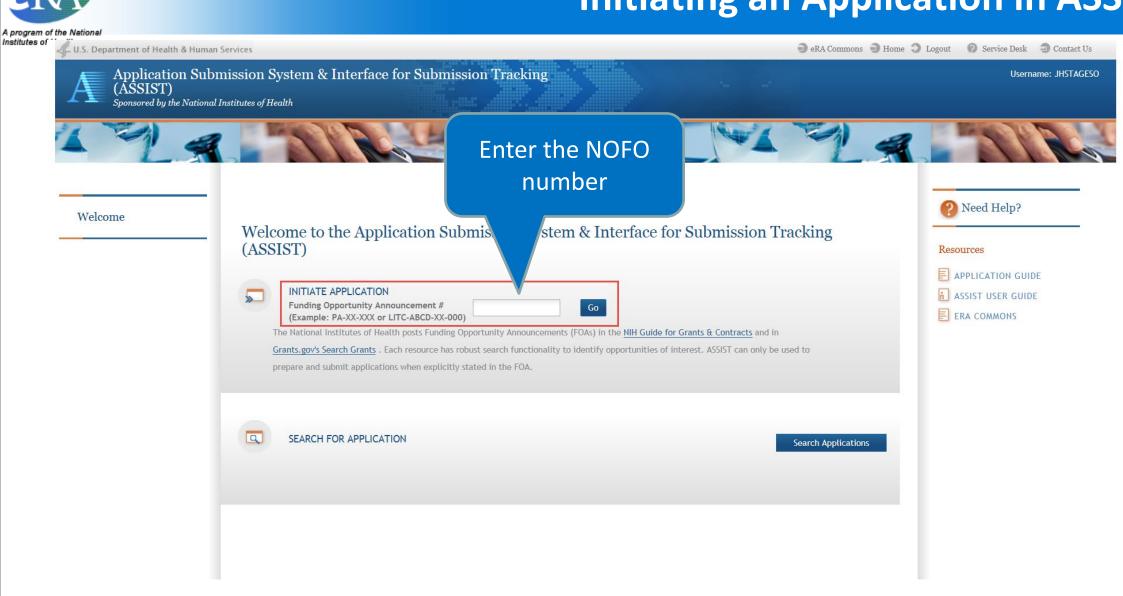
#### **Accessing ASSIST**







#### **Initiating an Application in ASSIST**





## NOFO Information (1 of 2)

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### **NOFO Information (2 of 2)**

Opportunity Open Date:	06/21/2018	
Opportunity Close Date:	08/20/2018	
Agency Contact:	Example@samhsa.hhs.gov	
Application Identifier:		
Application Project Title * (describe title in 200 characters)		
		You will only have one
Lead Applicant Organization: *	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO	organization option
Lead Applicant Organization Address:	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO OFFICE OF CONTRACT & GRANT ADMIN, 0934 LA JOLLA, CA 920930934	unless you are affiliated
Lead Organization DUNS:	8043557900000	with multiple
SAM Registration Expiration Date: 03/23/20	19	organizations
An active SAM Registration is required to submit yo application to the agency	Click for SAM Registration Details	
		PD information will be
Contact Project Director/Principal Investiga	tor	
Enter PD/PI Information below or	Pre-fill Application from Username	prepopulated if the PD
First Name:		initiates the application.

information will be epopulated if the PD iates the application. Otherwise, use the Pre-fill option.

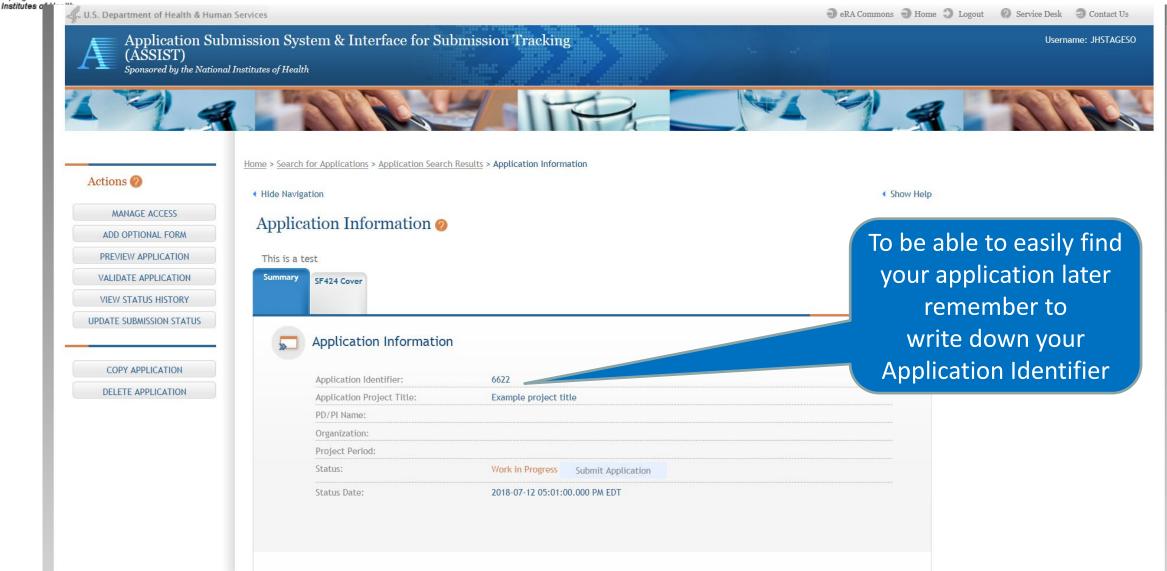
After entering your project title, organization, and PD, click Initiate **Application** 

Middle Name:

Initiate Application



#### **Application Summary Page**





# Accessing In-Progress Applications in ASSIST



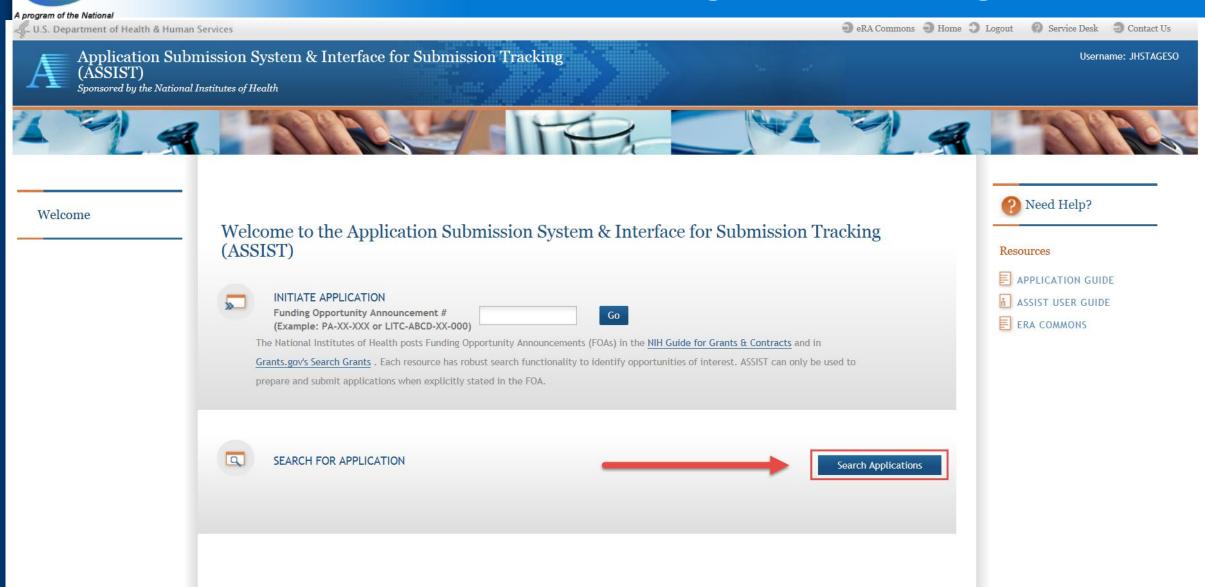


As noted, each application is assigned a unique Application Identifier.

You can search for applications using this Application Identifier, or if you do not know it, use other search criteria.



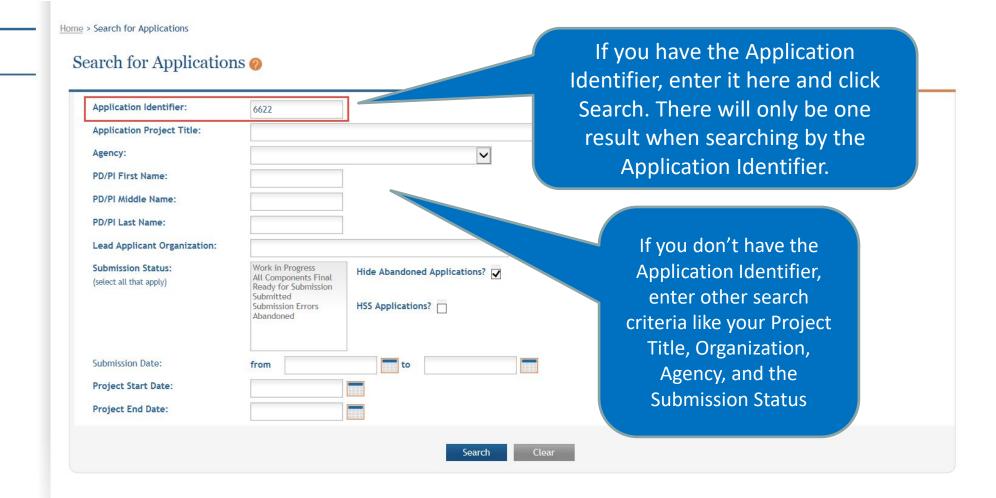
## **Accessing the Search Page in ASSIST**





### **Search Page in ASSIST**

Welcome





## Search Results (1 of 2)



<u>Home</u> > <u>Search for Applications</u> > <u>Search for Application Results</u>

#### Search for Application Results

Application Identifier	Application Project Title	Agency	PD/PI Name	Lead Applicant Organization	Submission Status	Submission Date	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Action
6622	Example project title	SAMHSA		UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO	Work in Progress				Select

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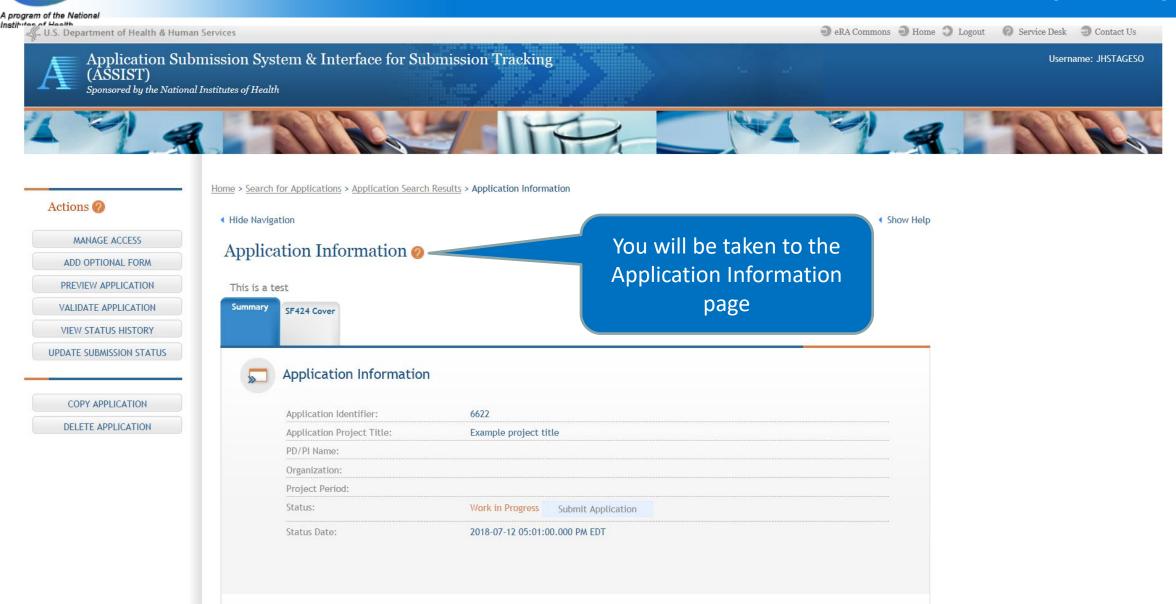


Select the application you would like to view

One item found



### **Search Results (2 of 2)**

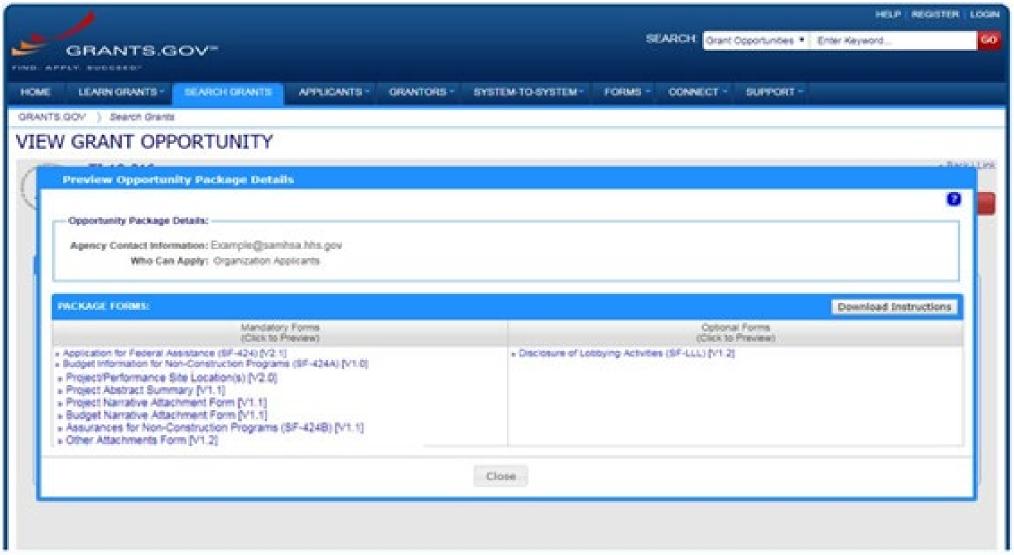




# Filling out Applications in ASSIST



## Required and Optional Forms on Grants.gov





## **Grants.gov Workspace vs ASSIST Form Names**

- ASSIST and Grants.gov Workspace require the same forms although the label names may be different
  - \* indicates an optional form

Grants.gov Workspace Form Name	ASSIST Form Name
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	SF424 Cover
Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)	Budget – Non-Construct.
Project/Performance Site Location(s)	Sites
Project Abstract Summary	Project Abstract Summary
Project Narrative Attachment Form	Project Narrative
Budget Narrative Attachment Form	Budget Narrative
Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)	NonConstruct. Assurances
Other Attachments Form	Other Narrative Attachments
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)*	Lobbying Disclosure*



## **Completing Forms - Key Information**

- At a minimum, all required fields on all required forms need to be filled out. If applicable, fill out optional forms as well.
  - The Lobbying Disclosure form should be added and filled out if any individuals working on and receiving funding from the grant are part of any lobbying activities or associated with any lobbying.
- Each time you edit the form, the system automatically locks that form. This means that only the person that locked the form will be able to edit it.
  - You can remove locks by selecting an option at the bottom of a form that includes Release Lock

Save and Keep Lock

Save and Release Lock

Cancel and Release Lock

Remove Form

When you have filled out all required components of the application, you may run validations on it. This will check to make sure your application is error-free.



#### **Avoid Common Errors on the SF424**

- Use the Commons ID of your PD as the Applicant Identifier on the SF424, item field #4.
  - The account ID provided must have the PI role and be affiliated with your organization.
- On the SF424 Cover, Section 17, Proposed Project Start Date and End Date should match up with years.
  - E.g. 09/30/18 09/29/19 is one year. 09/30/18 09/30/19 is one year and one day.



#### **Avoid Common Formatting Errors**

#### ■ Incomplete Zip Code

- All ZIP Codes must be in ZIP + 4 format (e.g. 208171852 instead of 20817)
- To locate your full zip code, you can visit <a href="https://tools.usps.com/zip-code-lookup.htm?byaddress">https://tools.usps.com/zip-code-lookup.htm?byaddress</a>

#### Invalid Congressional District

- To look up the Congressional Districts, you can visit <a href="http://www.house.gov">http://www.house.gov</a>.
- Enter them in the form 2 digit state abbreviation 3 digit number, or for example "MD-008" for Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> district.

#### Project Duration

 On the Project Abstract Summary form - enter the project duration in months (e.g. a 2-year program project duration is 24 months)



#### **Avoid Common Issues with the Budget – Non-Construct. Form**

- The Federal Total for 1st year, in Section D- Forecasted Needs, MUST equal Section A, New or Revised Budget Federal Totals (e-5) amount.
- The Non-Federal Total for 1st year MUST equal the sum of Estimated Unobligated Funds Non-Federal Totals (d-5) and New or Revised Budget Non-Federal Totals (f-5).
- The SECTION B Budget Categories: k. TOTALS Total (5) MUST equal SECTION A Budget Summary: 5.Totals Total (g).
- The SECTION D Forecasted Cash Needs: 15. TOTAL MUST equal SECTION A Budget Summary:
   5.Totals Total (g).
- You MUST input the correct number of years for the project (e.g. Project Period) on the SF 424 block 17.
  Ensure that the budget periods address the full project period by entering data in the SF 424 A. Enter data for the first budget period in Section D and enter future budget periods in Section E. Please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for additional guidance.

The following two slides contain a sample budget prepared by SAMHSA to illustrate the fields that must match on the SF424A.



#### Sample SF424 A Budget: Match Not Required Federal NOFO

A program of the National Institutes of Health

Cost Sharing/Match Required?: No

Enter the CFDA #
from the 1st page

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

Complete only this column Federal (e)

OMB Approval No. 4040-0006 Expiration Date 06/30/2014 Use the "New or Revised Budget" section for New Applications

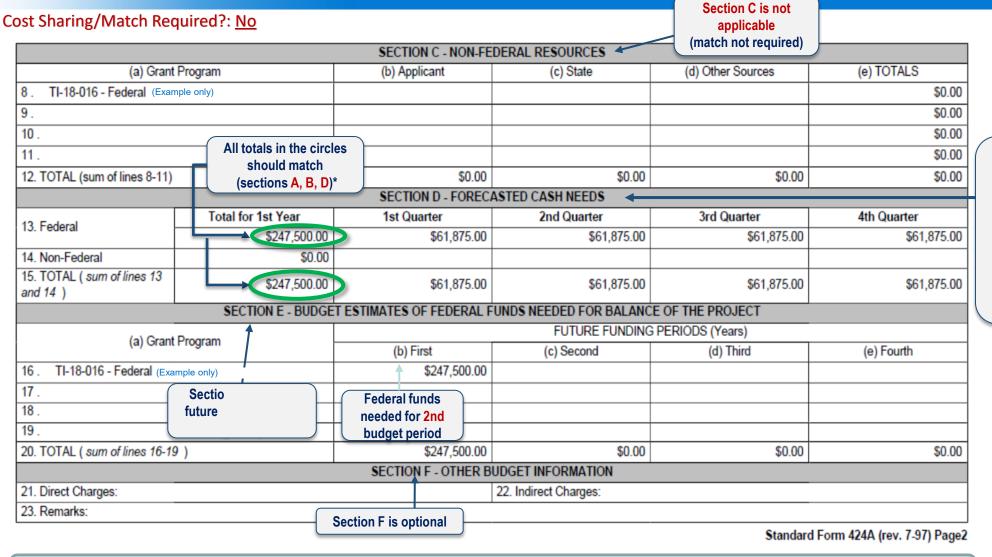
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

On row 1 input: NOFO# - Federal (e.g. XX-19-000 – Federal)

		_/	TION A - BUDGET SUMM	ARY			section for New
Grant Program	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget◀			Applications
Function or Activity (a)	Number (b)	Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)	
1. TI-18-016 - Federal	93.788			\$247,500.00	All totals in the	\$247,500.00	
2. (Example only)	(Example only)				circles must	\$0.00	
3.					match	\$0.00	
4 . 5. Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$247,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$247,500.00	Section A Total
5. Totals			ION B - BUDGET CATEGO		\$0.00	\$247,500.00	Section A Total
		SECT	GRANT PROGRAM, FU			Total	
Object Class Categories	3	(1) TI-18-016 - Federal		(3)	(4)	(5)	
a. Personnel		\$80,000.00				\$80,000.00	
b. Fringe Benefits		\$30,000.00				\$30,000.00	
c. Travel		\$21,000.00				\$21,000.00	Note:
d. Equipment		\$28,000.00				\$28,000.00	Section A Total
e. Supplies		\$7,000.00				\$7,000.00	must equal
f. Contractual						\$0.00	Section B Total
g. Construction						\$0.00	Total
h. Other		\$81,500.00				\$81,500.00	
i. Total Direct Charges (	( sum of 6a-6h )	\$247,500.00				\$247,500.00	
j. Indirect Charges						\$0.00	
k. TOTALS ( sum of 6i a	and 6j )	\$247,500.00				\$247,500.00	Section B Total
7. Program Income						\$0.00	CANALICA
		,			,		<i>SAMHSA</i>



#### Sample SF424 A Budget: Match Not Required Federal NOFO



Section D is for the 1st federal year of funding only (match not required).

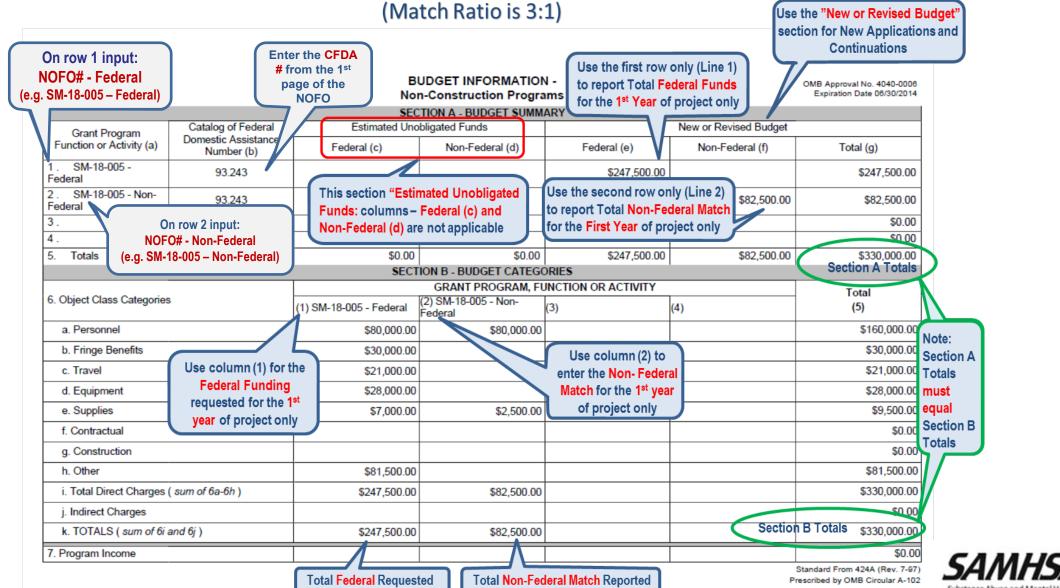
Show funds allocation per quarter.

<sup>\*</sup> Section D – Forecasted Cash Needs, Federal (line 13) amount must equal Section A Budget Summary and Section B Budget Categories federal funding. Ensure that Section D "TOTAL" amount = Section A and Section B TOTALS.



## Sample SF424 A Budget: Match Required

Services Administration



# Sample SF424 A Budget: Match Required

Section C - use the second row to report Total Non-Federal Match for the First Year of project <sup>2</sup>

SECTION C - NON-FEDERA RESOURCES								
(a) Grant Program			Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS		
8 . SM-18-005 - Federal						\$0.00		
9 . SM-18-005 - Non-Federal		ls in the \$82,500.00		/	Complete Section D for t	\$82,500.00		
10 .		should			1st year of funding and h	\$0.00		
11.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	sections			funds will be spent per	\$0.00		
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	A, E	3, D) 3	\$82,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 quarter for the 1st year			
		SE	CTION D - FOREC	ASTED CASH NEEDS	Character and 1 Acres			
13. Federal	Total for 1st Year	1s	t Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter		
15. Federal	\$247,500.00	1/	\$61,875.00	\$61,875.00	\$61,875.00	\$61,875.00		
14. Non-Federal	\$82,500.00	<i>V</i>	\$20,625.00	\$20,625.00	\$20,625.00	\$20,625.00		
15. TOTAL ( sum of lines 13 and 14 )	\$330,000.00	1	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00		
	SECTION E - BUDGE	T ESTIMATI	ES OF FEDERAL F	UNDS NEEDED FOR BALANC	E OF THE PROJECT			
(a) Grant	Program			FUTURE FUNDING	PERIODS (Years)			
(a) Grant		(b) First		(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth		
16 . SM-18-005 - Federal	Section E is for	\$247,500.00		\$247,500.00	\$247,500.00	\$247,500.00		
17 . SM-18-005 - Non-Feder		\$82,500.00		\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00		
18 .	budget period -	This column is the		This column is the This column is the		This column is the		
19 . Years 2-5		2 <sup>nd</sup> budget period		3 <sup>rd</sup> budget period	4 <sup>th</sup> budget period	5 <sup>th</sup> budget period		
20. TOTAL ( sum of lines 16-19 )			\$330,000.00 \$330,000.00		\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00		
SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION								
21. Direct Charges:	21. Direct Charges: 22. Indirect Charges:							
23. Remarks:			ection F is option	nal				
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#### **Uploading Files**



- Upload supporting documentation to the Other Narrative Attachments form.
  - Per the NOFO, this includes but is not limited to the SMA 170 form, HHS 690 form, Biographical Sketches and Job Descriptions,
     Confidentiality and SAMHSA Participant Protection/Human Subjects form.
  - Do not combine Other Narrative Attachments form into one document. Please upload them separately.

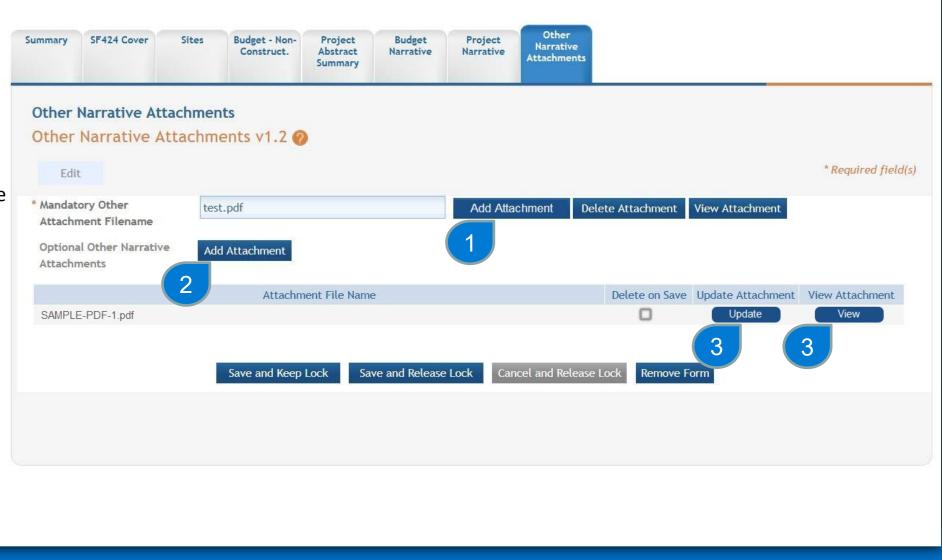
#### File uploads

- All attachments MUST be provided to the agency in PDF format with a .pdf extension (e.g. .pdf).
- The PDFs cannot be empty.
- Your file upload for the Budget Narrative form should be named "BNF". Your full filename including file type would then be "BNF.PDF"
- Save the fillable form to your computer with a new name and open to make sure the information you enter into the fields is saved and visible when you reopen the form before uploading.
- Do not use the same file name for more than one file.
- Do not use any attachment functions in other programs, such as the Acrobat Attach File feature, only attach files with the ASSIST functionality.



#### **Uploading Files to Other Narrative Attachments**

- 1. Add a PDF document using the "Add Attachment" button labelled 1. Delete it or view it later using the buttons next to "Add Attachment".
- Add additional PDF documents beyond the first using the "Add Attachment" button labelled 2.
- 3. Replace or view additional PDF documents using the buttons labelled 3. To remove an additional document check the "Delete on Save" box (circled) and save the Other Narrative Attachments form.



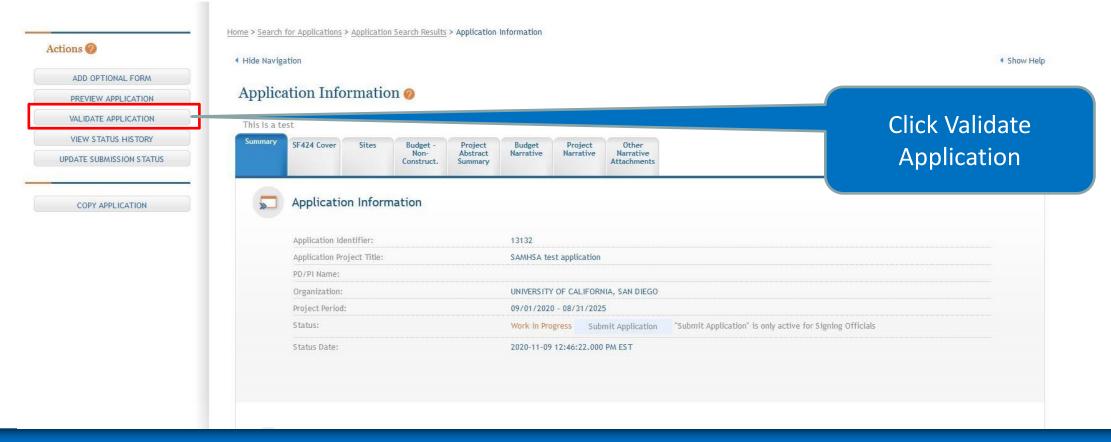


# Validating Applications and Updating Statuses in ASSIST



#### **Validating Your Application**

Once you are finished filling out your application, validate it to check that all business and system validations pass and you will be able to submit your application.





**Application Validations: Warnings and Errors** 

Errors
MUST be
corrected
in order
to submit



Application Errors and Warnings Results <sup>®</sup>



#### Application Information

Application Identifier:	6622	
FOA Number:	TI-18-123 (Example only)	
Application Project Title:	Example project title	
PD/PI Name:		
Organization:	Test Organization	

You may submit with Warnings if needed

#### Errors

Total Errors to be corrected before the application can be submitted: 3

Form Name	Error Message
Budget - NonConstruct.	The SECTION B - Budget Categories: k. TOTALS Total (5) does not equal to SECTION A - Budget Summary: 5.Totals Total (g). (026.43.2)
Budget - NonConstruct.	The Federal Total for 1st year, in Section D- Forecasted Needs, does not equal the Section A, New or Revised Budget Federal Totals (e-5) amount. (026.58.2)
Budget - NonConstruct.	The SECTION D - Forecasted Cash Needs: 15. TOTAL does not equal to SECTION A - Budget Summary: 5. Totals Total (g). (026.62.1)

#### ▲ Warnings

Total Warnings to be corrected at Applicant discretion: 1

Form Name	Warning Message
Budget - NonConstruct.	The Section B Totals amount for Program, Function Or Activity TI-18-333 must equal the total amount in Section A for Program, Function Or Activity (1). (026.39.2)



#### **All Validations Passed**

• If all validations pass, your application is ready to be submitted.



All Validations Passed



#### **Update Submission Status (1 of 2)**

■ To allow your application to be submitted, you must change the status to "Ready for Submission." Validations will run automatically before the status is updated.

Click Update
Submission
Status

Actions O

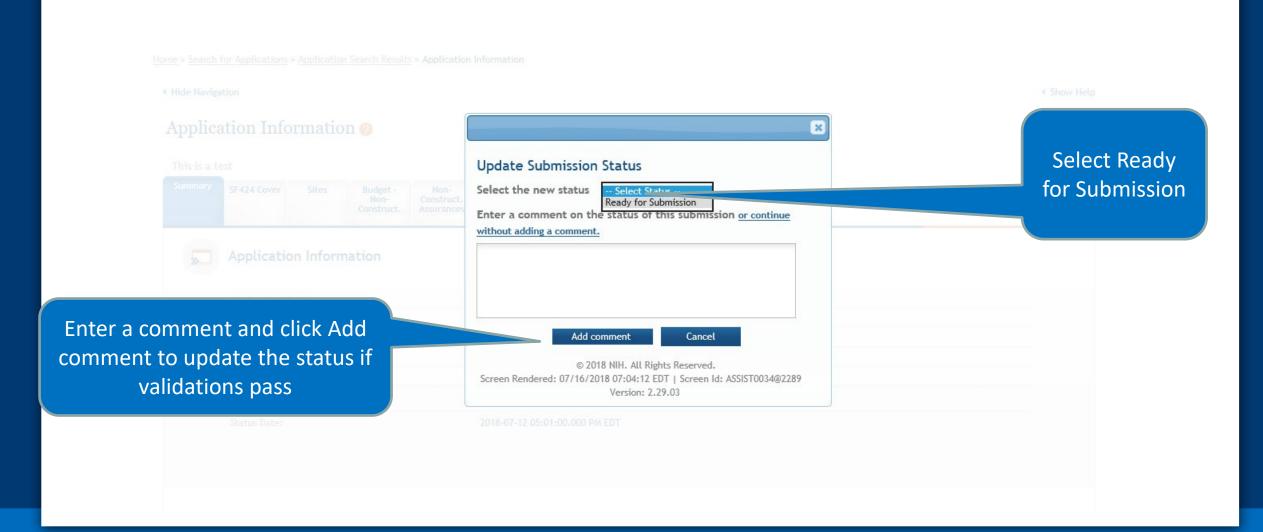
ADD OPTIONAL FORM
PREVIEW APPLICATION
VIEW STATUS HISTORY
UPDATE SUBMISSION STATUS

COPY APPLICATION





#### **Update Submission Status (2 of 2)**

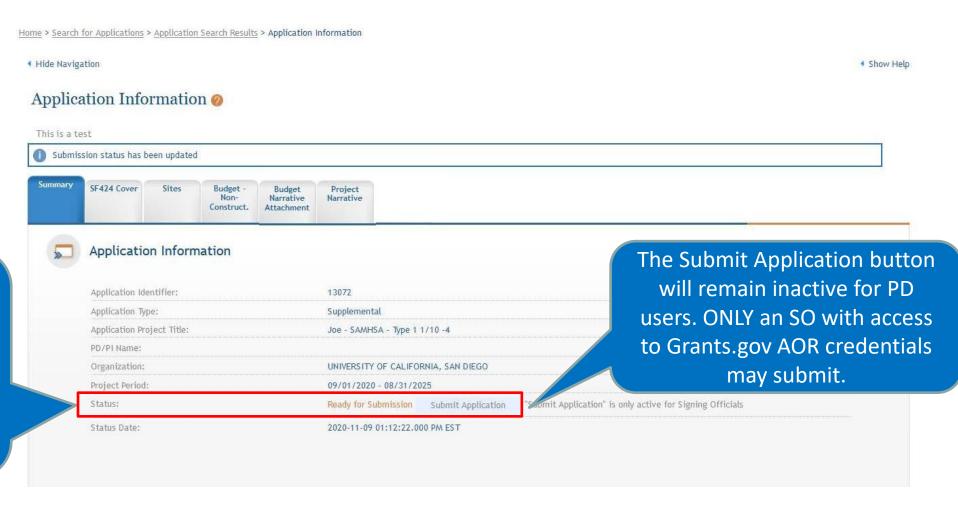




#### Ready for Submission: PD view



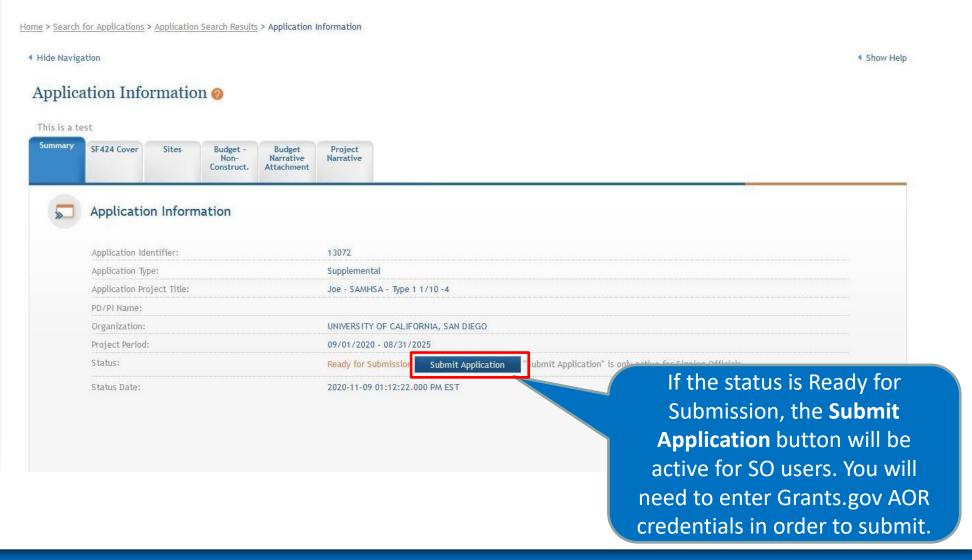
If all validations pass, your status will be changed to Ready for Submission





#### **Ready for Submission: SO view**







# **Submitting Applications in ASSIST**

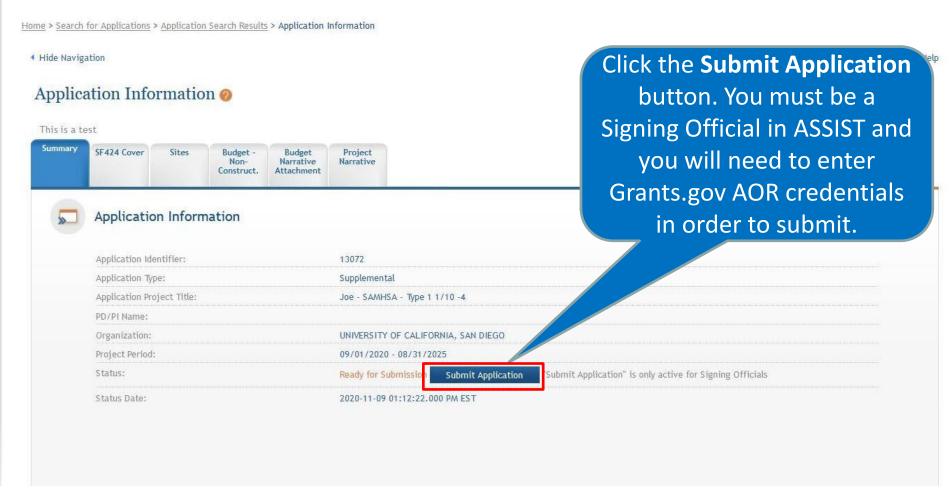


Do not wait until the last minute to fill out and submit your application – allow for plenty of time to address submission errors that arise (At Least 72 hours prior to the application deadline).



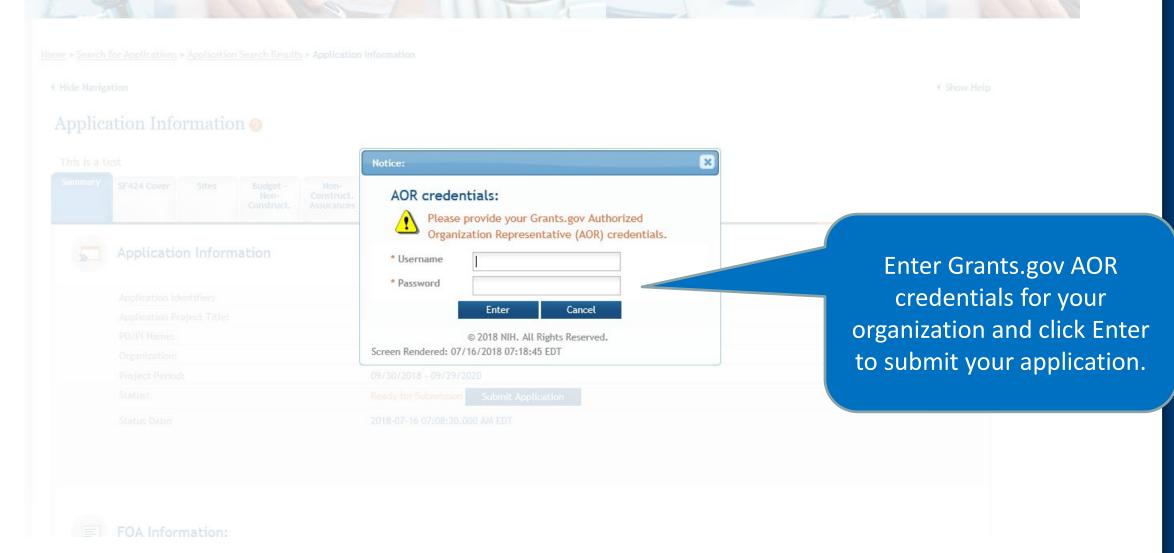
#### **Submitting Applications (1 of 2)**







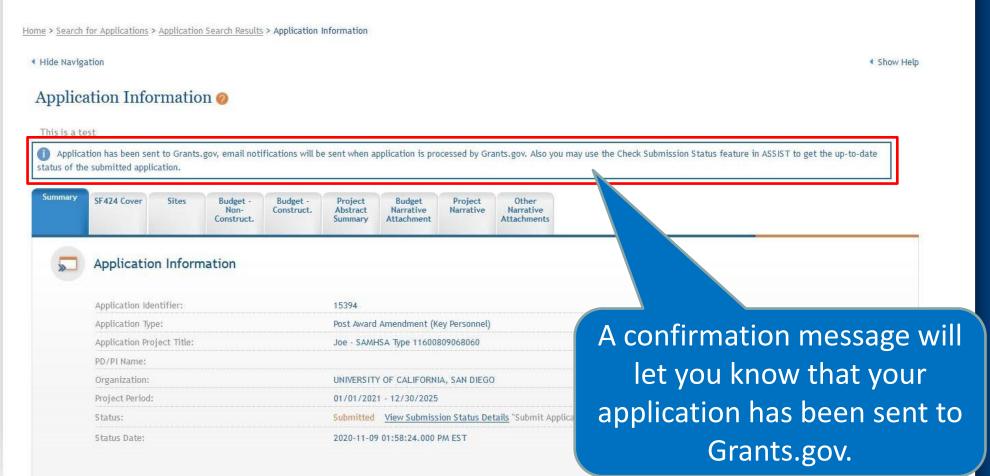
#### **Submitting Applications (2 of 2)**





#### **Submission Confirmation**







# **Post-Submission Steps**





- Grants.gov may send status emails to the AOR submitting the application.
- You will receive status updates via email from eRA Commons.
- Emails from eRA Commons will go to two (2) email addresses:
  - The email address linked to the PD commons account listed on the SF424 Cover in section 4. Applicant Identifier.
  - The email address of the Business Official listed in the Authorized Representative section of the SF424.
- You MUST monitor your application status in case of any issues AND take action if necessary (e.g. correct validation errors).
- You can check on your application status in eRA Commons or in ASSIST. ASSIST and Commons status may update before you receive any system-generated email(s).



#### **Checking Application Status in ASSIST (1 of 2)**

Actions 
MANAGE ACCESS

PREVIEW APPLICATION

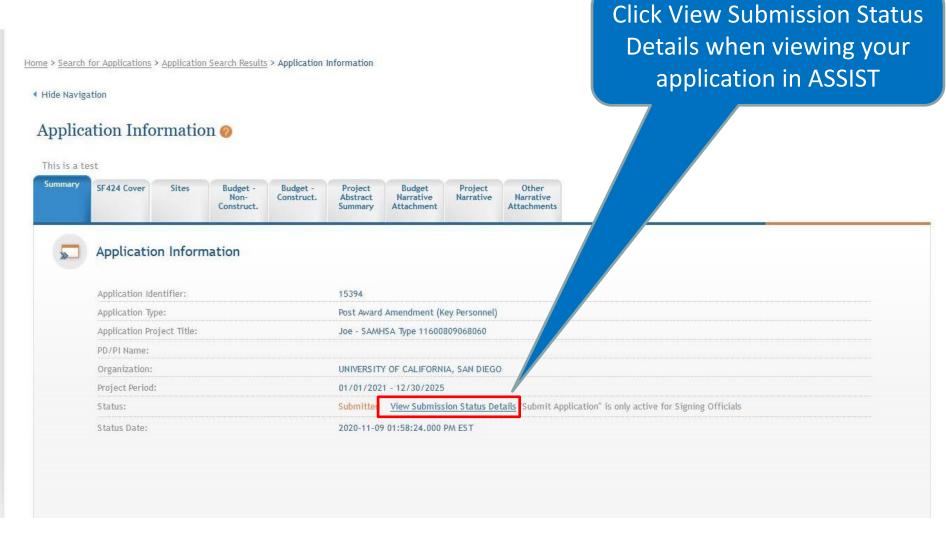
VALIDATE APPLICATION

VIEW STATUS HISTORY

UPDATE SUBMISSION STATUS

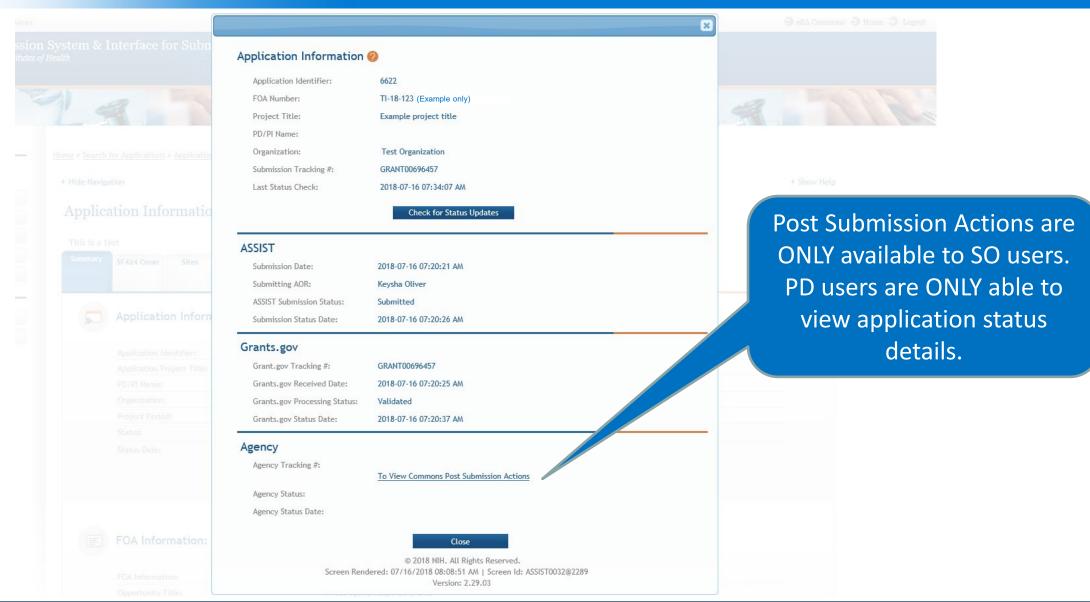
COPY APPLICATION

DELETE APPLICATION





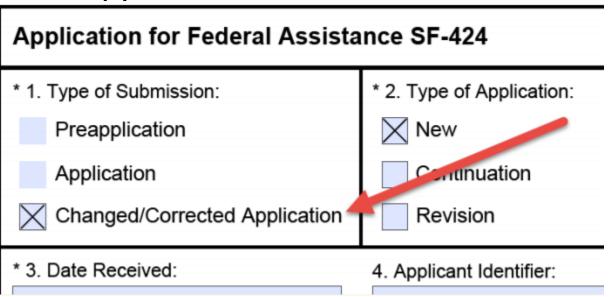
#### **Checking Application Status in ASSIST (2 of 2) SO view**





#### **If Errors are Encountered**

- If your application has errors, is not successfully submitted, or you make revisions you may resubmit a changed/corrected application before the application deadline.
- When updating/correcting/revising the application you need to select "Changed/Corrected Application" on the SF-424 Cover.





#### **ASSIST or eRA Commons Contact Information**

## **ASSIST or eRA Commons questions:**

If you are using ASSIST or encounter issues in eRA Commons and need assistance, contact the eRA Service Desk at the numbers below:

- **Toll-free:** 1-866-504-9552 (Press 6 for the SAMHSA queue)
- **Phone:** 301-402-7469 (Press 6 for the SAMHSA queue)
- Hours: Mon-Fri, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time (closed on federal holidays)
- https://grants.nih.gov/support/index.html



#### **Grants.gov Contact Information**

## **Grants.gov Applicant Support questions:**

If you are using Grants.gov Workspace or encounter issues in Grant.gov and need assistance, contact the Grants.gov Applicant Support listed below:

■ Toll-free: 1-800-518-4726

**Email:** support@grants.gov



#### **SAMHSA NOFO Contact Information**

## **SAMHSA NOFO Contact Information**

If you have questions about either program issues, or grants management or budget issues, you can contact the agency staff listed in the NOFO. You may find the agency contacts in Section VII. of the full NOFO or on the SAMHSA webpage for the NOFO.



## This concludes this video

Thank you for your attention.



# **Supplementary Information**



# **Managing Access to Applications**

#### **Key Information**



- SO users may manage access to applications including determining who can:
  - Edit, view, or have no access to parts of the application or the entire application
  - Update the application statuses
  - Manage other users' access to the application
  - The SO role is the only role that may submit applications. This access cannot be granted to PDs.
- By default, SOs of your organization will have full access to applications.
- By default, the initiator of the application and the Project Director entered on the NOFO information pages will have access to edit the application but not update the access of other users.
- Users that cannot access ASSIST directly from eRA Commons can visit public.era.nih.gov/assist to access ASSIST.

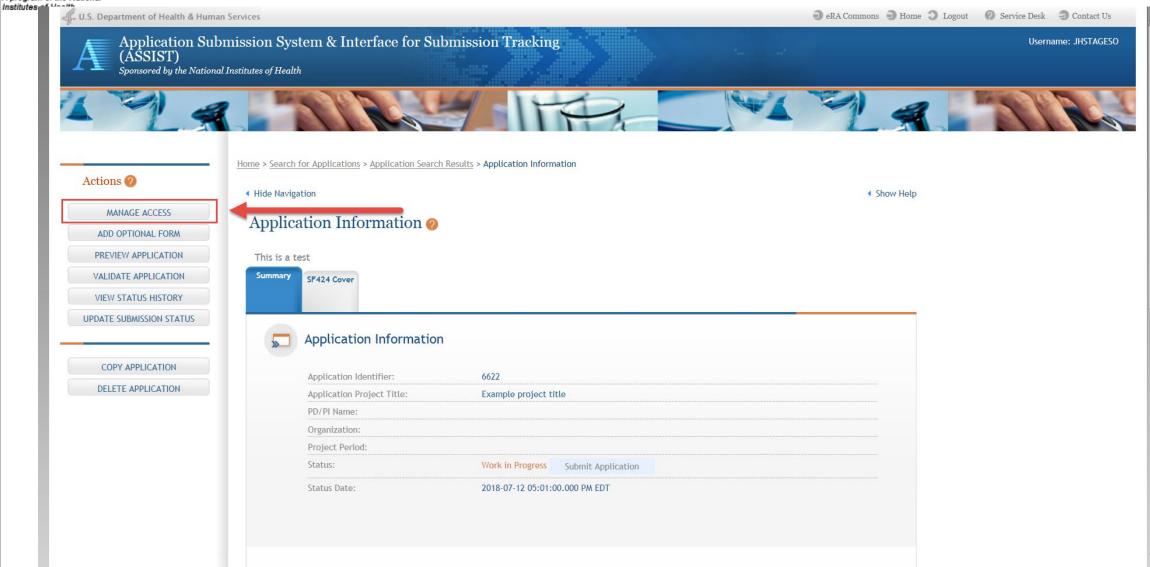


#### PD and SO Role Differences in ASSIST

Signing Official (SO)	Project Director (using the PI role in Commons)
Can initiate applications	Can initiate applications
Can fill out applications	Can fill out applications they are listed on or initiated unless access is revoked
Can manage access to applications including adding or revoking privileges to PD users	Can manage access to applications if provided permission by an SO user
Can update application statuses	Can only update the status of applications they initiate, unless access is revoked
Can submit applications in 'Ready for Submission' status with Grants.gov Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) credentials	Can NOT submit applications



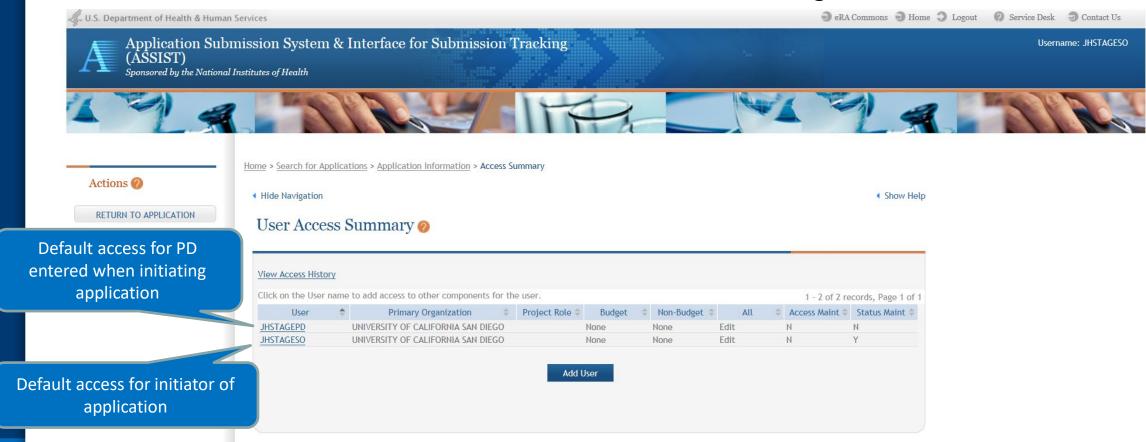
#### **Managing Access to Applications**





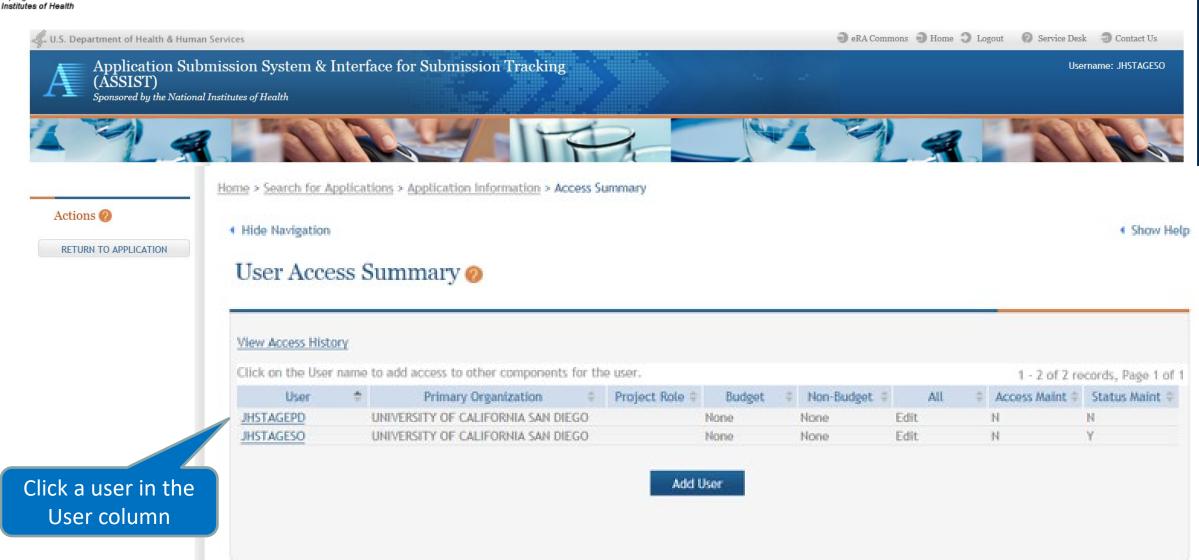
#### **User Access Summary**

- If the PD initiates an application, there will only be one default row listed.
- SOs have full access even if not listed, or listed with less access. Here the SO user (JHSTAGESO) does not have Access Maintainer access, but is still able to manage access for other users.





#### **Editing Existing Users (1 of 2)**





click Save

#### **Editing Existing Users (2 of 2)**



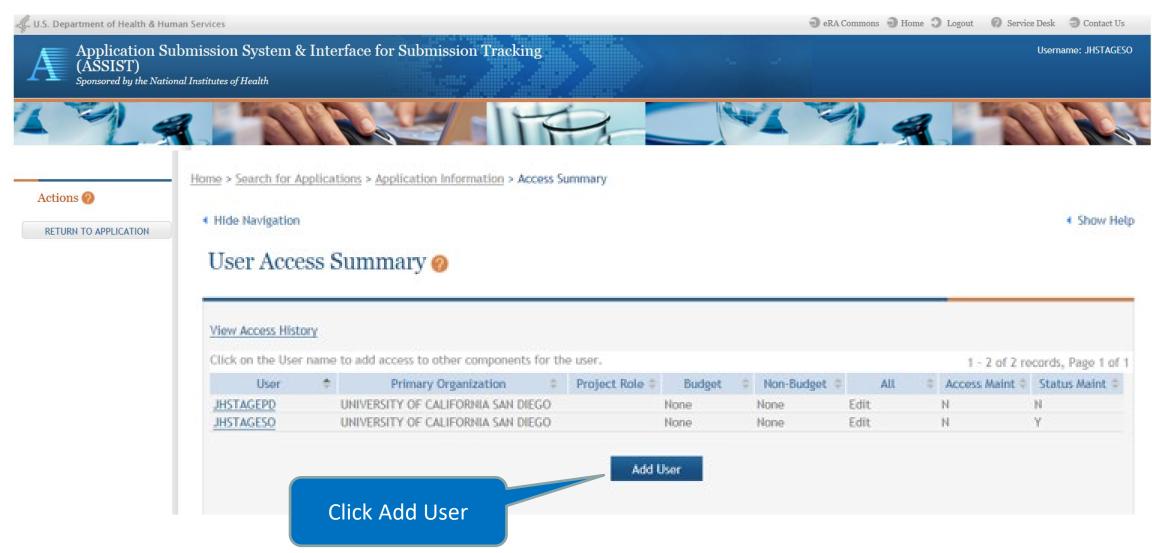
Revoke All Accesses

Cancel

Maintainer lets
the user update
the application
status, or mark it
Ready for
Submission

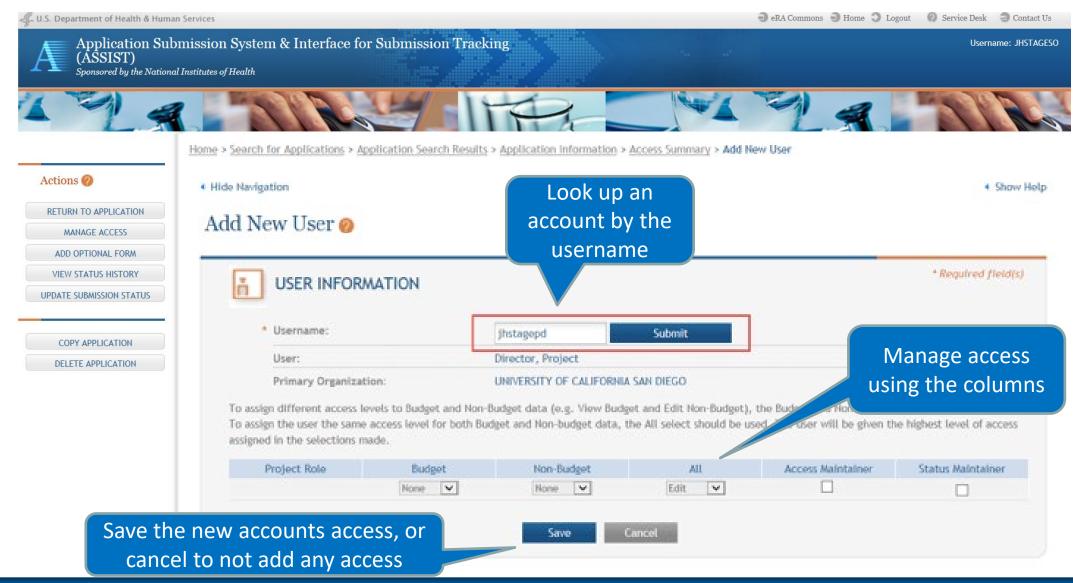


#### **Adding New Users**





#### **Adding New Users**





## **Adding and Removing Forms in ASSIST**

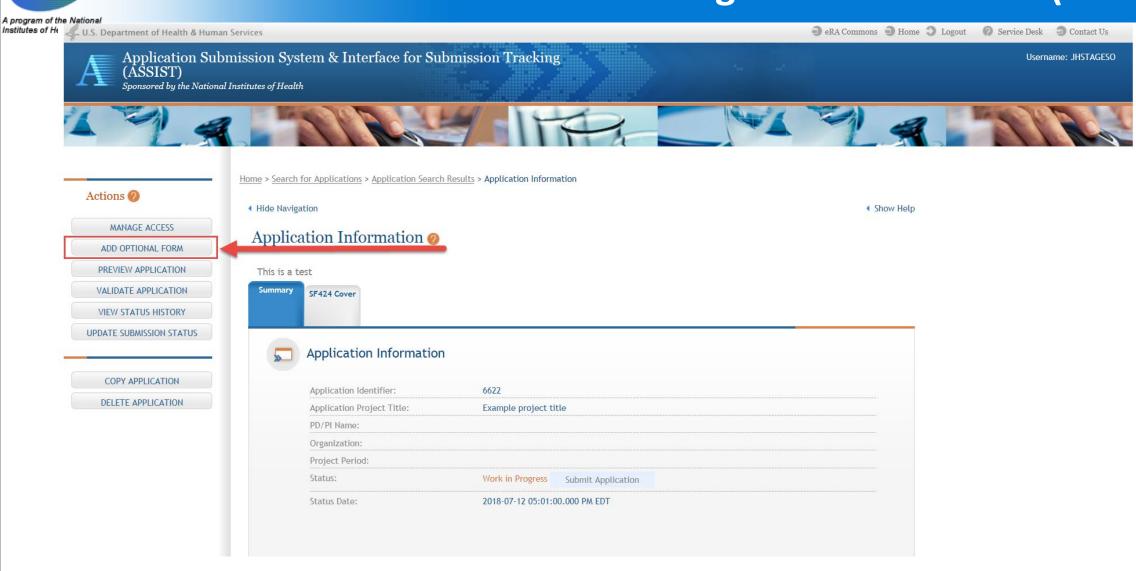


#### **Adding and Removing Forms**

- You can add and remove Optional forms as needed in ASSIST. Once you add a form you will need to fill it out.
- The application displays all required forms as listed below:
  - SF424 Cover
  - Budget Non-Construct.
  - Sites
  - Project Abstract Summary
  - Project Narrative
  - Budget Narrative
  - NonConstruct. Assurances
  - Other Narrative Attachments
- The optional Lobbying Disclosure form should be added and filled out if any individuals working on and receiving funding from the grant are part of any lobbying activities or associated with any lobbying.

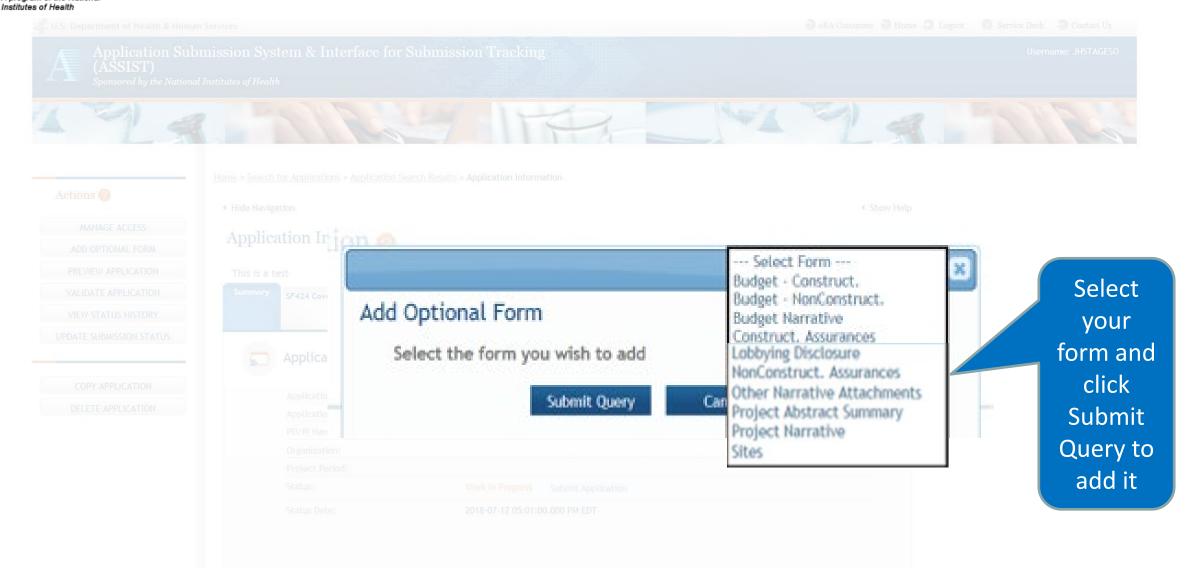


## Adding a Form in ASSIST (1 of 2)



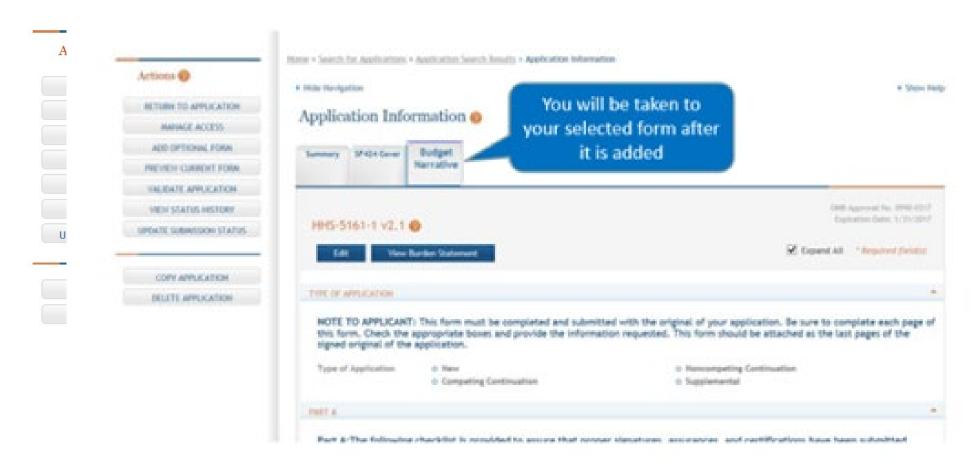


#### **Selecting a Form**





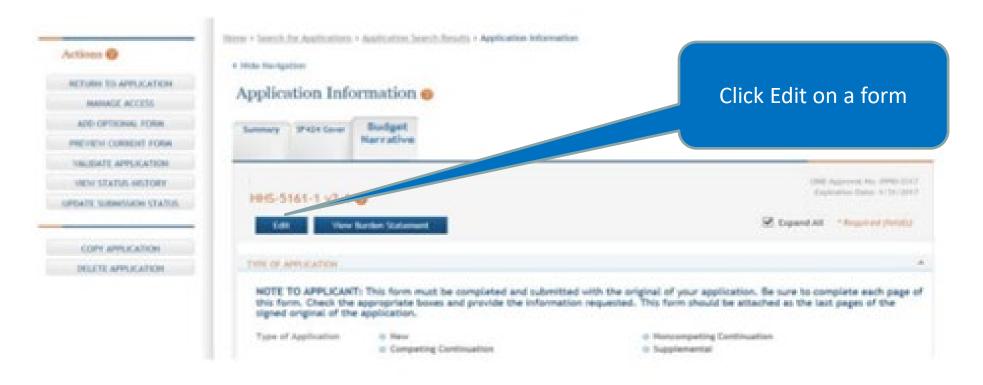
#### Adding a Form in ASSIST (2 of 2)





#### Removing Forms in ASSIST (1 of 2)

- You can remove forms if they are accidentally added
  - Note: Some required forms, such as the SF424 Cover, may not be removed.





#### Removing Forms in ASSIST (2 of 2)

BY SIGNING THE FACE PAGE OF THIS APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION CERTIFIES THAT THE STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF THE SIGNER'S KNOWLEDGE, AND THE ORGANIZATION ACCEPTS THE OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' TERMS AND CONDITIONS IF AN AWARD IS MADE AS A RESULT OF THE APPLICATION. THE SIGNER IS ALSO AWARE THAT ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR CLAIMS MAY SUBJECT THE SIGNER TO CRIMINAL, CIVIL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.

THE FOLLOWING ASSURANCES/CERTIFICATIONS ARE MADE AND VERIFIED BY THE SIGNATURE OF THE OFFICIAL SIGNING FOR THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION ON THE FACE PAGE OF THE APPLICATION:

Civil Rights - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), as amended, and all the requirements imposed by or pursuant to the HHS regulation (45 CFR part 80).

Handicapped Individuals - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the HHS regulation (45 CFR part 84).

Sex Discrimination - Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-318), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the HHS regulation (45 CFR part 86).

Age Discrimination - The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-135), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the HHS regulation (45 CFR part 91).

Debarment and Suspension - Title 2 CFR part 376.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements â Title 45 CFR part 82

**Certification Regarding Lobbying** - Title 32, United States Code, Section 1352 and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the HHS regulation (45 CFR part 93).

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