

GrantSolutions FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT (FFR) SETUP GUIDE FOR GRANTORS



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OVERVIEW

GrantSolutions provides comprehensive management of Federal Financial Reports (FFRs), also referred to as the SF-425, for Grantors and Grant Recipients. Federal Grants Office staff schedule report cycles and determine due dates, and Grant Recipients view, manage, and electronically submit FFRs in GrantSolutions.

FFR reporting cycles can be scheduled by Grants Office staff for a Grant Program and can be updated:

- During the award process
- After a grant is issued

The FFR has eight configuration settings at both the Grant Program and the Grant Project levels. Once a setting is selected, it can be updated as needed. However, changes only impact FFRs that are not started. Reports in progress do not update with new settings except for new due dates.

ROLES AND ACTIONS

Grantors with the following roles can create, edit, and view the FFR settings configuration:

- Grants Management Officer (GMO)
- Grants Management Specialist (GMS)

Note: For Login information and instruction, please view the GrantSolutions Login Quick Sheet.



SETUP FFR SCHEDULES FOR A PROGRAM

To setup a reporting cycle schedule for all Grant Projects within a Grant Program, follow the below steps:

1. From the menu bar on the "Grants List" screen, click the **Grants Management** drop-down and select the **Manage Reports** option.

Note: Use the Manage Reports menu option to access both FFRs and PPRs.

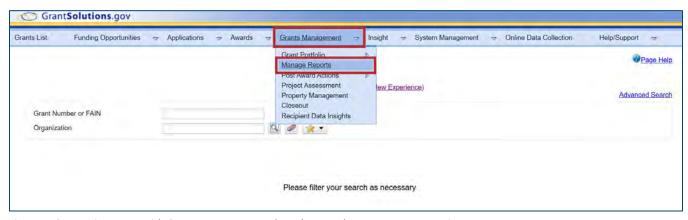


Figure 1: Grants List screen with Grants Management drop-down and Manage Reports option



2. The "Manage Reports" screen appears. Users can search for Grant Projects by *Grant Program, Grant Number, Grantee Organization, UEI,* or *FAIN*. Click the **Grant Program** button in the *Search By* line.

Note: The unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID.

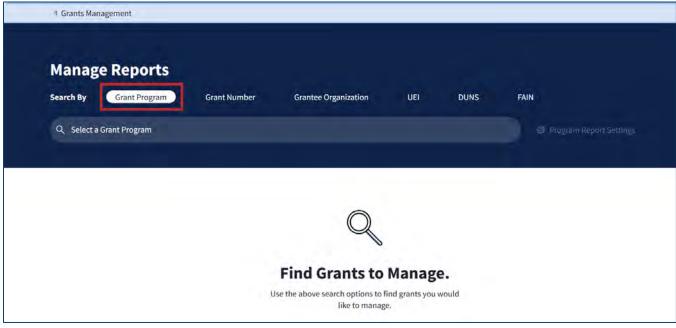


Figure 2: Manage Reports screen with Grant Program button



3. In the *search* field, enter the **Grant Program name**.

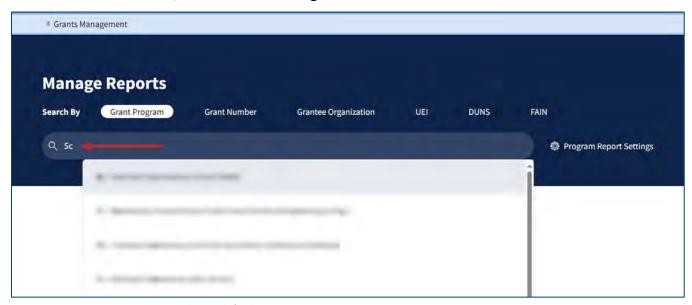


Figure 3: Manage Reports screen with search field

4. Upon entry of two characters, Grant Program options appear for selection in a list. Select a **Grant Program**.

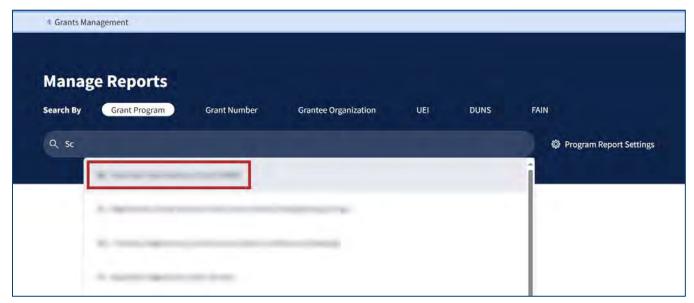


Figure 4: Manage Reports screen with Grant Program options



The "Manage Reports" screen displays a results table of Grant Projects in list format.

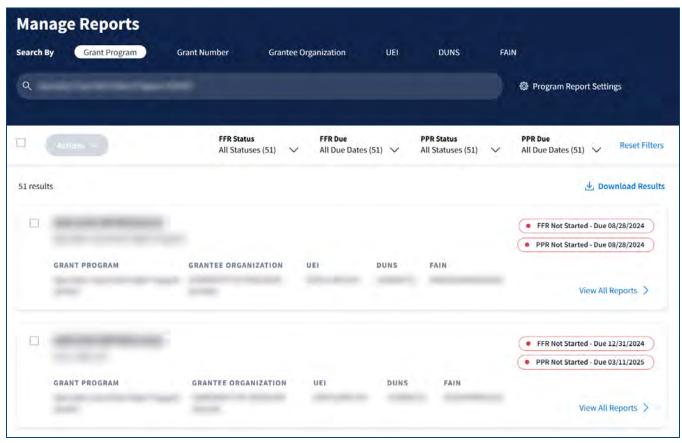


Figure 5: Manage Reports screen with results table



5. To the right of the *search* field, click the **Program Report Settings** button.

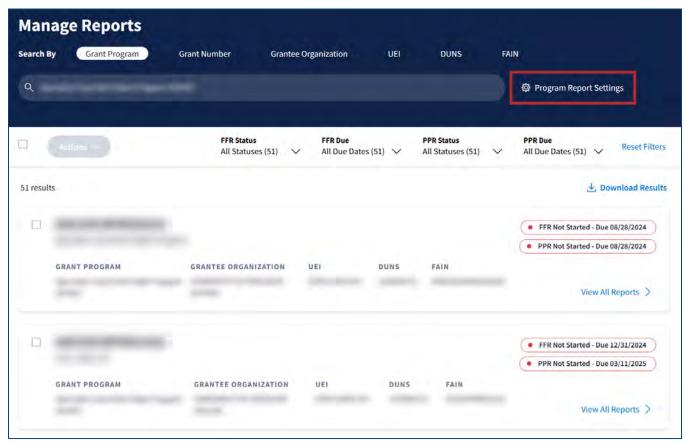


Figure 6: Manage Reports screen with Program Report Settings button



The "Report Settings" screen appears. The Grant Program name and total number of Grants appear at the top of the screen.

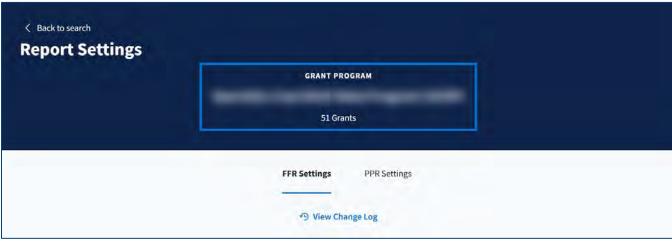


Figure 7: Report Settings screen with Grant Program name and number of Grants

6. Click the View Change Log button to review any updates to FFR settings.

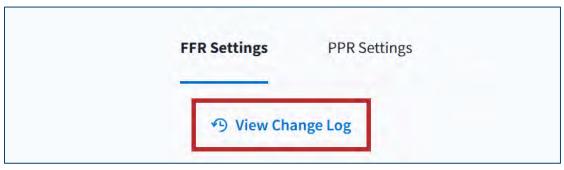


Figure 8: Report Settings screen with View Change Log button



7. The "Program FFR Settings Change Log" window appears. Review updates including the person that made the change and the date and time. Click the **expansion arrow** to the right of a change.



Figure 9: Program FFR Settings Change Log window with expansion arrow



8. Altered settings appear logged in a new field below. Click the **X** button in the top right to close the window.



Figure 10: Program FFR Settings Change Log window with change field and X button



The "Report Settings" footer is always visible on the screen and contains the following:

- Informational text indicating the screen is used to modify the FFR report settings for all future reporting periods for all Grants in the Grant Program.
- Cancel button that returns the user to the "Manage Reports" screen.
- Save button indicating the number of changes made.

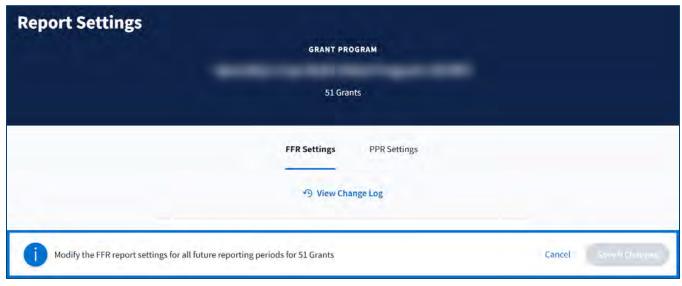


Figure 11: Report Settings screen footer



FFR SETTINGS

DISPLAY REPORTING INFORMATION ON NOTICE OF AWARD

1. In the *Award* section, click the **Display Reporting Information on Notice of Award** button to indicate *Yes*.

Note: If the toggle button is not selected, reporting information will not appear on the Notice of Award (NOA).

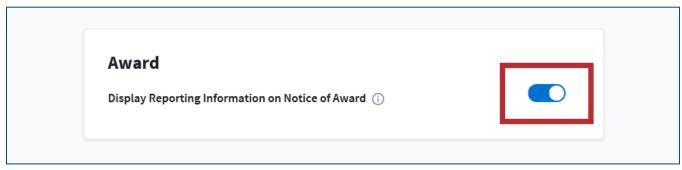


Figure 12: Report Settings screen with Award section



REPORTING CYCLE

- 2. After configuring FFR settings for a Grant Project, Grant Recipients can submit reports based on the *Frequency* and *Reporting Cycle* selected in the *Reporting Period* section. Click the **Reporting Cycle** drop-down and select one of the following **options**:
 - Budget Year
 - Fiscal Year (October 1 September 30)
 - Calendar Year

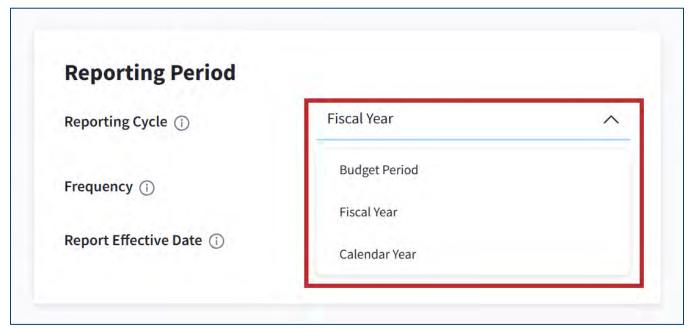


Figure 13: Report Settings screen with Reporting Cycle drop-down and options



- 3. Next, click the **Frequency** drop-down and select one of the following **options**:
 - Quarterly
 - Semi-Annually
 - Annually

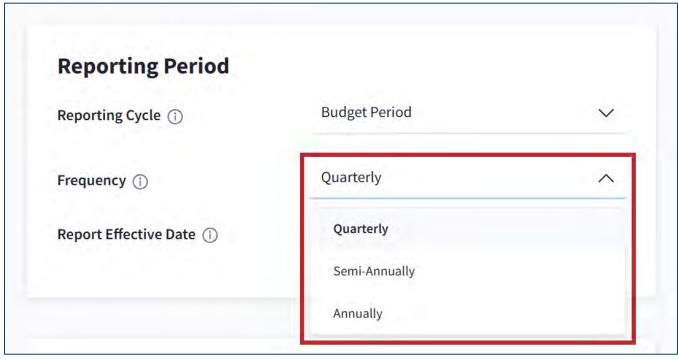


Figure 14: Report Settings screen with Frequency drop-down and options



4. To enable the *Reports Start as Effective of* field, click the **Report Effective Date** toggle button.

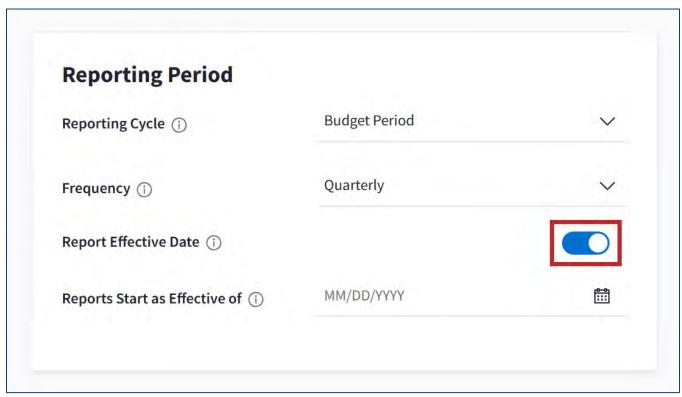


Figure 15: Report Settings screen with Report Effective Date toggle button



5. A new *Reports Start as Effective of* field appears. Grantors can use this field to select a date for when reporting periods are available for Grant Recipients to start FFRs. After selecting a date, all reporting periods prior to the selected date are disabled; the *Reports Start as Effective of* date can be set for the Grant Program and Grant Project. Enter an optional **Reports Start as Effective of** date.

Note: Once this date is set, reports that are before this date will have a status called *No Data Available*.

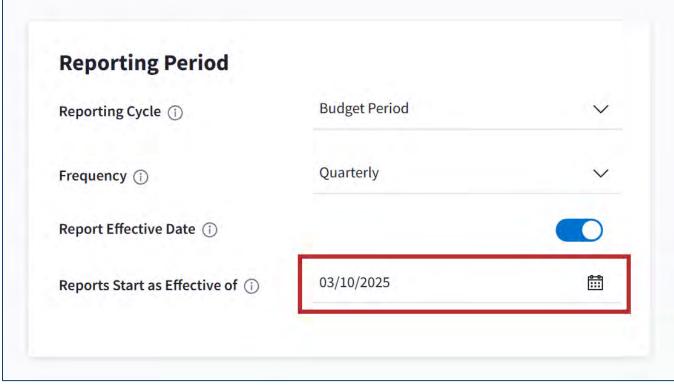


Figure 16: Report Settings screen with Report Start as Effective of field



PREFILLED DATA - TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED AMOUNT

- 6. The *Total Federal Funds Authorized Amount* field determines how data is pulled from the Approved Budget section of the NOA. Click the **Total Federal Funds Authorized Amount** dropdown and select one of the following **options**:
 - *Cumulative:* Displays cumulative data from the Project Period start date to the Reporting Period end date.
 - Reset by Budget Period: Displays cumulative data for the current Budget Period. Data resets on Budget Period start dates.
 - Reset by Calendar Year: Displays cumulative data for the current calendar year. Data resets every January 1.

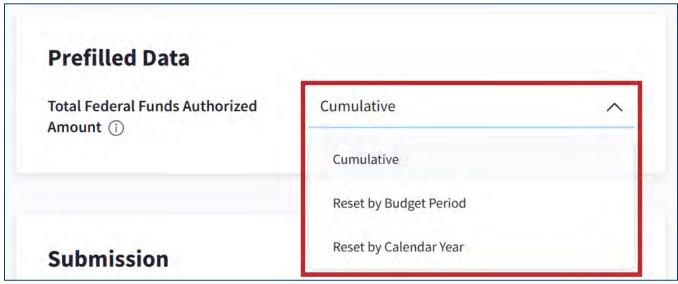


Figure 17: Report Settings screen with Total Federal Funds Authorized Amount drop-down and options



SUBMISSION - DUE DATE

7. In the Submission section, enter a **Due Date** in the Due Date field.

Note: The value entered in this field indicates how many days the Grant Recipient has, following the Reporting Period End Date, to submit the FFR.



Figure 18: Report Settings screen with Due Date field

FINAL FFR REQUIRED

8. To enable the *Final Report Due Date* field, click the **Require a final report** toggle button.

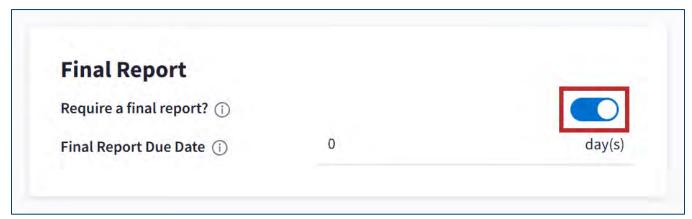


Figure 19: Report Settings screen with Require a final report toggle button



9. In the Final Report section, enter an optional Final Report Due Date.

Note: When a final FFR is required, a due date is also required. The *Final Report Due Date* field allows users to indicate how many days after the Project Period End Date the due date occurs.

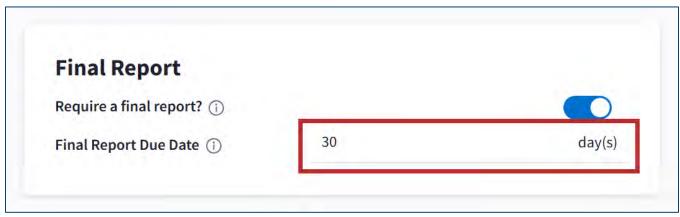


Figure 20: Report Settings screen with Final Report Due Date field

REPORT RETURNED – RESUBMISSION DUE DATE

10. In the *Report Returned* section, enter a **Resubmission Due Date** in the *Resubmission Due Date* field.

Note: The value entered in this field indicates how many days the Grant Recipient has to resubmit after a report is sent back for rework.



Figure 21: Report Settings screen with Resubmission Due Date field



11. When done updating the FFR Settings, the number of Grants that will be impacted and the number of changes that will be made appear in the footer.

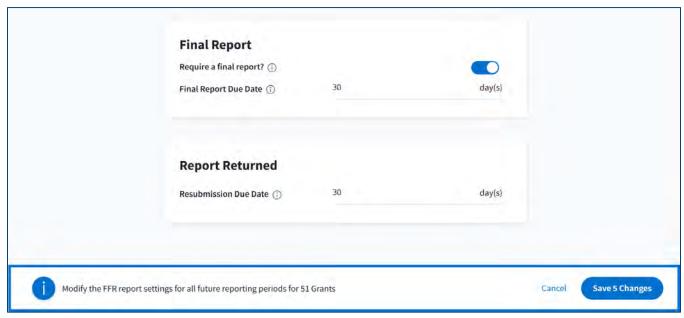


Figure 22: Report Settings screen with page footer

12. Click the Save Changes button.

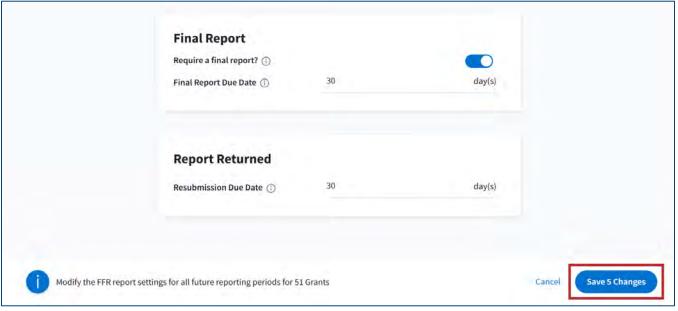


Figure 23: Report Settings screen with Save Changes button



13. The "Save Settings" window appears. Click the Save Changes button to continue.

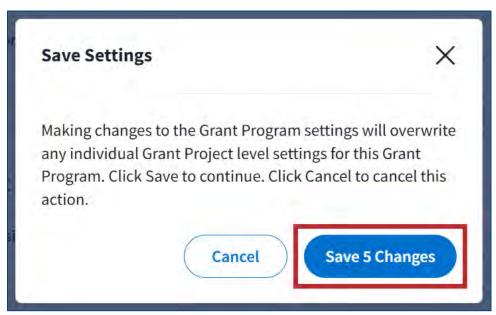


Figure 24: Save Settings window with Save Changes button

The "Manage Reports" screen appears and the changes are made.



SETUP FFR SCHEDULES FOR SELECTED GRANT PROJECTS

To establish a reporting cycle schedule for selected Grant Projects, follow the below steps:

1. From the menu bar on the "Grants List" screen, click the **Grants Management** drop-down and select the **Manage Reports** option.

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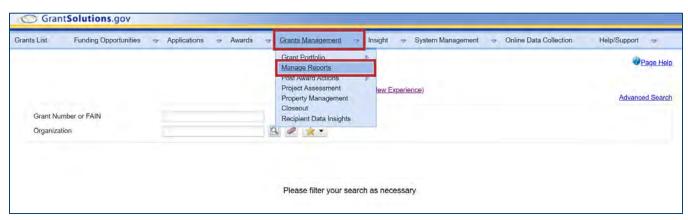


Figure 25: Grants List screen with Grants Management drop-down and Manage Reports option



2. The "Manage Report" screen appears. Users can search for Grant Projects by *Grant Program, Grant Number, Grantee Organization, UEI,* or *FAIN*. Click the **Grant Program** button in the *Search By* line.

Note: The unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID.

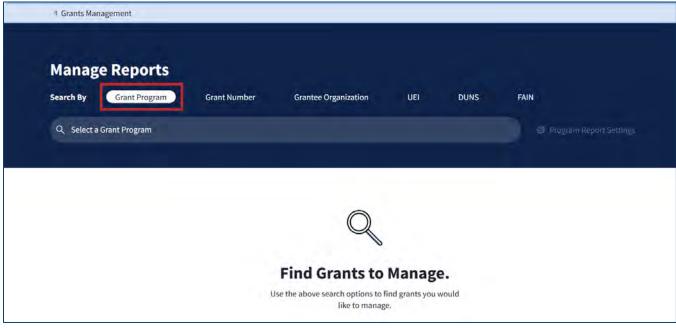


Figure 26: Manage Reports screen with Grant Program button



3. In the *search* field, enter the **Grant Program name**.

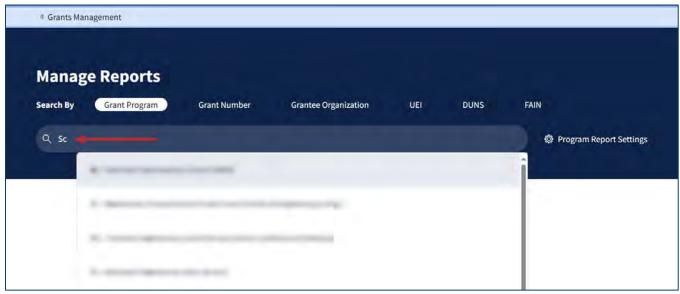


Figure 27: Manage Reports screen with search field

4. Upon entry of two characters, Grant Program options appear for selection in a list. Select a **Grant Program**.

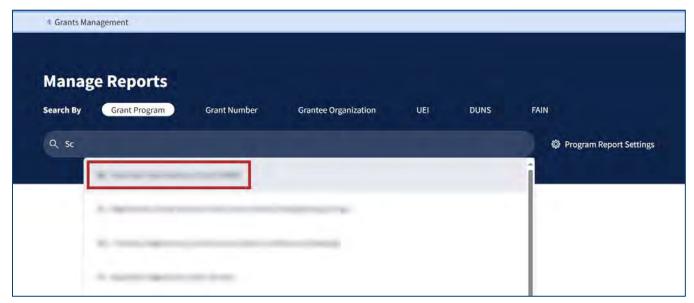


Figure 28: Manage Reports screen with Grant Program options



The "Manage Reports" screen displays a results table of Grant Projects in list format.

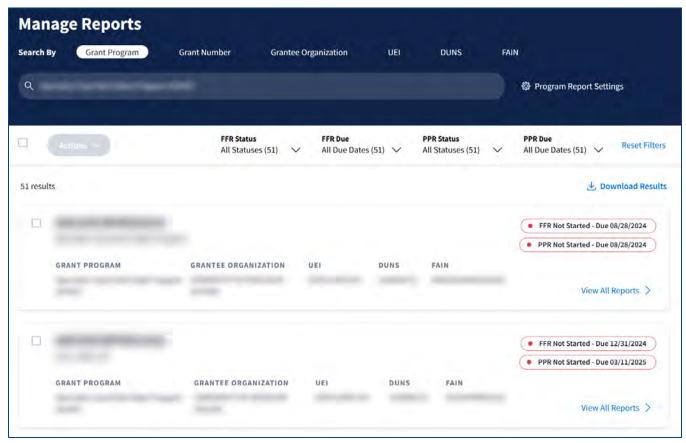


Figure 29: Manage Reports screen with results table



5. From the results list, click the **checkbox** to the left of each desired Grant Project to modify their FFR settings.

Note: To select all Grant Projects, click the checkbox to the left of the *Actions* button.

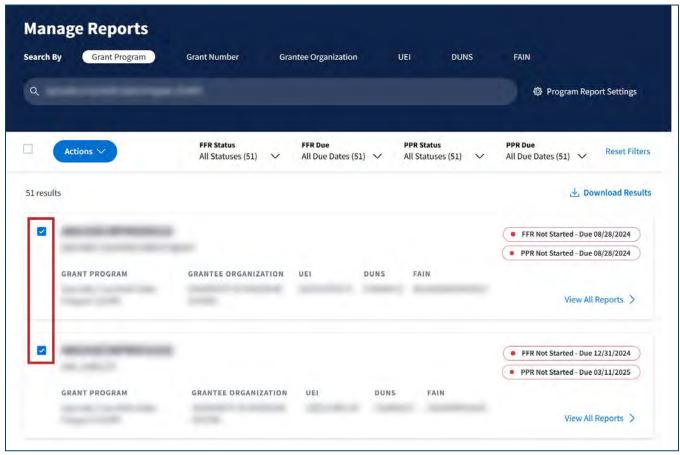


Figure 30: Manage Reports screen with Grant Project checkboxes



6. Click the **Actions** button and select the **Manage FFR Settings** option.

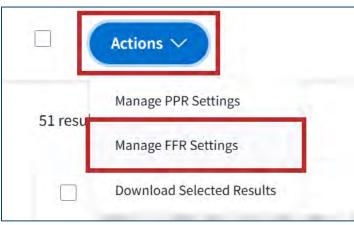


Figure 31: Manage Reports screen with Actions button and Manage FFR Setting option



7. The "Report Settings" screen appears and lists the number of *Grants* impacted. Make any necessary changes and click the **Save Changes** button.

Note: For detailed information on the configuration options, please see the section **FFR Settings**.

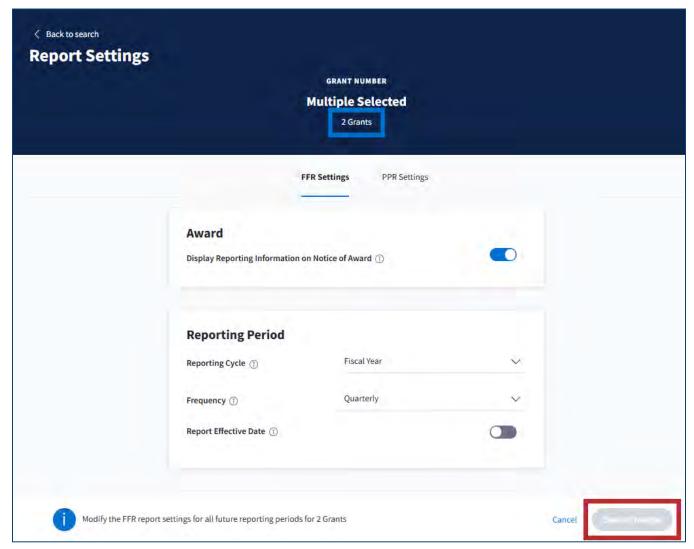


Figure 32: Report Settings screen with number of Grants and Save Changes button

The "Manage Reports" screen appears.



AWARD PROCESS: SET FFR SCHEDULE

To setup a reporting cycle schedule during a post-award process such as an amendment or continuation award, follow the below steps.

1. From the menu bar on the "Grants List" screen, click the **Awards** drop-down and select the **Award Processing** option.

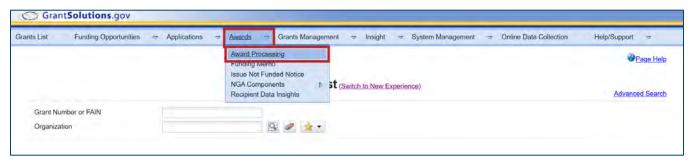


Figure 33: Grants List screen with Awards drop-down and Award Processing option

2. The "Award Processing" screen appears. Enter search criteria in the **Application Number**, **Grant Number or FAIN**, or **Organization** fields, and click the **search** button to search for a draft award.

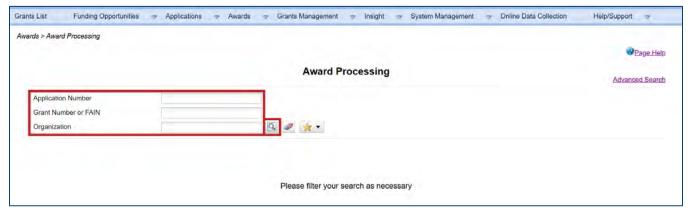


Figure 34: Award Processing screen with Application Number, Grant Number or FAIN, and Organization fields and search button



3. Click the **Open Award Overview** icon in the *Actions* column.

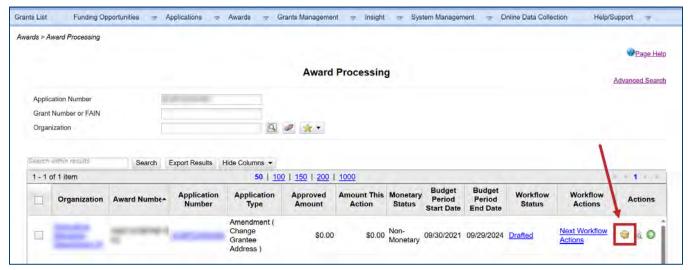


Figure 35: Award Processing screen with Actions column and Open Award Overview icon



4. The "Award Overview" screen appears. Click the **Terms and Conditions** link in the *Award Preparation* column.

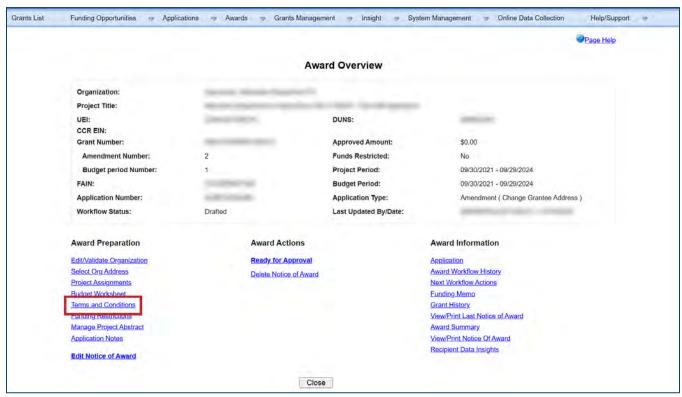


Figure 36: Award Overview screen with Award Preparation column and Terms and Conditions link



5. The "Terms and Conditions" screen appears. Click the **Manage Report Settings** link in the *Include Federal Financial Report* section.

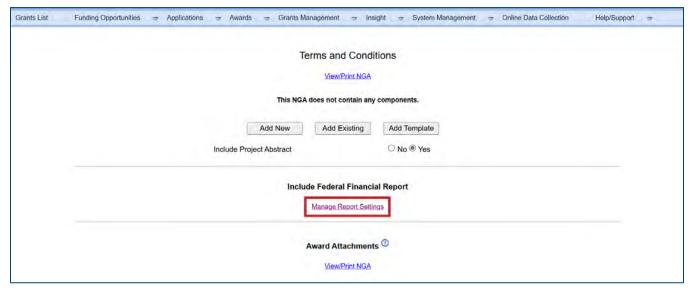


Figure 37: Terms and Conditions screen with Include Federal Financial Report section and Manage Report Settings link



6. The "Report Settings" screen appears. Make any necessary changes and click the **Save Changes** button.

Note: This screen can only be modified for established projects. The screen is read-only for new draft awards.

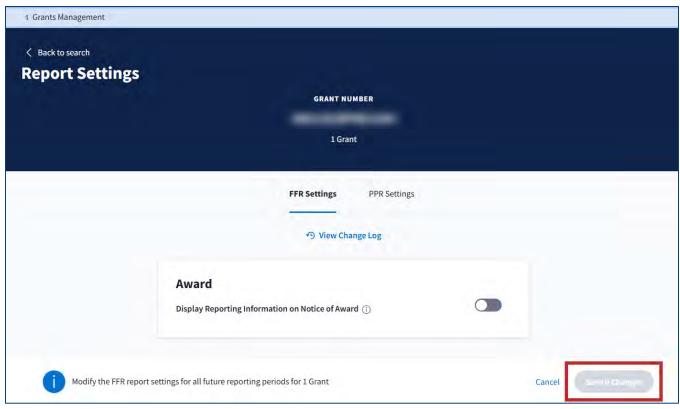


Figure 38: Report Settings screen with Save Changes button



7. The "Terms and Conditions" screen reappears. Click the **Close** button.

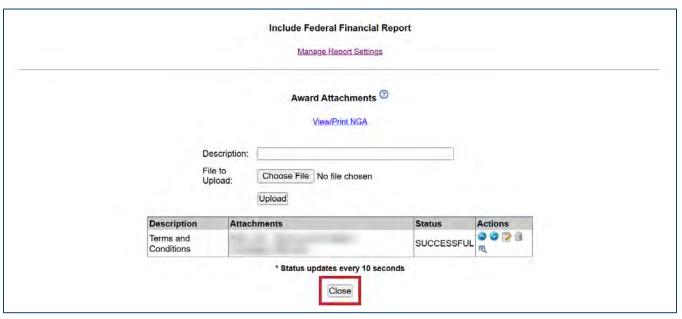


Figure 39: Terms and Conditions screen with Close button

8. The "Award Overview" screen reappears. To view the FFR schedule on the draft NOA, click the **View/Print Notice Of Award** link in the *Award Information* column.



Figure 40: Award Overview screen with Award Information column and View/Print Notice Of Award link



The draft "Notice of Award" opens in a new window. Scroll to view the *Federal Financial Report Cycle* table.

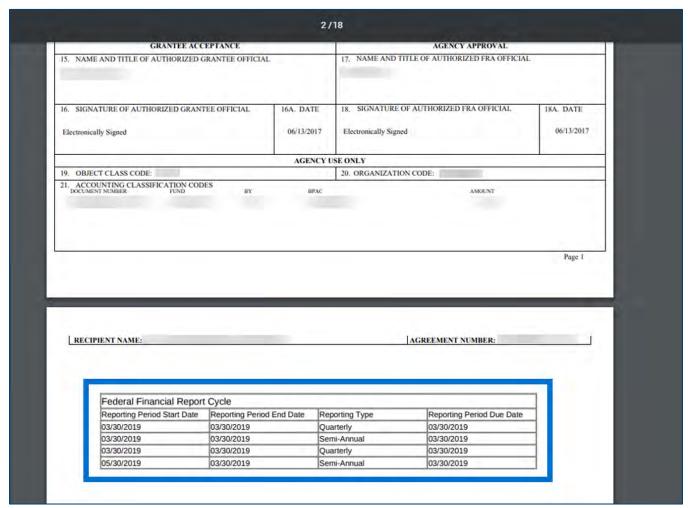


Figure 41: Draft Notice of Award with Federal Financial Report Cycle table

9. Click the **X** button in the upper right corner to close the window.