Release Notes for Grants Online Version 4.32
*Date Deployed: April 25, 2020*

The Release Notes convey recent system upgrades and modifications. Click <u>here</u> to view the Help Desk contact information and reference other Grants Online training resources.

Global

1. With the launch of the **NEW** Grants Online Training Resources website, the server on which the current website resides (corporateservies.noaa.gov/…) is being replaced. The new URL is noaa.gov/… . For the next few months there is an automatic redirect to information stored on the new server. During the next month, Grants Online users should update Grant Online bookmarks to point to information using the new URL. [JIRA: GOL-994]

Application Tab

1. The Principle Place of Performance (PPP) is a required data element and is now marked with a red asterisk. [JIRA: GOL-951]
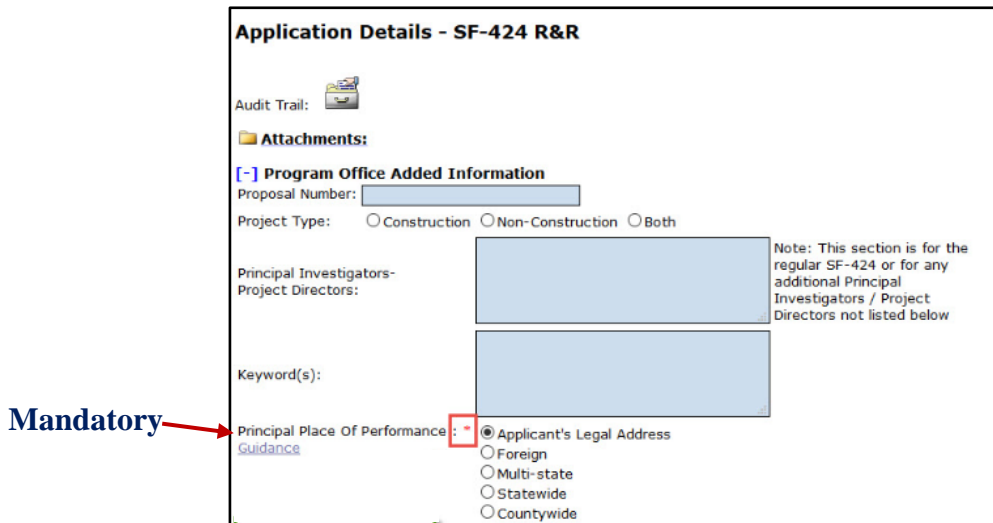
2. During the September 2019 NOAA Grants Management Advisory Council (GMAC) meeting, the Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD) determined that the **"Congressionally-Directed"** (Soft Earmark) and **"Congressionally-Mandated"** (Hard Earmark) options and the associated guidance should be removed from the *Basis for Selection* on the PO Checklist. [JIRA: GOL-952]
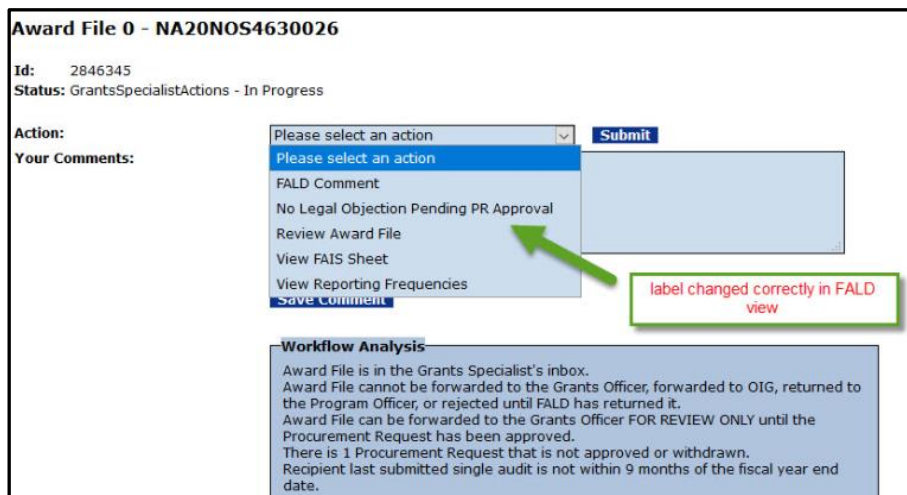
Soft Earmark and Hard Earmark are not available.

3. Based upon a Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD) request, the language on the dropdown menu option when **an unapproved Procurement Request (PR) must be included in the Award File – prior to Grants Officer signature** has been updated. This scenario is known as a Zero Dollar PR. The new dropdown menu option is "**No Legal Objection Pending PR Approval.**" [JIRA: GOL-953]

4. Three Specific Award Condition templates were added to Grants Online. The templates are as listed below. The full content of the new Specific Award Condition templates is not included in the Release Notes. [JIRA: GOL-954]
   - **CI Multi-year Awards** Administrative Specific Award Condition
     (Administrative - NEW or CONTINUATION Award)
   - **Risk of Applicant Designation** Specific Award Condition
     (Administrative – AUDIT)
   - **Agency Review Designation** Specific Award Condition
     (Administrative – AUDIT)

5. Beneath the **Grants Management – Single Audit** heading on the Organization Profile page there is a new hyperlink, Single Audit Monitoring. Clicking on this hyperlinks opens a new page.
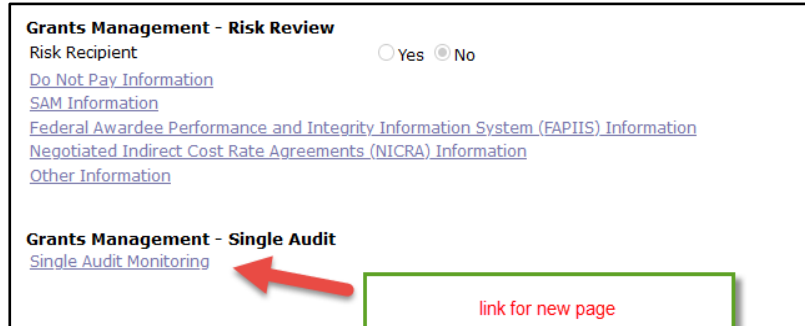
On the new page the description that accompanies the attachment should be selected from the following list of options:

    a. Single Audit SF-FAC Form

    b. Independent Single Audit Report

    c. Cooperative Audit Resolution Matrix

    d. Management Decision Letter

    e. Initial Recipient Audit Resolution Response

    f. Audit Resolution Proposal

    g. Audit Resolution Determination Letter

    h. Request to Establish Debt Letter

    i. Recipient Appeal Response

    j. Final Decision on Appeal Letter

    k. Supplemental (other) Audit Documentation

In addition, changes made to the data elements currently on the main page under the **Grants Management – Single Audit** heading are recorded and available from an audit log. [JIRA: GOL-963]

Audit Log

User	Field	New Value	Previous Value	Date
Patty Mayo	Recipient Fiscal Year End Date	03/30/2020	05/30/2020	03/11/2020 11:46 AM
Patty Mayo	Recipient Fiscal Year End Date	05/30/2020	08/30/2020	03/11/2020 11:45 AM
Patty Mayo	Recipient Fiscal Year End Date	08/30/2020	Empty Audit Value	03/09/2020 9:43 AM

Cancel

6. When the user selects the Legal Address option for the Principal Place of Performance (PPP) data element, the congressional district is populated using the CONG_DIST stored in the ADDRESS table.   [JIRA: GOL-976]

7. After Grants Officer Approval, the **FPO Only** checkbox on the Specific Award Conditions details page is visible to end users. [JIRA: GOL-987]
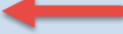
Awards Tab

1. An ASAP Authorizer can return an ASAP Drawdown Request to the user who initiated it. The availability of this option is evidenced by an updated Action dropdown menu and is shown in the Workflow History. [JIRA: GOL-911]

2. The ASAP Authorizer notification for the Extension to Closeout task is sent to the appropriate user. [JIRA: GOL-955]

List of the Notifications Sent to a User
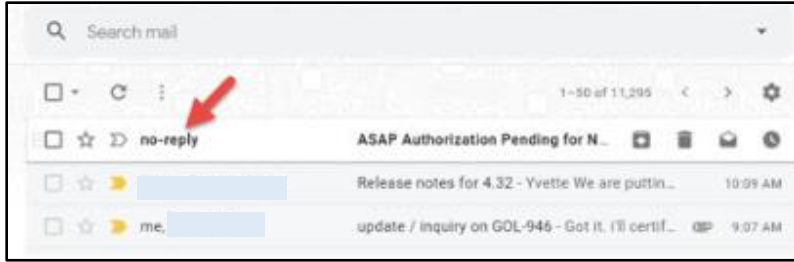
View of a User's Email Account
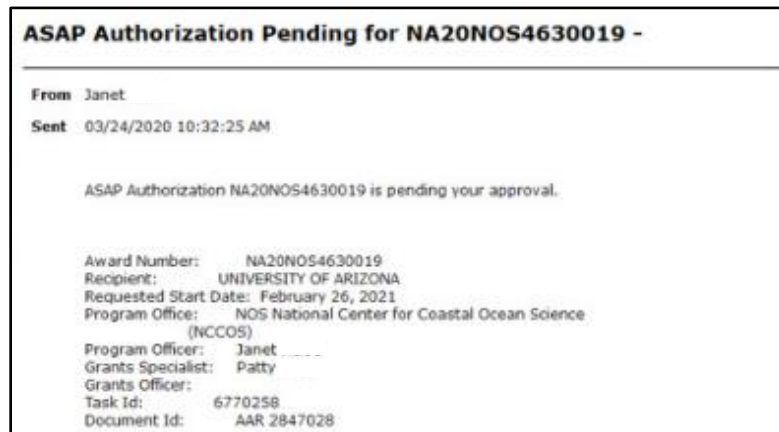
Notification Sent to a User re: an ASAP Drawdown Request

3. Information for **The Single Audit Comment** data element is **always** required. The logic used to assess data entry has been modified. The modification determines when normal processing occurs and when processing with a warning message occurs. [JIRA: GOL-958]

4. The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) launch page now includes an icon that allows an internal user to include comments with the RPPR. This is similar to the functionality that was enabled for the Performance Progress Report (PPR) and the SF-425 (Federal Financial Report - FFR). [JIRA: GOL-961]
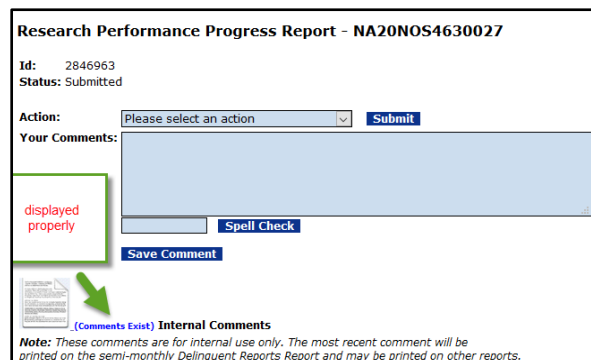
5. The possibility that a user might over-write the system-generated Principal Place of Performance (PPP) code has been eliminated. [JIRA: GOL-980]

6. While on the Amendment Details page, when the user clicks on either the CD-451 Report button, the Specific Award Conditions button or the Award Finance Report button a copy of the appropriate report is displayed. [JIRA: GOL-981]

Bureau Specific Administrative Standard Award Conditions
Change in Reporting Frequency

*Please attach the **Line Item Budget** and any other necessary attachments below.*

📁 **Attachments:**

Name	Short Description	Created
oppEDA-HDQ-RNTA-2015-2003814[1].pdf	DOC # 1 added in amendment page	03/12/2
forms_dd2842.pdf	Doc # 2 added in amendment page by GS	03/12/2

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Signature of Department of Commerce Grants Officer Date
Patty   03/12/2020
Signature of Authorized Recipient   Date
        RAR.   03/12/2020

CD451 Report   **Specific Award Conditions**   **Award Finance Report**

Opening SpecialAwardConditions.pdf   ✕

You have chosen to open:

📄 **SpecialAwardConditions.pdf**
    which is: Adobe Acrobat Document (2.0 KB)
    from: https://grantsonlinetest.rdc.noaa.gov

What should Firefox do with this file?
⦿ Open with Adobe Acrobat DC (default)   ▼
○ Save File
☑ Do this automatically for files like this from now on.

Settings can be changed using the Applications tab in Firefox's Options.

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Specific Award Conditions

Award Number: NA20NOS4630028
Amendment Number: 1

1) Partial Funding Special Award Condition For Increases

For Increases in award funding:

The amount of Federal funding for this award is greater than the amount requested due to NOAA priorities. The cost sharing/matching requirement, if any, has been commensurately raised to reflect the resultant increased requirement. Please submit an SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance and related forms for the additional funding. Please complete them along with a brief project description and budget narrative to address the additional funds not requested in the

Account Management Tab

1. The underlying code has been modified to prevent a user, while in the Edit mode of the My Profile section, from inadvertently deactivating his/her account. Prior to the software update, the user could accidentally modify the Active Flag prior to clicking the "Save", "Save and Return" or the "Cancel" button.   [JIRA: GOL-977]

PMO Tab

1. The process of shifting an organization from non-ASAP to being enrolled in ASAP has been automated. This eliminates the possibility of errors when data and attachments are transferred from the non-ASAP Profile to the ASAP Profile. [JIRA: GOL-946]

2. To comply with NIST Special Publication 800-53, the Grants Online Operations Program Manager receives a quarterly list of Grants Online privileged users (those with Super Sys Admin accounts). [JIRA: GOL-956]

3. Prior to this release, there was a difference between the method used to assign data to the Assigned_PO and the Assigned_PO_ID data elements in a database tables. The logic was modified to ensure consistent population of those two data elements. [JIRA: GOL-979]

EDA Only

1. On the Grant File launch page, the Correspondence and Federal Reports section has been modified. The Project Location data element has a new qualifier, **Type**. [JIRA: GOL-964]

2. When a Project Officer sets up a RFA, data must be specified for the Program Code. Among the options available from a dropdown menu are:

    -   UC - University Center

    -   LTA - Local Technical Assistance

    -   STA - Short Term Planning

    -   PP - Partnership Planning

    -   RE - Research and Evaluation

    -   NTA - National Technical Assistance

    -   EAA - Economic Adjustment Assistance

    -   B2S-VC - Build2Scale Programs - Venture Challenge

    -   B2S-CC - Build2Scale Programs - Capital Challenge

    -   B2S-IC - Build2Scale Programs - Industry Challenge

In addition, a cautionary warning was added to the CFDA dropdown menu that prompts the Project Officer to verify the CFDA Number. Inaccurate information will cause processing errors and delay workflow progression. [JIRA: GOL-989]