

Federal Funding Updates

The Trump administration has issued Executive Orders that have resulted in project-specific suspensions, stop work orders and terminations from federal agencies and sponsors. Additionally, all federally funded projects with DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility) components were required to stop these activities immediately on January 20, 2025, and no further DEIA charges are permitted to be applied to the award.

As federal agencies and sponsors adapt to changes and we receive notifications, **the Office of Research** at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso will continue to provide guidance.

UPDATES

- 1/28/25 – The White House has rescinded the memo.
- 1/28/25 - A federal judge temporarily blocked the implementation of OMB Memo M-25-13 and any related guidance issued by OMB and will remain in place until Monday, February 3, 2025. [OMB Q&A Regarding Memorandum M-25-13 – The White House](#)
- 1/27/25 - New guidance: [OMB Memo M-25-13](#) from the Trump Administration regarding all federally funded projects is now available.

Proposals

- Proposals submissions will continue while the federal agencies systems are operational.
- Sponsor proposal review timelines may be changed while federal agencies navigate pauses on federal assistance funding in specific areas.

Guidance

- Sponsored Programs will re-confirm the submission deadlines of current proposals and will review if funding announcements have any changes.
- DEIA-related parts may be removed from funding announcements.
- If available, sign up for alerts from the federal agencies/sponsors.
- If you need assistance, please contact sponsoredprograms.ep@ttuhsc.edu.

Awards

- Terms and conditions of active awards remain enforceable. Please continue with invoicing and business as usual unless notified otherwise.
- Sponsored Programs will be looking for changes implemented by the federal agencies/sponsors to agreements or amendments.
- If you receive any information directly from your Program Officer, please make Sponsored Programs aware immediately.
- Requests for a 90-day pre-award approval for pending awards/amendments will be reviewed in a case-by-case basis. These 90-day pre-award requests with departmental guarantees may be able to move forward; however, the department should proceed with caution.

Guidance

- **Review Your Grant Agreement: terms and conditions**, especially clauses related to funding availability and reimbursement.
- **Monitor obligated budget balances** to avoid overdrafts while waiting for additional funds. Additional funds are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.
 - Friendly reminder, **subawards** are subject to the same terms and conditions as the lead institution. **If applicable and as more information become available**,

Sponsored Programs will provide any updates to current subrecipients about their portion of a federally funded project

- **Be alert to any communication from your Grants/Program Officer/Sponsor** regarding any changes affecting your award. If there are any changes, please let Sponsored Programs know immediately.
- If you need assistance, please contact sponsoredprograms.ep@ttuhsc.edu.

Compliance:

- There may be updates to award Research Compliance requirements.
- For assistance with research compliance matters related to
 - Research security/export control: elp-researchcompliance@ttuhsc.edu
 - IRB: ELPASOIRB@ttuhsc.edu
 - IBC, IACUC: Amanda Ortiz, Amanda.ortiz@ttuhsc.edu
 - COI: Barbara Castellanos, barcaste@ttuhsc.edu
 - RCR: elp-researchcompliance@ttuhsc.edu

DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility) Activities:

- All DEIA must be reviewed by Sponsored Programs and the Office of General Council
- The Office of Management and Budget has issued notice to immediately paused all DEIA activities tied to awarded federally funded projects. We will continue to update you as we are provided more guidance.
- Stop all DEIA-related activities on your project immediately and contact Sponsored Programs for next steps.
- Do not incur any further expenses to the award for DEIA purposes.
 - Consult with your Department for continued payment or transfer of costs and salaries for DEIA activities to non-sponsored accounts.
- Make sure that the allocated funds for DEIA purposes remain unspent and are not reallocated to other budget categories.

Events/Meetings:

- If an event needs to be cancelled, promptly notify all parties involved, about the cancellation or delay.

Funding Adjustments:

- Programs may face restructuring, delays, or defunding. Sponsored Programs will be monitoring updates and provide guidance once available.

Procurements:

- **If Funding is Not Obligated:**
 - For any award, **if funding has not been provided to TTUHSCEP** to pay for the procurement, **consider postponing or canceling** the purchase until the requested funds are provided.
- **If Funding is Obligated:**
 - If you have available funds for your project, and you need to secure equipment, materials, or supplies do so, if these expenses are allowable and allocable.
 - If a procurement agreement is being negotiated, collaborate with TTUHSCEP Purchasing Department and Sponsored Programs to ensure the terms and conditions align with the current funding availability.

- When obtaining quotes for a procurement, request that the country of origin be included and ensure the quote includes a validity period during which the vendor is committed to maintaining the quoted prices without alteration.
- If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Purchasing at PurchasingElp@ttuhsc.edu and, if needed, Sponsored Programs at sponsoredprograms.ep@ttuhsc.edu

Reporting:

- Sponsored Programs will be monitoring any updates to award reporting requirements and will notify departments if any changes. If you receive any information directly from your Program Officer, please share it with us immediately.
- Submit any overdue Reports and Deliverables as soon as possible.

Travel:

- Travel may be cancelled by sponsors. If you have already made travel arrangements using obligated and approved funds, and the trip is critical, you may proceed, but ensure applicable institutional approvals are in place.

Stop-Work Orders, Terminations, and Suspensions:

- When a stop-work order is received, all the terms and conditions need to be reviewed and all project activities as specified in the notice have to be ceased.
- **If Sponsored Programs** receives the notification, SP will notify the PI's Department promptly. However, **if the PI/Department** receives the notification first, please notify SP.
- If the sponsor requests written certification of compliance, the **PI or Authorized Organizational Representative can respond confirming receipt and intent to comply**. If PI replies, please ensure to copy Sponsored Programs.
- If needed/applicable, Sponsored Programs will initiate communications with the Subaward.
- Costs incurred up to the date of the stop-work order are typically reimbursable.
- Submit required interim and final reports and/or deliverables promptly.
- Records and communications related to the project will be saved for audit and closeout purposes.

Resources

- [WHITE HOUSE NEWS](#)
- [Federal grant freeze: Trump White House rescinds order | AP News](#)
- [Judge temporarily pauses Trump's freeze on grants, loans | Reuters](#)
- Arizona State University: [Impact of New Administration on Federal Funding for Your Research Project | Research Operations News](#)