Release Notes for Grants Online Version 5.00
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The Release Notes convey recent system upgrades and modifications.

Global

1. In conjunction with the launch of the new Grants Online PMO Training Resources website, the system-generated email notification templates were updated. The links were updated to point to new reference files and provide relevant information associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. [JIRA: GOL-1000]

Awards Tab

1. For NOAA Awards (interfaced), on the SF-425, the amount calculated from the CBS data warehouse is compared to the amount entered in box 10a (Cash Receipts). Remarks displayed in box 14 indicate when there is a discrepancy between those two values. The person submitting the SF-425 must provide an explanation in box 12 prior to forwarding the SF-425 to the Agency. [JIRA: GOL-982]
When the SF-425 is sent to the Agency and the recipient has modified the system-generated amount on line 10a, the SF-425 is routed to the Grants Specialist for review (regardless of the Cash on Hand Amount). In this case, the Grants Specialist must enter a comment in the workflow to explain his/her acceptance of a SF-425 with a documented discrepancy.

In all cases, when the SF-425 report is submitted to the Agency and there is a comment in box 12, the SF-425 will be routed to the Grants Specialist for review and acceptance.
2. The number of characters in the "Other" box on the CD-450 has been increased to 500 characters; the previous limit was 250 characters. [JIRA: GOL-1008]

3. The printed version of the CD-450 was missing two items. That issue has been corrected and those two items are visible in the screen image below.
   - Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements (REF:79 FR 78390)
   - Bureau Specific Administrative Standard Award Conditions [JIRA: GOL-1010]
RFA Tab

1. Two options have been removed from the Create RFA screen – Congressionally-mandated and Congressionally-directed. [JIRA: GOL-1006]

Application Tab

1. The interface that allows applications submitted to Grants.gov to be uploaded into Grants Online has been updated to support an upload that includes version 3.0 of the SF-424. [JIRA: GOL-1012]

2. The bi-monthly extractions applied to USASpending data are manually corrected to ensure the Principal Place of Performance is accurately updated. [JIRA: GOL-1002]

3. The issue with the system failure to save GMD Checklist data when the user clicks the Save button and subsequently uses the Comment widget to add an attachment has been resolved. [JIRA: GOL-1015]

PMO

1. Grants Online now uses the Linux operating system. [JIRA: GOL-959]

2. Depending on the selection made on the Application’s Principal Place of Performance (PPP) data element, the underlying logic has been modified to ensure data is correctly assigned to the PPP Congressional District. [JIRA: GOL-988]

3. When attempting to log in to Grants Online, if the user enters an incorrect username and password combination, a generic error message is displayed (e.g. invalid username/password). Prior to implementation of the new policy, the previous error messages were deemed by auditors to be too specific. [JIRA: GOL-990]

2. In preparation for the upcoming FY 2021 Annual AAA Reauthorization, the contents of the tables has been reviewed and updated to ensure an accurate representation of Federal User accounts. [JIRA: GOL-1018]

EDA

1. The Funds Disbursed amount has been fixed and correctly displays on the Final Closeout/De-obligation Notification. [JIRA: GOL-1004]