

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Federal Government Grant Funding Freeze Update

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Many members of the University Research Community have been receiving communications directly from federal sponsors related to the temporary restraining order issued in the case of New York et al. v. Trump, No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS (D.R.I.), ECF No. 50 (Jan. 31, 2025), as a result of the Court's directive that sponsors needed to communicate said temporary restraining order with all grantees.

Please note that the temporary restraining order pauses the funding freeze memorandum that was issued on January 27th, 2025 by the Office of Management and Budget, however the Executive Orders issued by the Executive Branch (<https://www.cogr.edu/2025-administration-transition-information-resources#Executive%20Orders>) such as freezing foreign assistance ([Executive Order, Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid](#)) and ending diversity equity and inclusion initiatives ([Executive Order, Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing](#)) continue to remain in effect.

As mentioned in previous communications, projects should continue normal activities but as has been communicated by multiple federal agencies, grantees must comply with the issued Executive Orders by ceasing non-compliant activities.

If you have received or receive instructions from a federal sponsor related to activities impacted by these Executive Orders then please share them with gutierrr@fiu.edu and mooret@fiu.edu so that our office can assist in addressing any sponsor specific requirements and impact to your project(s).

Our office will continue to share with PIs any communications that we receive from sponsors that are specific to your awards.

The Office of Research and Economic Development will continue to share 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.