



Applicant Release 18.2 Notes

Version 1

Production Deployment: July 18-20, 2020

Training Deployment: July 20-22, 2020

July 7, 2020

Release Notes Overview

- Applicant Enhancements: UEI Preparations
 - Workspaces
 - Submissions
- Applicant S2S Enhancements
 - Security Enhancements
- Upcoming User Impacts

APPLICANT ENHANCEMENTS

Preparing for UEI: Workspaces

- UEI forms will be deployed in Training environment starting on September 8, 2020
 - Applicants will be able to test these forms in the Training environment
 - For more details, see <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/planned-uei-updates.html>
- There will be packages containing DUNS forms even though new Organizations will only have a UEI as SAM cutover date
 - Organizations with only a UEI will not be allowed to create a Workspace for these packages with DUNS forms
- Workspace processing updated for UEI forms
 - Workspaces will populate UEI based on Package
 - UEI Package: populate UEI
 - DUNS Package: continue to populate DUNS
 - New versions of the Workspace Form Coversheets will support both UEI and DUNS
 - Individual Workspaces will use “00000000INDV” as the UEI
 - Existing DUNS forms can be copied/reused into UEI forms (and vice versa)
- Enabled Applicants to search workspaces by either UEI when available or DUNS

Preparing for UEI: Submissions

- Grants.gov will process submissions using both DUNS and UEI packages until all Grantors switch to UEI forms
- Rejection messages updated to accommodate both DUNS and UEI submissions
- Enabled Applicants to search submitted applications by either UEI when available or DUNS

APPLICANT S2S ENHANCEMENTS

Security Enhancements

- Only Support TLS 1.2 with ephemeral (ECDHE and DHE) ciphers. This change will be effective:
 - In Training Environment with Release 18.2
 - In Production Environment on December 19, 2020

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
Grantor S2S, Applicant XML Extract	July 18, 2020	Enhance Funding Activity Category by removing the predefined list
Grantor S2S (NIH)	July 20, 2020	New Web Services in Preparation for UEI Rollout
Grantor S2S, Applicant S2S	July 20, 2020	Enhance Security: Only Support TLS 1.2 with ephemeral (ECDHE and DHE) ciphers in Training Environment
Applicant, Applicant S2S, Grantor, Grantor S2S	September 8, 2020	UEI Forms in Training as Available
Grantor S2S, Applicant S2S	December 19, 2020	Enhance Security: Only Support TLS 1.2 with ephemeral (ECDHE and DHE) ciphers in Production Environment
Grantor	December 21, 2020	Deletion of Grantor Accounts with Duplicate Email Address