

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Federal Government Grant Funding Update

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Many of you have already seen the news and recent communications in the media today related to federal government grant funding. Since January 20, 2025, Executive Orders have been issued that represent a shift in federal priorities. These changes could potentially impact both awarded projects and those awaiting funding from federal agencies or sponsors. The Office of Research and Economic Development is aware of the disruptions that these changes are causing as well as the accompanying communications pauses at many federal agencies.

The Office of Research and Economic Development is closely monitoring this evolving situation. Please be assured that the FIU administration, including our government relations is working diligently to understand the impacts of this decision and how it will affect our work going forward.

Research faculty should continue to follow existing grant, proposal, or funding deadlines and sponsor provided instructions until further information is made available by federal funding agencies. This information will be either communicated to you directly by your funding agency or ORED. If you have received or receive instructions from a federal sponsor to stop work on a funded project, please send said communication to gutierrr@fiu.edu and mooret@fiu.edu.

At this time, please continue normal activities but do not make any new commitments unless critical on anything that could be considered DEI as referenced in the [Executive Order entitled “Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing.”](#) or foreign assistance funded by the Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development as detailed in [Executive Order, Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid](#). ORED will be in contact with specific PIs as we get further clarifications.

In the interim, please review Agency Specific Information section on our website and be prepared to review your proposals and make modifications as agencies update their policies and provide further guidance at <https://research.fiu.edu/funding/updates/>.

The Office of Research and Economic Development will be sharing updates and agency specific information as it becomes available to us.

If you have questions in the meantime, please reach out to the Office of Research and Economic Development at: research@fiu.edu.