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Review important changes in the TOPS Small Grants program.

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## SPECIAL ISSUE

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# TOPS Small Grants Program Scaled Back

For several months, TOPS has been advising potential applicants for [TOPS small grants](#)--our Micro Grant and our Program Improvement Awards (PIA)--that their projects, if approved, must be completed no later than April 30, 2015. This is due to the impending conclusion of the life of the overall TOPS award in August 2015, and the reporting requirements on grants. Further, the application process and the Food for Peace approval process can take several weeks, narrowing the amount of time available for projects to be fully implemented in the time remaining. With the current number of grant requests in the pipeline and the approaching holiday season, TOPS cannot guarantee that proposals can be approved in time for adequate implementation.

Consequently, TOPS will accept no more PIA applications, and beginning from today, TOPS will no longer accept Micro Grant applications for anything other than workshops, technical training events, and other short duration learning events. TOPS will not accept applications for Micro Grant awards that propose to conduct longer running activities or field work. See the Micro Grant RFA [here](#) for more information on applying.

We apologize for this scaling back of the TOPS Small Grant Program. If conditions change, we will issue appropriate and timely announcements.

Please send any questions to [tops.microgrant@savechildren.org](mailto:tops.microgrant@savechildren.org).

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