



Federal Funds Update Call

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Presentation (15 minutes)

1. Introduction: Team & Purpose
2. Updates: Disruptions, NOFOs, EOs and Guidance
3. Topic Area Spotlight: Legal Landscape with Special Counsel Brian Carter

Questions and Group Discussion (15 minutes)

Team Intro & Overview

Mission: Partner with Minnesota entities to access and deploy federal funds to accelerate state goals.



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Our Focus Areas

1. Monitor the federal landscape
2. Build & coordinate federal funding strategy
3. Monitor and evaluate federal funds deployment
4. Curate, develop & share federal funding technical assistance

While we can't provide clarity right now, we can:

- Share information to facilitate risk analyses
 - Tracking reimbursement blockages
 - Tracking cancellations
 - Tracking NOFOs
 - Tracking guidance and EOs
- Provide a space for others to share information and strategies
- Build a support network of people working through similar problems

New Executive Orders

- Directing agencies to conduct a 90-day review of [workforce development](#) strategies and apprenticeship programs to support reindustrialization policies.
- Federal [hiring freeze](#) extended to July 15, 2025.
- [*Updating Permitting Technology for the 21st Century*](#) suggests a variety of measures to speed up and streamline the NEPA review process.

Other new developments

- Grants.gov is now reportedly being managed by DOGE, a shift from HHS's longstanding management of the site. Reporting indicates that under the new management structure, at least some federal agencies are no longer able to post NOFOs directly to Grants.gov, which may result in slower and/or fewer postings.
- A district [court ruled](#) that Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund awardees must have access to some of the frozen dollars. A [circuit court](#) promptly issued a stay on the order.
- A court issued a [preliminary injunction](#) that requires federal agencies to “turn the [IIJA and IRA] funding spigots back on” while the case is pending. The case applies to non-profit funding from certain federal agencies.

Federal Funding Disruptions Tracking

Two tracking documents available on the [MMB website](#):

- Temporary Disruptions and Permanent Cancellations, updated every weekday ~4pm CT

Note: our definition of “Permanent Cancellations” has evolved over the last few weeks given recent TROs that have reversed “cancellations”

Data and Reporting

Federal Funding Disruptions

The Federal Funds Implementation Team is monitoring changes in the federal landscape that impact funding in Minnesota. The tracking documents below contain information on temporarily disrupted and permanently cancelled federal grants at Minnesota state agencies. The disruptions and cancellations are funds that flow through state government entities and do not reflect the totality of disrupted funds across Minnesota. The tracking documents are updated **every weekday** and are intended for informational use.

Temporary Disruptions	Permanent Cancellations
	
Total Funds At Risk: \$55,989,150	Total Funds Cancelled: \$296,455,163
This tracking document contains a list of active federal funding disruptions reported by state agencies.	This tracking document contains a list of all cancelled federal funds reported by state agencies.

IIJA/IRA-related NOFO's since April 10th, 2025

Trends

- One IIJA NOFO released (highlighted below), no new IRA NOFOs
- Majority of new NOFOs were posted by DOD for medical research (e.g. Cancer, Alzheimer's, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)

New/Updated Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)	Legislation	Award Ceiling	Deadline
<u>Earth MRI Mine Waste Cooperative Agreements</u>	IIJA	\$356,000	5/14/25
<u>NIST Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase II</u>	Other	N/A	6/14/25
<u>Responsible Design, Development, and Deployment of Technologies</u>	Other	\$1,500,000	7/8/25
<u>Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat Program</u>	Other	\$1,500,000	9/30/25
<u>Education and Broadening Participation in Earth Sciences</u>	Other	N/A	Rolling

Announcement:

We are switching to Webex!

Why?

- Faster, easier registration process
- Higher registrant/attendee limit
- More reliable notifications and communications

What do I need to do?

- [Re-register for the webinar series](#) (it's easy, we promise!)
- You will receive a registration confirmation email from messenger@webex.com
- Confirm the webinars appear on your calendar

Our next call on 5/8 will spotlight alternative funding sources with guest speakers from the Minnesota Council of Foundations and the Minnesota Office of Grants Management! You can [register here](#)

Legal/Attorney General Spotlight with Brian Carter

Supplemental Info

AI screening for words and themes

- Analysis has shown that words associated with themes in issued executive orders and federal agency guidance are being removed or replaced on federal websites.
- Federal agencies may be conducting AI screening for these or similar words in federal grant applications and reporting.
- Applications and reports that omit these words or themes may not trigger additional review.

The New York Times			
accessible	discriminated	inclusive	privilege
activism	discrimination	inclusive leadership	privileges
activists	discriminatory	inclusiveness	promote diversity
advocacy	disparity	inclusivity	promoting diversity
advocate	diverse	increase diversity	pronoun
advocates	diverse backgrounds	increase the diversity	pronouns
affirming care	diverse communities	indigenous community	prostitute
all-inclusive	diverse community	inequalities	race
allyship	diverse group	inequality	race and ethnicity
anti-racism	diverse groups	inequitable	racial
antiracist	diversified	inequities	racial diversity
assigned at birth	diversify	inequity	racial identity
assigned female at birth	diversifying	injustice	racial inequality
assigned male at birth	diversity	institutional	racial justice
at risk	enhance the diversity	intersectional	racially
barrier	enhancing diversity	intersectionality	racism
barriers	environmental quality	key groups	segregation
belong	equal opportunity	key people	sense of belonging
bias	equality	key populations	sex
biased	equitable	Latinx	sexual preferences
biased toward	equitableness	LGBT	sexuality
biases	equity	LGBTQ	social justice

A Note on Recent Guidance

Example Guidance: Department of Labor. *“Starting on March 17, 2025, grant recipients are required to submit a justification with each payment request submitted to PMS.”*

Reminders/Best Practices

- Grants with signed agreements appear to be somewhat stable for the time being
- Some grants may be terminated for convenience—check terms and conditions
 - **The standard terms and conditions are being amended by EPA to make grants easier to cancel for convenience**
 - Stay consistent with terms and conditions
- Get any directives in writing
- Know that calls may be recorded
 - **Folks from the federal government – and potentially DOGE in particular – are joining meetings.**
- Reporting and funding applications: anticipate use of AI screening for key words.
- Court cases continue: **Covid and FEMA fund cancellations were blocked; reductions in force blocked, then unblocked.**