



Federal Funds Update Call

Avery Prine, Sam Rockwell, & Kerry York-Myles | Federal Funds Implementation Team

November 20th, 2025 Agenda

Presentation (15 minutes)

1. Introduction: Team & Purpose
2. Updates: Federal Developments & Resources
3. Topic Area Spotlight: Continuing Resolution Overview

Questions and Group Discussion (15 minutes)

Team Intro & Overview

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



Leah Corey, Director

Leah.Corey@state.mn.us



Kerry York Myles, Coordinator

Kerry.YorkMyles@state.mn.us



Sam Rockwell, Coordinator

Samuel.Rockwell@state.mn.us



Avery Prine, Analyst

Avery.Prine@state.mn.us

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 federal funding blockages and cancellations
 - Tracking federal guidance and executive orders
 - Tracking other contextual events in the federal landscape
- Provide a space for others to share information and strategies
- Build a support network of people working through similar problems

Federal Funding Developments

- A federal court issued a [permanent injunction](#) ruling that the Department of Transportation (DOT) could not tie funding to cooperation with Federal Immigration Enforcement.
- A third acting [FEMA administrator stepped down](#) this week just before the Administration plans to release a report from the FEMA review council regarding the agency's future. The administration has repeatedly said it hopes to either eliminate or drastically reform FEMA.
- CBO predicts that the federal government won't return to pre-shutdown operational capacity until [March 2026](#).
- The USDA Secretary made statements that the Administration intends for all [SNAP beneficiaries to reapply](#) to the program due to alleged fraud.
- Nationwide, state [Medicaid enrollment dropped 7.6% as pandemic-era coverage "unwinds" but overall Medicaid spending is up by 8.5% due to greater health care needs](#), increasing costs for long term care, and behavioral health needs. These increased costs have strained state budgets. The demand on state budgets is expected to grow with the Medicaid spending cuts enacted in HR1.
- HUD makes [drastic changes to homelessness policy with significant cuts to long term housing programs](#). The new grant program places a 30% cap on all permanent housing programs and does not guarantee renewed funding to previous awards. For programs ending in FY26, 87% of all funds went towards permanent housing. New awards will be redirected towards transitional housing with work and service requirements.

Federal Funding Developments cont.

US Department of Education [has announced six new agreements](#) to break up the work of the Education Department in an effort to "*streamline its bureaucracy*."

- Other agencies will provide oversight and compliance of shifted programs
- ED will still retain authority of setting program budgets, policy priorities, HR and hiring, and political oversight.
- Office for Civil Rights, Office of Federal Student Aid and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services will stay with ED

ED Program	New Agency in Charge
American Indian Programs and Tribal Colleges	Department of the Interior
Higher Ed programs (TRIO, HBCUs, HSIs)	Department of Labor
Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	HHS
International Ed, Foreign Language Studies (Fulbright-Hays)	State Department
National Committee on Foreign Medical Education/Accreditation	HHS
Elementary and Secondary Education	Department of Labor

Funding-Adjacent Developments

- DHS has proposed new regulations that would rescind a [2022 public charge rule](#) allowing immigration officials to expand the scope of public benefits that can be considered when granting further legal status of immigrants. The new rule takes a broad approach to include any social or health services like SNAP or state-funded benefit programs.
- [Republicans are debating alternatives to the Affordable Care Act's \(ACA\)](#) enhanced subsidies ahead their expiration on 12/31. The Administration has pressed for the money to be released directly to the consumer. Other GOP plans include untaxed HSA account contributions, letting the subsidies expire, or a one-year extension of the tax credits.
- Corporation for Public Broadcasting agrees to [revive a \\$36M deal with NPR for the Public Radio Satellite System](#) after it was cancelled after pressure from the White House.

Current and Upcoming Resources

FREE Technical Assistance from the Federal Funds Team

- Zero-cost consultative services for Minnesota entities to support their pursuit and management of federal grant funding
- Available to state agencies, local units of government, Tribal nations, nonprofits and businesses that operate in the State of Minnesota and that serve Minnesota residents
- There are three categories of services:
 1. **Federal Grant Readiness**: baseline readiness assessments, funding strategy support, training on the navigation of federal funding databases and structures
 2. **Federal Pre-Award Development**: research on eligibility and the availability of opportunities that address funding gaps, project planning, application consultation and review
 3. **Federal Award Management Best Practices**: support in establishing compliant communication, documentation, reporting and other grant management practices based on terms and conditions and available federal guidance

You can request assistance by filling out our [Service Request Form](#)

SCF Matching Funds Program

Funding for clean energy projects with federal funding in MN

- Eligible entities: Grants to contribute to cost-share for any entity with federal funds for a clean energy project in MN - local gov, co-op, muni, tribal gov., nonprofit, business, etc.
 - Applicants don't have to be based in MN, but projects must be in MN or tribal territory within MN
- Available funding: \$34.7 mil remaining in Fund
 - More than \$6.9 for requests over \$1mil
 - \$16.7mil for grants up to \$999,999
 - Don't need fed. award approved to apply (the list of already approved programs is [here](#)), but awards contingent upon fed. award approval – reimbursed following fed. award payments
 - Programs are NOT limited to IRA/IIJA programs
- Important dates: Rolling application open; funds available until 100% obligated



Photo: Whispering Pines Lodge in Ely
solar+battery project supported by SCI
Matching Funds + USDA REAP grants

*Scan for program
website →*





Continuing Resolution Overview

November 20, 2025

Shutdown: How it started, how it ends

- The shutdown started on October 1, the start of the federal fiscal year (FY26). Now at 37 days, it is the longest federal shutdown in U.S. history (previous record was 35 days, set in 2019).
- 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 (CR) or appropriations bills, needing at least 60 votes to pass. The Senate voted for a 14th time on Nov. 4th, 54-44. The House also convened briefly on Nov. 4th for the first time since the shutdown began.
- [Republicans](#) are asking for a CR that maintains existing funding levels; [Democrats](#) are 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).*

It ended!: shutdown resolution (PL 199-37) at a glance

- Continues most funding at FY 2025 levels through January 30, 2026 (continues mandatory spending programs 30 days beyond that)
- Contains three appropriations bills that will fund the following through the remainder of FY 2026, which end September 30, 2026:
 - the Department of Agriculture,
 - the Food and Drug Administration,
 - Department of Defense military construction and family housing activities,
 - the Department of Veterans Affairs,
 - Congress and agencies that support Congress, and
 - several related and independent agencies.

Federal Workforce and State Spending

- Requires a return to federal workforce levels as of October 1 and reverses reductions in force that occurred after October 1. It also ensured that federal employees who were furloughed will be paid for that furloughed time.
- Prevents furlough of any federal employee through January 30.
- Has a variety of provisions that state that federal agencies should spend money in a limited way.
- Reimburses states that carried out federal programs to prevent a reduction or gap in service.

- The CR by its own terms is exempted from PAYGO sequestrations that would have taken effect because of H.R.1
 - CBO estimates would have required a \$415B sequestration in FY2026
- The CR also resets the “PAYGO scorecard” to zero (this follows standard practice)

Appropriations Highlights

- \$8.2B for the WIC's Supplemental Nutrition Program (this represents an increase)
- \$37.8B for child nutrition programs
- \$107B in mandatory funding for SNAP (no increase)
- Reimbursement of SNAP and WIC contingency reserves (covers shutdown expenditures)
- Extended several Covid-era health provisions, including telehealth flexibility

Appropriations Highlights Continued

- About \$17M in local project funding, including funding for a learning center, public safety, and water treatment.

MINNPOST Nonprofit, independent journalism. Support

[News](#) ▾ [Arts & Culture](#) ▾ [Health](#) ▾ [Opinion](#) ▾

[Newsletters](#)

[Topics](#) [State Government](#) [Metro](#) [Greater Minnesota](#) [Washington](#) [Environment](#) [Mental Health & Addiction](#)

News **Washington**

Minnesota lawmakers secured a few earmarks in bill that reopened government

But with a broken appropriations process, few additional local projects are likely to get funding – and another shutdown is looming.

What's NOT in CR

- The continuing resolution does not include any of the Democrat-requested provisions related to extending ACA tax credits.
 - The Senate agreed to hold a separate vote on extension of these credits by mid-December
 - The House Speaker has not committed to holding a vote on the measure.
 - The President [indicated](#) he does not support extending the credits.
 - Without a vote to extend, the credits will expire on December 31, 2025, and average premiums will increase for those covered under the ACA
- The CR does not include the Democrat-requested guarantees for no future rescissions, nor does it reverse prior rescissions

Thank you!

**Sign up for the Federal Funds
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: [Federal Shutdown and Reconciliation Impacts](#)
- Disruption Trackers: [Temporary Disruptions, Permanent Cancellations, and Court Ordered Reversals](#)
- FFIT Consultative Services: [“Free Services” Tab](#)
- 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