

# Required Grants Management Websites for NOAA Recipients

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*This document provides an overview of the various websites involved in the Department of Commerce's federal award process. The resources are focused on the pre-award, post-award, and the closeout phases of the process; the last section provides additional grant-related information resources. Please reach out to your NOAA program officer if you have questions.*

## Pre-award Stage

- [Sam.gov](#) – An account in SAM.gov is required to do business with the government. This is also where you register to obtain a unique entity identifier (UEI) number for your organization.
  - A UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric ID, which is needed to apply for federal grants and funding opportunities.
- [eRA Commons](#) – An account in eRA Commons is required to apply for and receive NOAA funding.
- [Grants.gov](#) – This website houses all federal funding opportunities. It is used to apply for NOAA funding.
  - First time applicants also must use the following to obtain a taxpayer or employer identification number:
    - [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses)
    - [www.irs.gov/individuals](http://www.irs.gov/individuals)

## Post-award Stage

- [eRA Commons](#) – The use of eRA Commons is required to receive your NOAA award and manage it (submit financial and progress reports, post award requests).
- [id.me](#) – Used to register, validate identity, and enable multi-factor authentication needed to use asap.gov.
- [ASAP.gov](#) – Used to access and drawdown funds.
- [Fsr.gov](#) – Awardees are **required to report all sub-awards of \$30,000 or more** on fsrs.gov (this site will be incorporated into Sam.gov in March 2025).
- [Sam.gov](#) – Recipients must **update their Sam.gov registration annually** to maintain funding.
  - To avoid potential penalties, registration must be renewed within 60 days of the expiration date.
- [FAC.gov](#) – Recipients that spend \$1million or more in Department of Commerce funds in a given fiscal year are **required to submit an audit for that year** using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

## Closeout Stage

- [eRA Commons](#) – Used to submit final financial and progress reports and the related documentation.
- [ASAP.gov](#) – Used to complete all final drawdowns of funds.
- [FAC.gov](#) – Used to submit a final audit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse if recipients have spent \$1 million or more.

## Additional Grants Management Resources

- [eCFR.gov](#) – Used to access the federal government’s uniform guidance (CFR 200) which applies to all NOAA awards.
- [Department of Commerce Grants Policy](#) – Included here is the department’s federal financial assistance manual, information about the “Buy America” preference, and other policy documents.
- [NOAA Grants Management Division](#) – NOAA’s financial assistance webpage.
  - [NOAA Grants FAQ](#) – Provides an overview of commonly asked grants administration questions.
- Electronic Research Administration (eRA) resources:
  - [Applicant and Grantee Training on Grants Enterprise Management Solution Website](#) - Provides links to Department of Commerce trainings for eRA Commons.
  - [eRA Commons Frequently Asked Questions](#)
  - [eRA Commons User Guide](#) – This 700+ page document provides detailed eRA Commons information.
  - [Account Management – Information Sheet](#) – This document explains the different eRA Commons user roles and how to use the account management module.
  - [Revision Requests for Department of Commerce Awards](#) – Provides instructions regarding the submission of a post-award revision request, which is made through eRA Commons.