

GUIDANCE FOR SAMHSA RECIPIENTS How to Submit Continuation Applications via eRA Commons

Grant recipients are strongly encouraged to submit their non-competing continuation applications early to allow sufficient time to resolve any unanticipated difficulties. Grant recipients must submit their continuation applications via eRA Commons. Please see the following step-by-step instructions with screenshots on how to submit a continuation

app	application via eRA Commons:							
То	view	scre	eenshots from eRA Commons, click the 📋 icon.					
Log	g int	о е	RA Commons					
; — ;— ;—	1	. G	o to the <u>eRA Commons</u> homepage.					
₹ •	2	. Eı	nter your Username and Password.					
∀ _ • _ • _	3	. C	lick the Login button.					
Ма	nag	e C	ontinuations: Search Screen					
√ _	1	. C	lick the Non-Research tab in the menu bar.					
* <u>-</u>	2.		lick Manage Continuations from the sub-menu to go to the Manage ontinuations: Search screen.					
	Signing Official (SO)/Business Official (BO) view							
	∀ — ∀ — ⋄ — ⋄ —	Na	s/BOs will see search criteria such as: Activity (code), IC , Serial # , PD/PI Last Ime , Status , Open Dates and Due Dates ; allowing them to view all active grants their organization.					
	*	i.	Click the IC drop-down menu and select the IC for your Grant Number (e.g., AE, SM, SP, or TI).					
	; =	ii.	Enter your Serial # (i.e., the six digits after the IC in your grant number).					
	;	iii.	Click the Search button.					
	Principal Investigator (PI)/Project Director (PD) view							
	;_	PD	s/PIs will see a table with pre-populated rows for each grant where they are					

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listed as PD.



i. Click the **View** button in the **Action** column to the right of the appropriate grant.

Initiate Continuation Application

The **Continuations: View** screen will display a table with one row for each budget support year (budget period). For support years where a continuation application has not been submitted, information will populate in the **Status**, **Open Date**, and **Due Date** columns.



1. Click the **Select One** drop-down button in the **Action** column to the right of the **Continuations: View** table.



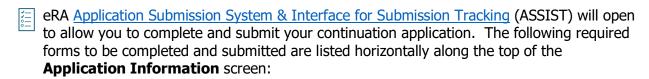
2. Select **Initiate** from the drop-down.

If you have already initiated a continuation application and are now returning to submit, the drop-down option would be **Edit** instead of **Initiate**.

You will only be able to initiate a new continuation application when the continuation status is:

- a) **Due** the current date (today) is between the **Open Date** and **Due Date**; or
- b) Late the current date (today) is after the **Due Date**, but before the current budget period end date.

eRA ASSIST-Application Information Screen



- 1) SF424 Cover
- 2) Sites
- 3) Budget-Non-Construct
- 4) Budget Narrative
- 5) Project Narrative

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Refer to the **Instructions for the Continuation Application Package** for specific requirements for each form. Some data fields in the forms will pre-populate based on your current award. Some of those fields are editable while others are not. For example, on the SF-424 Cover, the continuation field is not editable. The system will alert you to fields that you must complete. Click on the links to navigate directly to the applicable field. **It is very important to save your work frequently**.

If required to submit the <u>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)</u> or <u>Charitable Choice</u> <u>Form (SMA 170)</u>, add those forms to your application by selecting **Add Optional Form** on the left-hand side of the ASSIST screen.

Complete and save all of the forms on each tab and upload any other applicable documents.

Form Completion Example: SF424 Cover

<u>;-</u>	1.	Click the SF424 Cover	tab.
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- 2. Click the **Edit** button.
- 3. Move through the form and complete required fields marked with an asterisk (*).
- 4. At the bottom of the form, click either:
 - a) the **Save and Keep Lock** button (to save the information and keep the form open for further editing); or
 - b) the **Save and Release Lock** button (to save the information and close the form).

eRA ASSIST will run validations and display the errors you must correct before submission.

- 5. Click the hyperlinked error to update the specific field.
- 6. Correct each error for all required fields.
- 7. At the bottom of the form, click either:
 - a) the Save and Keep Lock button; or
 - b) the **Save and Release Lock** button.

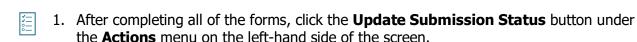
An alert will display at the top of the screen indicating the updates were saved.

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¹The SF-LLL is required for each payment or agreement that is made to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Refer to instructions on the form.



Update Submission Status



2. In the **Update Submission Status** window, click the **Select the new status** dropdown list and select **Ready for Submission**.

3. Either click the **continue without adding a comment** hyperlink or

4. Type your comments in the box provided and click the **Add Comment** button.

The system will validate your application for errors before submission.

Application Package Errors

If there are errors, the **Application Errors and Warnings Results** screen will be displayed with an error message and a list of the errors to be corrected.

- i. Click the **Ok** button on the **Application Errors and Warning Results Notice** pop-up window.
- ii. View **Errors** and update all of the forms for which errors were reported.
- iii. Click the **Validate Application** button and if applicable, continue to update the forms for which errors were reported until the **Application Errors and Warning Results** screen shows **All Validations Passed**.
 - iv. Repeat the **Update Submission Status** steps 1 thru 4.
- If there are no Application Package errors, on the **Summary** tab, the **Application Information** screen will be displayed with a confirmation that the **Submission status has been updated**.

Submit Continuation Application

Note: To submit an application, you must be a Signing Official (SO) in eRA and you will have to enter your Grants.gov Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) credentials.

1. Click the **Submit Application** button.

2. Click the **Submit** button on the **Notice** pop-up window to confirm that you want to submit the application for processing.

3. Enter your AOR credentials (**Username** and **Password**).

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4. Click the **Enter** button.

View Continuation Application Submission Status

You will receive an email from eRA confirming receipt of the application. The continuation status in eRA Commons for the grant will be changed to **Submitted**.

- To check the status of the continuation application for your grant:
 - 1. Log into eRA Commons steps 1 thru 3,
 - 2. Manage Continuations: Search screen steps 1 thru 2; and
 - a) Signing Official (SO)/Business Official (BO) view steps i thru iii; or
 - b) Principal Investigator (PI)/Project Director (PD) view.

Request for Additional Materials (RAM)

- As SAMHSA staff reviews your application, they may request additional or revised information. If so, you will receive a Request for Additional Materials (RAM) via eRA detailing the documentation you should submit via the RAM link in eRA Commons.
- 1. Click the **Select One** drop-down button in the **Action** column to the right of the **Continuations: View** table accessed in the steps above (<u>View Continuation</u> Application Submission Status).
- 2. Select **Initiate RAM** from the drop-down.

If you have already initiated and saved your response to the RAM and are now returning to this screen to submit, the drop-down would say **Edit RAM** instead of **Initiate RAM**.

The **Post-Award Continuation Application** Request for Additional Materials (RAM) screen will be displayed for you to upload up to 10 individual PDFs.

- 3. Click the **Upload** button to search for and select the applicable PDF on your computer.
- 4. Click the applicable row to select individual document identified for upload.
- 5. Click the **View** or **Delete** button for the option to either view or delete the individual document.
- 6. Type appropriate comments for SAMHSA staff in the **Please provide Comments** box. Your comments will be included in an email to the PD, Business Official, and Signing

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Official that submitted the materials, as well as SAMHSA program and grants management staff.

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- 7. Select any of the following as applicable:
 - a) Cancel to abandon the RAM submission;
 - b) Preview to view the consolidated package of PDFs;
 - c) Save to keep current information and return at a later time to submit; or
 - d) **Submit** to send the documents to SAMHSA staff.

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Technical Assistance:

Please contact the eRA Service Desk if you have any questions regarding accessing and navigating eRA Commons, including eRA errors and warnings, and status of the continuation application or post-award administration.

The **eRA Service Desk** is accessible:

Online: <u>eRA Commons Service Desk</u>

Toll-free: 1-866-504-9552

Phone: 301-402-7469

Availability: Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (closed

on federal holidays). Note: the Help Desk's busiest hours are

between 10 a.m. EST and 3 p.m. EST.

If you have questions regarding the specific requirements for your continuation application, please contact your assigned Grants Management Specialist.

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How to Submit a Non-Competing Application (T5) via the eRA Commons

Prepared for SAMHSA grant recipients 12.8.2018; Rev. 10.8.2020



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The purpose of this deck is to show SAMHSA grant recipients how to submit their annual non-competing application (i.e., T5) via the eRA Commons.

By the end of this deck, grant recipients will know how to:

- ✓ Log into the eRA Commons.
- ✓ Search for grants and initiate continuation application(s).
- ✓ Complete continuation application forms.
- ✓ Update, validate, and submit continuation application(s).
- ✓ Respond to Requests for Additional Materials (RAMs).



Reminder eNotification

Subject: SAMHSA Non-Competing Continuation Application Due for H79SM123456

Grant Number: H79SM123456

Upcoming Support Year: 2

Application Type: Non-Competing Continuation

Application Due Date: 06/29/2018

PD/PI: McCoy, Leonard

Organization Name: Starfleet Academy

Grant Program: SPOCK-DR

Your Non-Competing Continuation application for the project referenced above is due on 06/29/2018. The Non-Competing Continuation application can only be initiated through the eRA Commons and submitted through ASSIST (submissions directly through Grants.gov are not supported).

Please log in to Commons to initiate the application preparation and submission process. In order to submit your application, you will need to be properly registered in Grants.gov and have an active SAM.gov registration, as you will be required to enter your Grants.gov Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) credentials in ASSIST in order to complete the submission process and your organization registration will be validated.

If you have any questions, please consult the eRA Service Desk Web Page (http://grants.nih.gov/support/). If you have additional grants management related questions, please contact your assigned Grants Management Specialist.

*** This is an automated notification - Please do not reply to this message. ***

Note: Once the Open Date arrives, you will start receiving reminder/late eNotifications.



Log into the eRA Commons

1) Go to the eRA Commons homepage



2) Enter your Username and Password



Commons Login

*Required field(s)

*Usern	ame	
*Passw	ord/	
Login	Wood.	

(For External Users Only)

(For External Users)

Forgot Password/Unlock Account?

Welcome to the Commons

System Notification Message

All systems are currently available.

3) Click the **Login** button

pplication and grant reporting submission delays occur because the applicant or recipient organization sed due to a natural disaster or other emergency, the NIH will consider accepting late applications and ase-by-case basis.

nce notice NOT-OD-17-106 in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts for additional details.

Heads up! eRA Commons users with more than one account will get an email in late summer to log in and verify their preferred account. Multiple accounts with scientific roles (PI, Trainee, ASST, etc.) will be combined into one account, important for ensuring you get credit for all your grant awards, reporting purposes, and identification of reviewer service for continuous submission. See Nexus article.

Scheduled Commons Maintenance: For maintenance information, see the <u>eRA Scheduled Maintenance Calendar</u>.

Register Grantee Organization

About the Commons

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Latest Release Notes

Additional Links

- RePORT
- Grants.gov
- iEdison
- National Institutes of Health
- Public Access Policy Page
- Loan Repayment Program
- Commons Quick Queries



Access the Manage Continuations Tab



J.S. Department of Health & Human Services



1) Click the Non-Research tab in the menu bar





Home Admin Institution Profile Personal Profile Status, ASSIST Prior Approval RPPR FFR x Train x TRACT Admin Supp eRA Partners Non-Research Manage Post Award Amendments Manage Continuations

2) Click Manage **Continuations** from the sub-menu

Welcome to the Commons

To connect to the OFFICIAL PRODUCTION version of the NIH Commons, use this URL: https://www.google.com

Welcome

James Kirk **ID:** kirki

Institution: Starfleet Academy

Roles: SO FSR

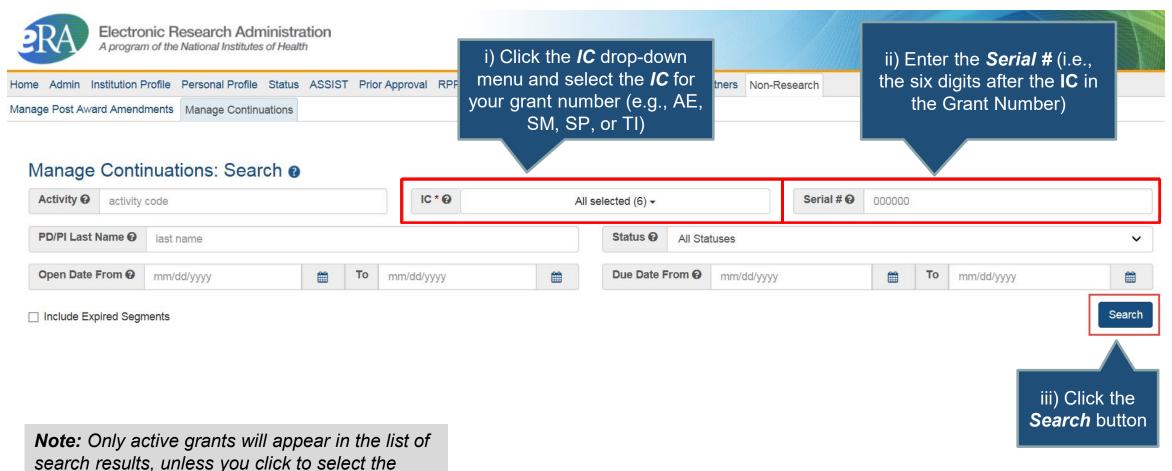
System Information Message

Note: It has come to our attention that users are unable to access reports. We are working diligently to address this issue. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



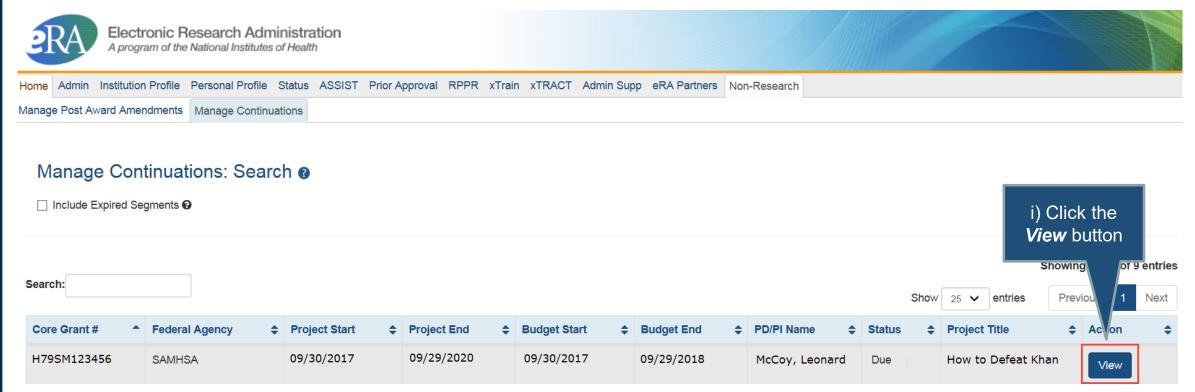
Include Expired Segments checkbox.

Signing Official (SO)/Business Official (BO) view





Principal Investigator (PI)/Project Director (PD) view



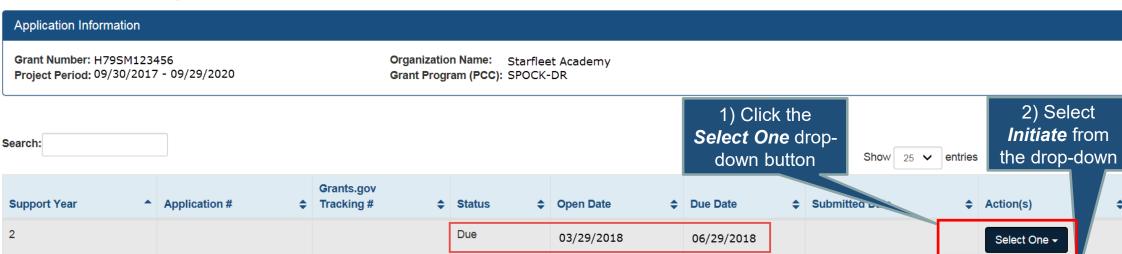
Note: There will be one row for each grant number to which the PI/PD is assigned.



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Initiate Continuation Application

Continuations: View @



03/29/2019

Pending

06/29/2019

Note: You will only be able to **Initiate** an application for the support year with a status of:

- a) Due the current date (today) is between theOpen Date and Due Date; or
- b) Late the current date (today) is after the Due Date, but before the current budget period end date.

Note: If you have already initiated a continuation application, and are now returning to submit, the drop-down option would be **Edit** instead of **Initiate**.

Initiate ...

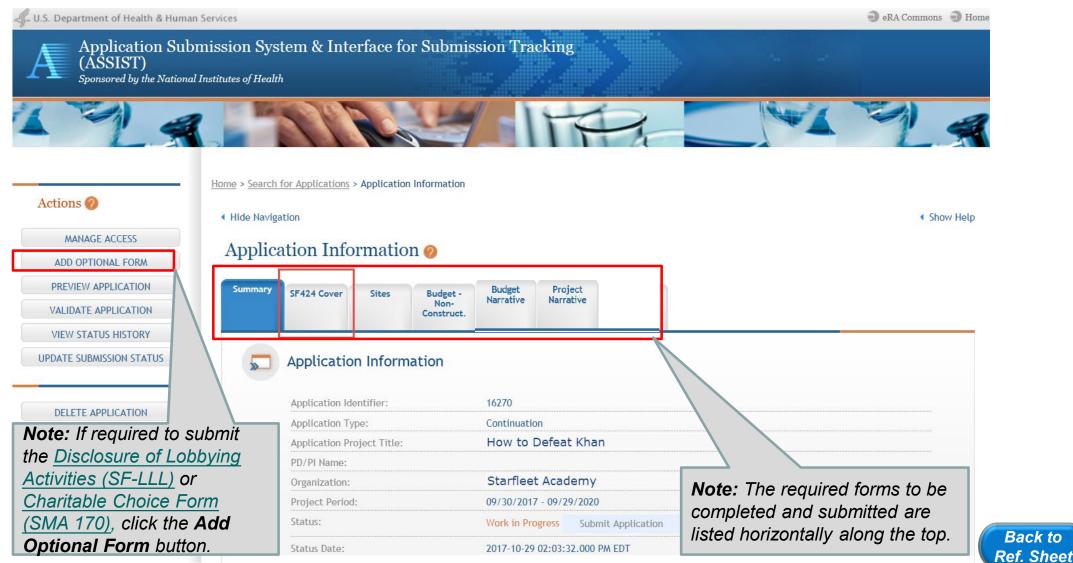
When you select **Initiate**, you will be re-routed from the eRA Commons to eRA Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST).

Back to Ref. Sheet

Back to Search



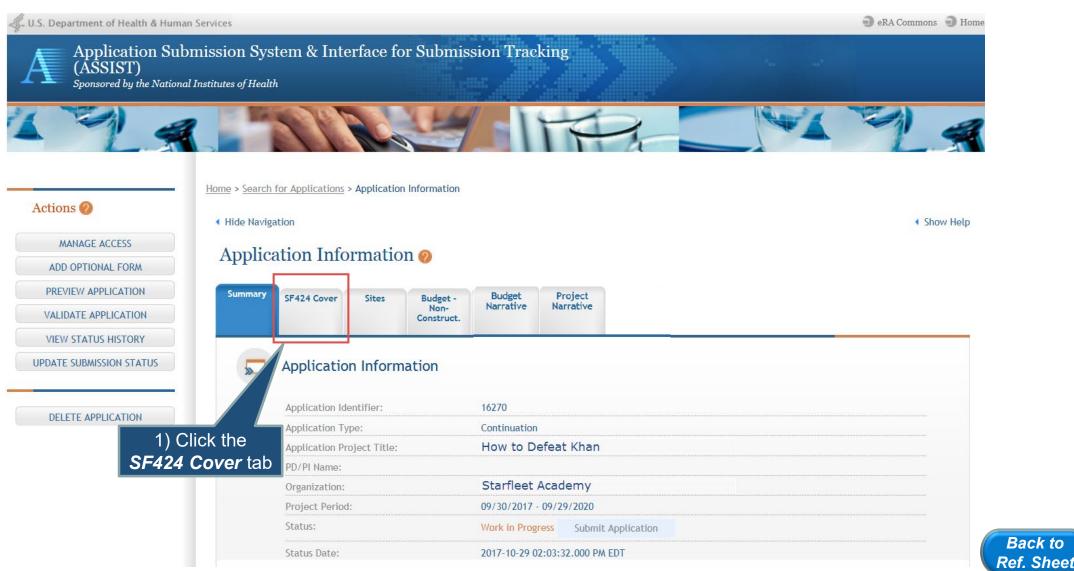
eRA ASSIST-Application Information screen



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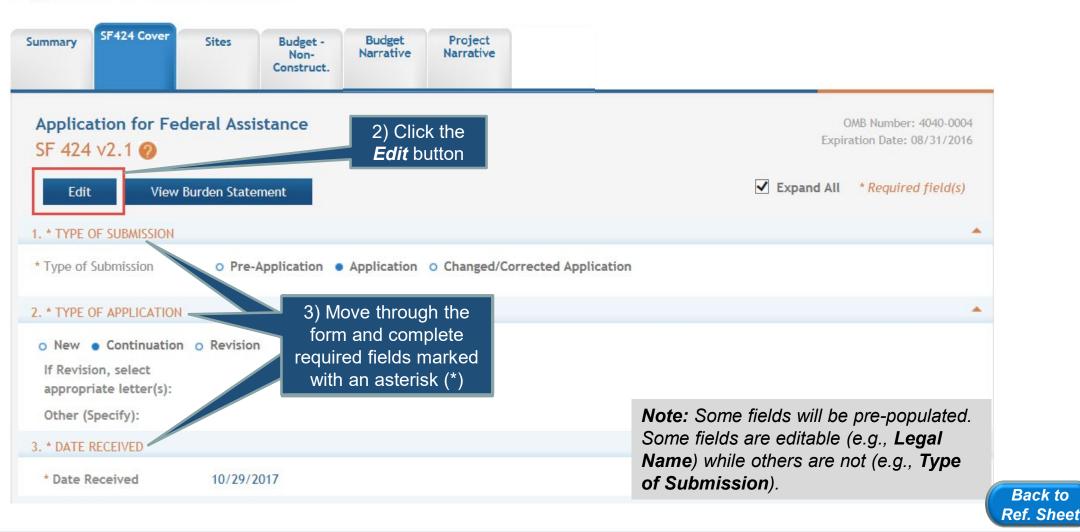
Form Completion Example: SF424 Cover





Form Completion Example: SF424 Cover...cont'd

Application Information 0





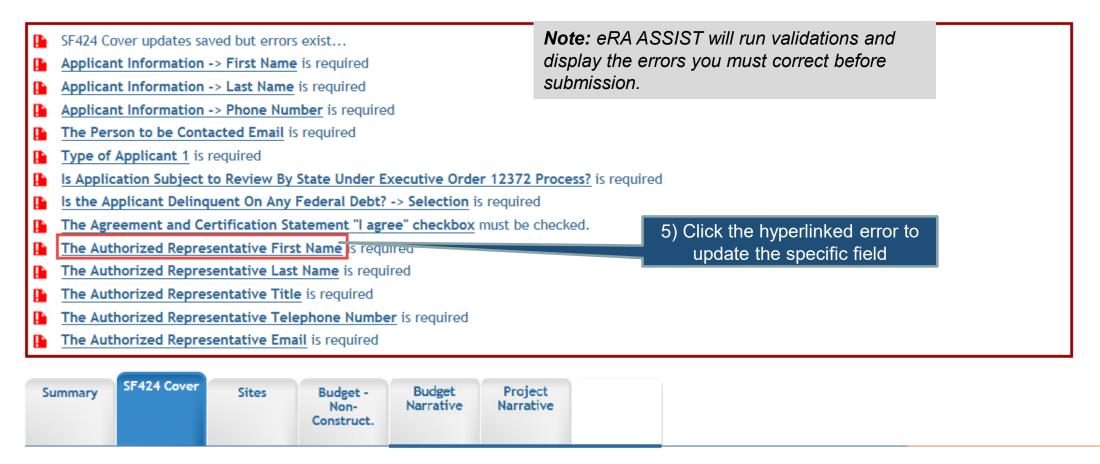
Form Completion Example: SF424 Cover...cont'd





Form Completion Example: SF424 Cover Errors

Application Information @





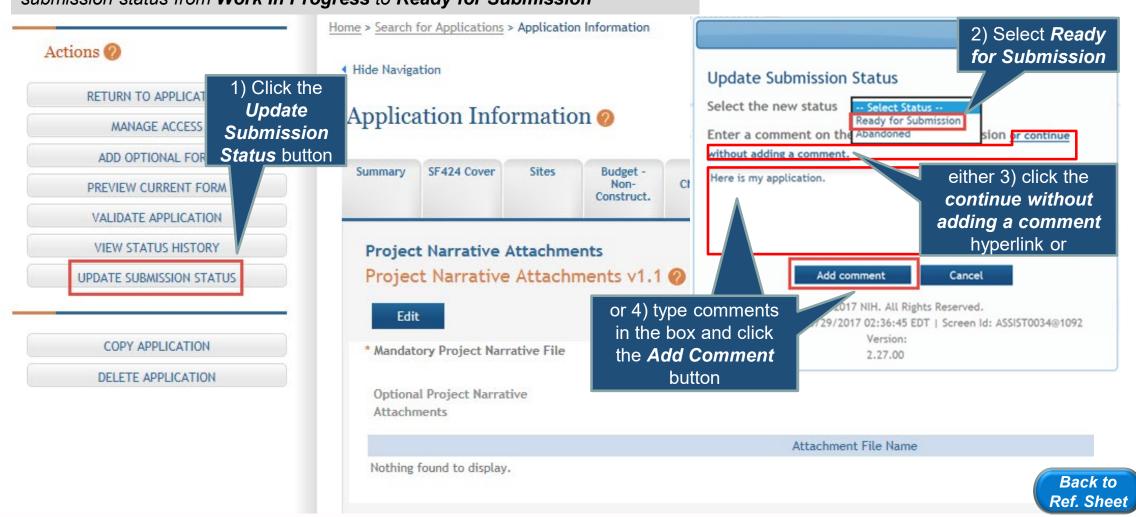
Form Completion Example: SF424 Cover: Correct Errors and Re-save





Update Submission Status

Note: After you have completed all of the forms, you will need to update the submission status from **Work In Progress** to **Ready for Submission**

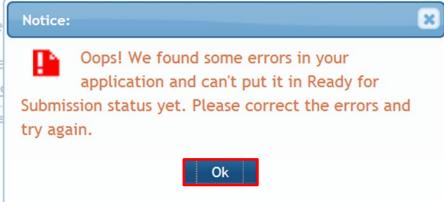




Application Package Errors

Application Errors and Warnings Results **





i) Click the *Ok* button



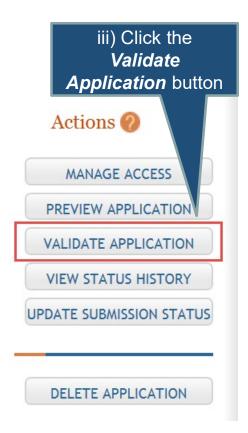
Total Errors to be corrected before the application can be submitted: 5

Form Name	Error Message
Sites	Required form is incomplete. Please complete the required form so that all validations can be performed.
Budget - NonConstruct.	Required form is incomplete. Please complete the required form so that all validations can be performed.
Budget Narrative	Required form is incomplete. Please complete the required form so that all validations can be performed.
Project Narrative	Required form is incomplete. Please complete the required form so that all validations can be performed.

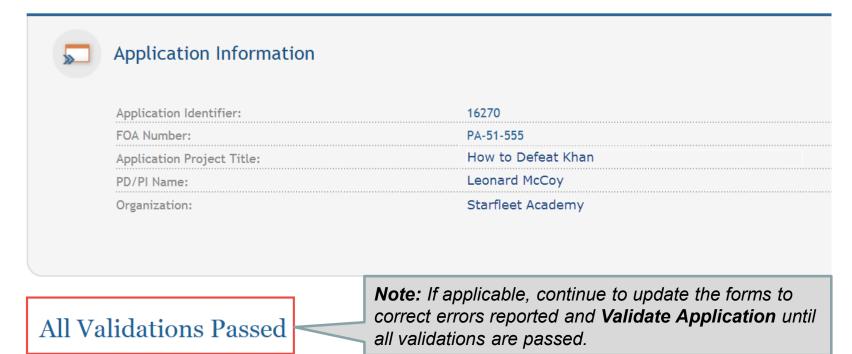
ii) View and correct **Errors**



Validate Application



Application Errors and Warnings Results ¹⁰



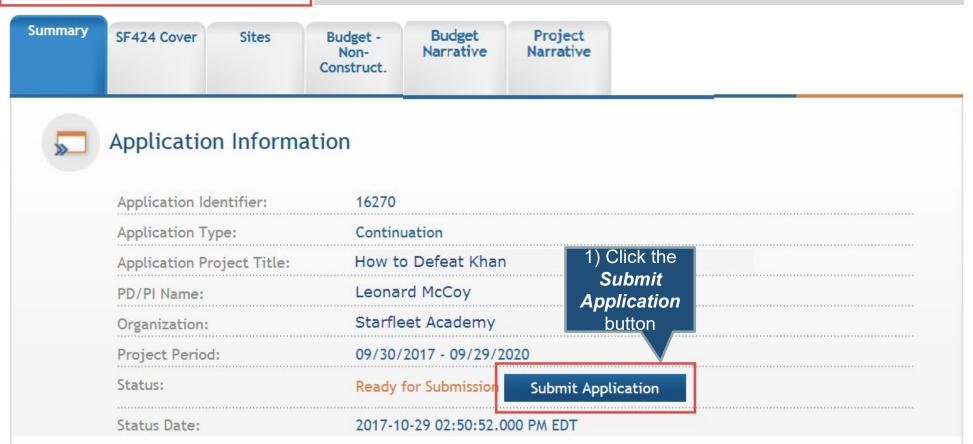


Submit Application

Application Information @

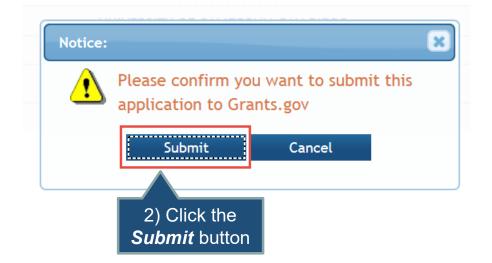


Note: An SO must enter Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) credentials to submit the application to Grants.gov and eRA Commons.





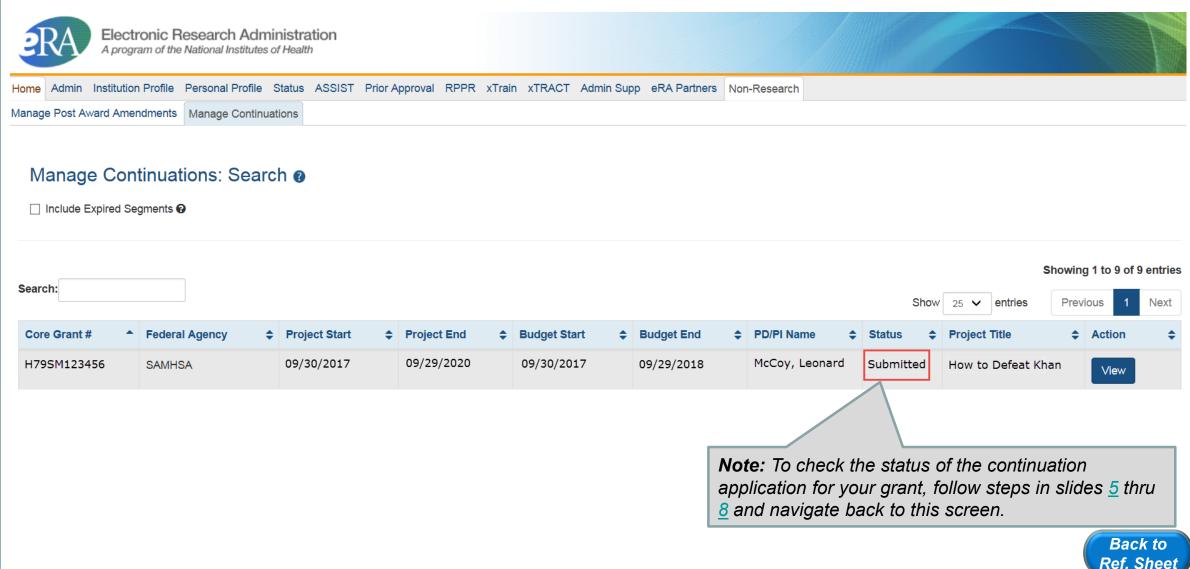
Submit Application...cont'd







View Continuation Application Submission Status





Request for Additional Materials (RAM)

Subject: SAMHSA Request for Additional Materials (RAM) for 5H79SM123456-02

Subject Identifying Information: Revised Budget

Text:

*** This is an automated notification - Please do not reply to this message. ***

Jennifer Harrison has requested that additional materials be submitted through the Commons.

Please submit a Revised Budget.

Please use the RAM link in the Commons to provide the information requested above within 5 business days unless otherwise specified above. If you have any questions about the contents of this request, please contact Jennifer Harrison at 123-456-7890.

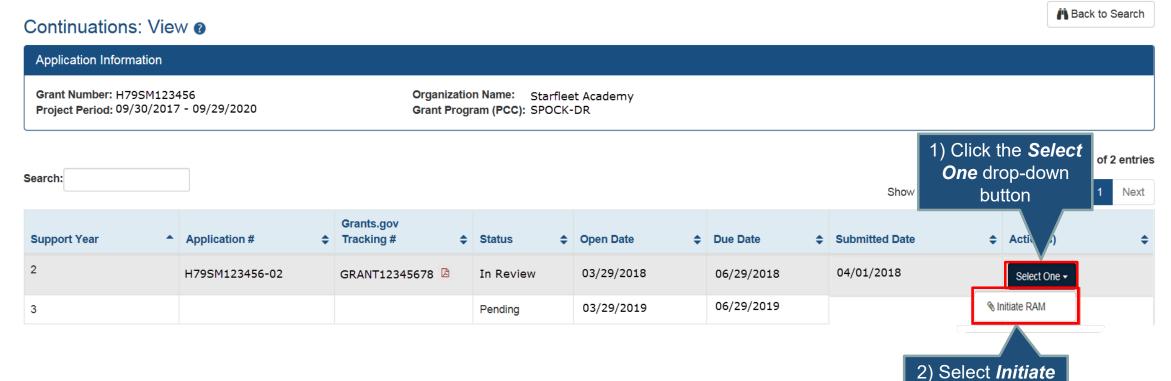
If you have any questions about utilizing the Commons, please consult the eRA Commons Online Help (https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/commons/default.htm) or eRA Service Desk Web Page (http://grants.nih.gov/support/).

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Note: If SAMHSA requires additional information for review of your application, they will send you a Request for Additional Materials (RAM).



Initiate Response to RAM



Note: To navigate to this **Continuations: View** screen, follow steps in slides 5 thru 8.

Note: If you have already initiated and saved your response to the RAM and are now returning to this screen to submit, the drop-down would say Edit RAM instead of Initiate RAM. Back to

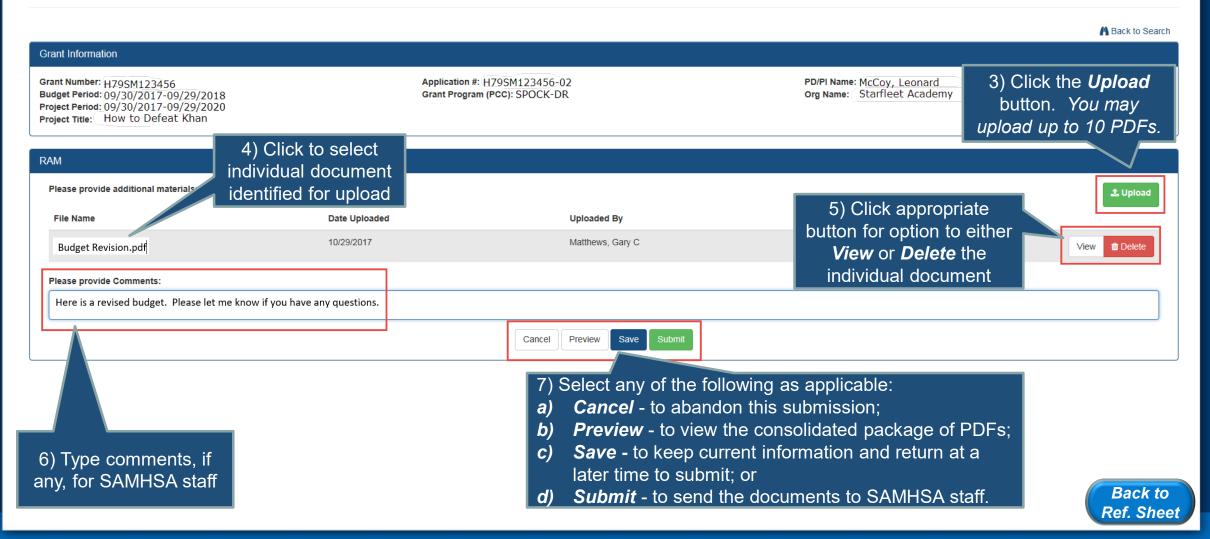
RAM from the drop-down

Ref. Sheet



Submit RAM

Post-Award Continuation Application Request for Additional Materials (RAM) @







- If you have technical questions about how to access the eRA Commons, etc., contact the eRA Service Desk:
 - You can submit an online ticket here: https://grants.nih.gov/support
 - Or you can call 1-866-504-9552 or 301-402-7469
 Monday Friday, 7am 8pm Eastern Standard Time
- If you have questions about how to complete the forms, then contact your assigned Grants Management Specialist (GMS).





- eRA Service Desk: https://grants.nih.gov/support/index.html
- NIH eRA ASSIST Online Help: https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/
 ASSIST/
- NIH eRA Commons Online Help: https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/commons/default.htm