

# Federal Landscape Timeline

Updated February 11, 2025

January 27, 2025

**Executive Memo**  
Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance

## What does the Executive memo do?

Pause federal funding while Trump administration conducts an across-the-board ideological review to uproot progressive initiatives.

January 28, 2025

## Federal Judge blocked freeze until 2/3

Separately, a group of attorneys general from 22 mostly Democratic-led states and the District of Columbia filed a lawsuit seeking to stop the funding freeze.

January 29, 2025

## White House Rescinds Freeze

The White House sent out a two-sentence notice rescinding the original memo after widespread confusion.

ACF staff will continue to monitor for new action.

Today

## How does this impact ACF?

ACF does not anticipate any issues with the Housing Stability Program since payments were made upfront to states. Marisa is scheduled to meet with Deputy Cabinet Sec. Renee Ward on 2/5.

ACF is actively coordinating with other funders to support our nonprofit partners who are impacted.

January 21, 2025

**Executive Order**  
Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity

## What does the Executive Order do?

The executive action calls for the termination of DEI programs, mandates, policies, preferences and activities in the federal government along with the review and revision of existing federal employment practices, union contracts and training policies or programs.

The order expands to include diversity programs at for-profit and nonprofit government contractors, universities with large endowments, and foundations with assets north of \$500 million.

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## How does this impact ACF?

NMCT currently administrates a sub-award for federal dollars; ACF administers certain grant/scholarship programs (primarily through ACF, but also NMCT) which are geared toward supporting BIPOC communities, and DEI programs/efforts in general may come under scrutiny.

At this time, ACF **is not** actively making any changes and are researching guidance provided by Council on Foundations. The National Council of Nonprofits also has a useful chart to help track Executive Orders: [Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits](#)

September 9, 2024

**HR 9495**  
Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act

## Bill Introduced; What does it do?

The bill would give the Treasury Department unilateral authority to strip the tax-exempt status of nonprofits it claims support terrorism.

November 21, 2024

## Bill Passed by House of Representatives

Bill passed 219-184, with the majority of the support coming from Republicans.

December 2, 2024

## Bill received in the Senate

No additional movement since December 2024.

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## How does this impact ACF?

The bill must be passed by the Senate and then signed into law by the President. Staff are following the bill and are aware of the potential weaponization of the bill against nonprofit partners.

# What is ACF Doing?

- **Actively communicating with nonprofit partners who are impacted**
- **Working with other funding partners to explore:**
  - **emergency funds**
  - **bridge loan programs**
  - **general coordinated efforts**
- **Staying aware of key legislation at the state level**
- **Monitoring the Federal landscape**