



Federal Funds Update Call

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Presentation (15 minutes)

1. Introduction: Team & Purpose
2. Updates: Federal Developments, Resources, Funding Opportunities
3. Topic Area Spotlight: Federal Government Shutdown Update

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. Advance the resourcing of strategically significant projects
3. Monitor and evaluate federal funds deployment
4. Curate, develop & share federal funding technical assistance

Purpose of this call

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

Current and Upcoming Resources

- **October 16 & October 30, 2025:** [MCN Webinar on Designing for Strategy: Financial Modeling](#) (\$135 for MCN members / \$175 for nonmembers)
 - This is a four-hour virtual training split into 2 two-hour sessions led by Tangelo Tree Consulting.
 - Session topics will include: 1.) Financial Modeling to Support Decision Making and 2.) Financial Modeling Monitoring and Implementation.
 - In a time of shifting funding sources, rising costs, and heightened accountability, financial modeling can help turn uncertainty into informed choices by providing scenario analysis, cost projections, and risk assessments.
- **November 3, 2025: Deloitte Office Hours for non-profits/governments interested in Direct Pay**
 - While tax credits for certain projects (e.g. solar) will expire between 2025 and 2027, other clean energy credits like those for geothermal heating will remain available. You can learn more about new eligibility requirements and about direct pay in general at Deloitte's office hours or by scheduling a 1:1 consultation.
 - 9:00am – 11:00am CDT
 - Register for free here: [State of MN Municipalities IRA Informational Town Hall](#)
- **Appropriations and Continuing Resolutions Tracker on Congress.gov**
 - <https://www.congress.gov/crs-appropriations-status-table>

Federal Funding Developments

- “Climate Change,” “emissions,” and “decarbonization” are now on the “list of words to avoid” at the [Department of Energy](#).
- A federal judge found that a [DOE cap](#) on administrative and staff expenses for sustainable energy funding was illegal.
- The [U.S. Supreme Court](#) allowed the administration to withhold of [\\$4B in foreign aid funding](#) appropriated by Congress in a shadow docket ruling.
- The administration announced land and \$625M for [coal-fired power plants](#).
- A group of utilities, labor unions, non-profits, and homeowners have [sued](#) to reinstate Solar for All.
- Federal district court issued a [permanent injunction](#) to block amended DHS [terms and conditions](#) that required grantees to certify they would assist in enforcing federal immigration laws, including through joint operations.

Funding Adjacent Developments

- There are [ongoing legal proceedings](#) related to the legality of national troop deployments in several American cities, including Chicago and Portland, OR.
- Former FBI Director James Comey pled [not guilty](#) in a case that has raised fears of selective prosecution: a former U.S. attorney was [forced out](#) of office after determining an indictment of Comey was inappropriate.
- A judge found that the administration's firing of agency inspectors general was [illegal](#) but did not require reinstatement of the inspectors general.

Federal developments

- <https://rollcall.com/2025/10/10/mass-firings-begin-as-white-house-weighs-keeping-troops-paid/>
- <https://www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/2025/10/trump-says-he-can-pick-and-choose-which-feds-get-back-pay-republicans-congress-mostly-disagree/408668/?oref=ge-skybox-hp>

SHUTDOWN!

Shutdown! How it started, how it ends

- The shutdown started on October 1, the start of the federal fiscal year (FY26).
- The shutdown is occurring because Congress did not approve funding—either through appropriations bills or continuing resolutions—past September 30 (the end of FY25).
- The shutdown will end when Congress passes a continuing resolution or appropriations bills.
- [Republicans](#) are currently asking for a CR that maintains existing funding levels through November 21; [Democrats](#) are currently asking that funding approvals include extensions of Affordable Care Act subsidies, reversals of HR1 health spending cuts, and limits on the administration's ability to withhold congressionally appropriated funds.
- *NOTE: Different subject areas have their own appropriations bills—you can track the status at <https://www.congress.gov/crs-appropriations-status-table>.*
- *NOTE: Not all appropriations bills are on the FY timeline (transportation appropriations are on a five-year cycle--the BIL/IIJA expires Sept. 30, 2026).*

Appropriations Status Table

Regular Appropriations

Continuing Resolutions

Appropriation Bills	Subcommittee Approval		Committee Approval	
	House	Senate	House	Senate
Agriculture H.R. 4121 S. 2256 CRS 48564 See [+] Notes	9-7 06/05/2025		35-27 06/23/2025 H. Rept. 119-172	27-0 07/10/2025 S. Rept. 119-37 See (+) note
Notes				
Commerce-Justice-Science H.R. 5342 S. 2354 CRS R48643 See [+] Notes	9-6 07/15/2025	(voice vote) 07/09/2025	34-28 09/10/2025 H.Rept. 119-272	19-10 07/17/2025 S. Rept. 119-44 See (+) note
Notes				
Defense H.R. 4016 S. 2572 See [+] Notes	(voice vote) 06/10/2025		36-27 06/12/2025 H. Rept. 119-162	26-3 07/31/2025 S.Rept. 119-52

Shutdown! Federal staff impacts

- Many federal staff have been furloughed.
- Furloughs are not distributed evenly across agencies and will increase as agencies run out of alternate funding sources
- Some federal staff are deemed essential and are currently working without pay. Staffing levels can nevertheless be impacted ([airports](#) are starting to see delays, e.g.).
- The administration has [threatened layoffs](#), which may not be legal, and has indicated there may be no back pay for furloughed workers, which appears in conflict with a law signed by President Trump in 2019.

Some [reported furlough rates](#) as of Oct. 6 include:

EPA – 88.6% of staff furloughed
NSF – 75.2% of staff furloughed
DOE – 58.7% of staff furloughed
USDA – 49.2% of staff furloughed
SSA – 12% of staff furloughed
DHS – 5.2% of staff furloughed
VA – 4.2% of staff furloughed

Shutdown! Potential impacts in Minnesota

- There are minimal impacts in the short term, but impacts will grow over time if the shutdown continues.
- There are about 18,000 federal workers in Minnesota, not including USPS workers—some of these workers have been furloughed and more may be furloughed if the shutdown continues
- There are state and non-state projects on a [list of \\$7.6B planned DOE programmatic cuts](#) that was initially referenced on social media. These cuts target select states.
- Social programs, including SNAP and WIC, face potential cuts starting in November.
- State agencies are assessing the amount of funding and the number of staff potentially impacted by a prolonged shutdown – there is a full-government approach to contingency planning.

Thank you!

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Information email list:**

public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMMB/signup/47799



**Submit a topic request or feedback
for the Federal Funds Update:**

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/GH9G1Zzk9i>



Supplemental Info

Ongoing Resources

- Federal Budget Information: [Reconciliation](#)
- Disruption Trackers: [Temporary Disruptions, Permanent Cancellations, and Court Ordered Reversals](#)
- Lawyers for Good Government: [Fund Protection Clinic](#)
- MN TA Collaborative: [Technical Assistance Provider Directory](#)
- Environmental Protection Network: [Federal Funding Management Webinars and Office Hours](#)
- Impala Ecosystem: [Minnesota Philanthropic Hub](#) (for MN-based nonprofits, foundations and members of the Minnesota Council of Foundations)
- MCN Legal Services Initiative: [Nonprofit Legal Help Desk, Legal Resource Library, Compliance Support and Webinars](#)
- Federal Funds Information for States (FFIS): [Deciphering Federal Budgetspeak](#)

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

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.**