



Federal Funds Update Call

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Presentation (15 minutes)

1. Introduction: Team & Purpose
2. Updates: Federal Developments & Resources
3. Topic Area Spotlight: Minnesota Housing: Nellie Siers

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 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

- [Twenty States and the District of Columbia File Lawsuit Against Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) to Prevent Changes to Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program](#) The FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the CoC set an application deadline of January 14, 2026. The NOFO changes the funding structure of CoC and sets a cap on awards for permanent supportive housing projects.
- [Federal Transit Administration \(FTA\) Removes Immigration Enforcement Requirement from Master Agreement for Grants](#) The change is in response to a recent court ruling finding the requirement unlawful.
- The USDOT [sent a proposal to OMB](#) to significantly pare back direct transit funding and reallocate that funding to highways, and also to eliminate states' ability to flex highway dollars for transit.
- Metro Transit, MnDOT, and smaller transit agencies received a combined [total of \\$82M+](#) in federal funding for [no/low emission transit buses](#).
- The administration has threatened to withhold [SNAP management funds](#) from states that refuse to share SNAP recipient personal data to the federal government. Minnesota is one of those states.

Funding-Adjacent Developments

- Cases against former [FBI director Comey and NY State AG James](#) were thrown out because a court determined that U.S. Attorney Lindsey Halligan was illegally appointed.
- An appeals court affirmed the [disqualification of U.S. Attorney Alina Habba](#), concluding that she was illegally appointed.
- DOGE has [been officially dismantled](#).
- The CFPB will issues a [mass furlough](#) by year-end.
- The Administration is rolling back fuel efficiency standards ([CAFE standards](#)) for cars and trucks

Funding Opportunities of Note

Ongoing/Rolling Deadlines

- [EPA's Water Technical Assistance Services \(WaterTA\)](#)
- [Transportation Infrastructure and Innovation Act Program \(TIFIA\) Loan Program](#)
- [Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act \(WIFIA\) and Small Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act \(SWIFIA\) Loan Program](#)

Upcoming Application Deadlines

- 12/15/25 - [Advanced Biofuel Payment Program](#)
- 12/31/25 - [Rural Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance Training Program](#)
- 12/31/25 - [Solid Waste Management Program](#)
- 1/15/26 - [Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund](#)
- 1/28/26 - EPA's Brownfield Grants
 - [Brownfield Cleanup Grants](#)
 - [Brownfield Assessment Grants: States and Tribes](#)
 - [Brownfield Assessment Grants: Community-wide](#)
 - [Brownfield Assessment Grants: Coalition](#)
 - [Brownfield Multipurpose Grants](#)
- 2/24/26 – [BUILD USDOT](#) (formerly RAISE) grants

Current and Upcoming Resources

Ongoing: [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
- There are three categories of services: Federal Grant Readiness, Federal Pre-Award Development, Federal Award Management Best Practices
- You can request assistance by filling out our [Service Request Form](#)

Ongoing: FFIT staff are available to give 101 federal funds trainings for your organization or convening if/as needed! Please email us at federal.investments.mmb@state.mn.us to schedule a session.

December 11, 2025: [Beginning Grantwriting](#) (\$95 for MCN members)

- 1pm-4pm via Zoom
- This workshop will introduce grantwriting to nonprofit professionals who have less than one year of experience with the skill, providing a balance of applicable content and resources to deepen participants' knowledge of and skills in grantwriting.

January 6 & 8, 2026: [2026 Minnesota Grantmakers](#) (\$155 for MCN members)

- Grantmakers connects you to Minnesota's most active private, community, and corporate funders, going beyond their websites to hear candidly from peer grantseekers about their experience and knowledge of their funding priorities, staffing, and financial outlook.



Minnesota Housing and Related Federal Developments

Nellie Siers
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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