

Fed Updates & Resources

Disclaimer: This document was started on January 28, 2025 and is evolving and in progress. It is primarily for a California community audience. We do not provide legal guidance and cannot confirm the validity or accuracy of the information compiled below. You are welcome to add information below or email eeccordinator@civicwell.org.

Federal Energy and Climate Funding Updates & Resources

Contents

Contents	1
California Climate and Energy Federal Development Huddle	1
Relevant Official Documents	2
Articles	4
Learning and Guidance Opportunities	8
Professional Opinions	8
Federal Program Information	11
Data and Tool Resources	15
Opportunities for Action	16
Stories/Impacts Gathered	19

California Climate and Energy Federal Development Huddle

You are welcome to register for an informal discussion series for CA energy and climate practitioners to process and exchange information on rapidly evolving development from the new federal administration, including the funding freeze. This format will mainly be collaborative discussion and group sharing, but we will bring in speakers when possible. These meetings are now bi-weekly during the early transition and then we will reevaluate cadence.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uFEpXReGRzmO_F1rLvCocw

[Meeting 1 Slides](#)

[Meeting 2 Slides](#)

[Meeting 3 Slides](#)

[Meeting 4 Slides](#)

[Meeting 5 Slides](#)

[Meeting 6 Slides](#)

Relevant Official Documents

US District Court District of Rhode Island: Preliminary Injunction (Apr 15, 2025)

<https://site.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0b352760731fc69137fb2ab0a&id=9e79170149&e=de42eb2168>

Whitehouse, Blunt Rochester Lead EPW Democrats in Demanding EPA Reverse Unlawful Termination of Grants for Clean Air and Water

<https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases-democratic?ID=141B212F-F2FC-4B43-94DB-2455FC6E269A>

US District Court District of Rhode Island: Must unpause ALL IRA and IIJA Funding (Feb 10, 2025)

https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.rid.58912/gov.uscourts.rid.58912.96.0_2.pdf

US District Court for the District of Columbia: Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (Plaintiffs: Alliance for Retired Americans, American Federation of Government Employees, Service Employees International Union) (Feb 4, 2025)

<https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.277055/gov.uscourts.dcd.277055.1.0.pdf>

OMB - Memorandum for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies - Temporary Restraining Order Against OMB Memorandum M-25-13 (Feb 3, 2025)

<https://www.courtlistener.com/docket/69583571/39/1/national-council-of-nonprofits-v-office-of-management-and-budget/>

US District Court for the District of Columbia: “This matter is before the court on Plaintiffs’ Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order, ECF No. 5, and Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, ECF No. 21.” (Feb 3, 2025)

US District Court District of Rhode Island: Defendants’ Notice of Compliance with Court’s Temporary Restraining Order (Feb 3, 2025)

<https://www.democracymocket.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/512025-02-03-Defendants-notice-of-compliance-with-courts-temporary-restraining-order.pdf>
<https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.276842/gov.uscourts.dcd.276842.30.03.pdf>

US Treasury: Notice of Court Order (Feb 2, 2025)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17JN8rj5po8VpmzSPWak7PwafY2RflO0g/view>

US District Court for the District of Rhode Island: Temporary Restraining Order (Jan 31, 2025)
<https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/ECF.50.TROOrder.pdf>

State of California - Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General - Attorney General Bonta, 22 State Attorneys General Secure Court Order Temporarily Blocking Federal Funding Freeze
<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-22-state-attorneys-general-secure-court-order-temporarily>

OMB - Rescission of M-25-13 (Jan. 29, 2025)
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9ormgvfhd1dby7u0mz6q8/OMB-Recinded.jpg?rlkey=8nwlncb4j59xp0vez1g2bs1v4&dl=0>

U.S. Office of Personnel Management: Fork in the Road - Deferred Resignation Email to Federal Employees (Jan. 28, 2025)
<https://www.opm.gov/fork>

State of California - Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General - California Attorney General Bonta Files Lawsuit, Seeks Immediate Court Order to Block Sweeping OMB Directive Freezing up to \$3 Trillion in Vital Federal Funding (Jan. 28, 2025)
<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-files-lawsuit-seeks-immediate-court-order-block-sweeping>

White House Clarification Memo (Jan. 28, 2025)
<https://www.ngma.org/assets/docs/White%20House%20OMB%20Clarification%20Memo.pdf>

House Ways and Means Committee Republicans released the following report with potential cuts (*could indicate vulnerable programs related to reconciliation)
<https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000194-74a8-d40a-ab9e-7fbc70940000>

OMB Instructions for Federal Financial Assistance Program Analysis in Support of M-25-13 (*could indicate vulnerable programs related to EO)
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/q7w3u7uaopc2g32v6ant0/20250128-Documentation-Request-Pausing-Federal-Financial-Assistance.pdf?rlkey=f363iq8d0hvg7zj3c8um1vdqc&dl=0>

Ranking Member DeLauro, Vice Chair Murray Raise Alarm on New OMB Memoranda, Trump Administration's Efforts to Defy Federal Law, Constitution to Withhold Approved Federal Funding
<https://democrats-appropriations.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-delauro-vice-chair-murray-raise-alarm-new-omb-memoranda-trump>

A response letter published by ranking members of the House Appropriations and Senate Appropriations Committees (Jan 27, 2025)

<https://democrats-appropriations.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-appropriations.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/1.27.25%20DeLauro%20Murray%20to%20Vaeth.pdf>

OMB M-25-13: Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs (Jan 27, 2025)

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/25506361-omb-memo-on-federal-aid-freeze/>

Executive Order “Unleashing American Energy” (Jan. 20, 2025)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/unleashing-american-energy/>

Executive Order “Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing” (Jan. 20, 2025)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-and-wasteful-government-dei-programs-and-preferencing/>

Code of Federal Regulations (CRF) 200.340 Termination:

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/subject-group-ECFR86b76dde0e1e9dc/section-200.340>

Articles

Key or recent articles are below. Please see an archive of more articles [here](#).

Associated Press: House Republicans target clean energy tax credits and pollution rules in budget proposal (May 12, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/house-budget-reconciliation-clean-energy-pollution-trump-f8638d3c44e95976b3bf756bc483a8f6>

Associated Press: Justice Department Sues Hawaii, Michigan, Vermont, and New York over state climate actions

https://apnews.com/article/trump-doj-climate-states-policy-lawsuits-a5228e1dd6348f09d2a70f460142531a?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-jx_70rTHQ-vi63wlz7GJ6PUHTyYzdQm3YHaoa8rF8zjQ2cuz-0mLNJCNTI7jucxLg9I-vNJknJFrj1b5Yt296mGI_5g_wV-i487Lb9lpoPYE8Yg&_hsmi=359634144&utm_content=359634144&utm_source=hs_email

The Hill: Appeals court temporarily halts disbursement of contested climate funds (April 17, 2025)

https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/5254681-appeals-court-halts-climate-funds-release/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9xS1aqjRcEra7YCyrOfETw6UdU5cf-7cVjuSydkxzLUPuUnoL0H7qiWxUYZvlkbsDCB6yXdsZHoXSTr_qWm5M9yW-g7q&hsmi=357361899&utm_content=357361899&utm_source=hs_email

Associated Press: Judge orders federal agencies to release billions of dollars from two Biden-era initiatives (March 16, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/trump-climate-infrastructure-funding-freeze-biden-lawsuit-9fd37cf1e4850d6703cf80a57be62c6a>

New York Times: Senate Approves Spending Bill to Avert Government Shutdown (March 14, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2025/03/14/us/trump-government-shutdown-news>

Associated Press: Trump administration asks Supreme Court to halt judge's order to rehire probationary federal workers (March 24, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/mass-firings-trump-administration-supreme-court-bfe86f68e9877bf58c64bbc3b01db9c6>

MSN: FBI Probing Biden's \$20 Billion Green Fund For Potential Fraud (Feb 28, 2025)

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/fbi-probing-biden-s-20-billion-green-fund-for-potential-fraud/ar-AA1zZM4J?apiversion=v2&noservercache=1&domshim=1&renderwebcomponents=1&wcseo=1&batchservertelemetry=1&noservertelemetry=1>

Politico: DOT shuts information hub for climate funding: The Climate Change Center provided technical assistance that helped state and local governments bring in \$13 billion from the bipartisan infrastructure (Feb 28, 2025)

law.<https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2025/02/dot-shutters-climate-funding-information-hub-00206282?site=pro&prod=alert&prodname=alertmail&linktype=article&source=email>

Reuters: Trump blocked from imposing sweeping federal funding freeze (Feb 25, 2025)

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-blocked-imposing-sweeping-federal-funding-freeze-2025-02-25/>

The Guardian: Judge temporarily blocks Trump's mass firings at federal agencies

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/27/judge-temporarily-blocks-trump-firings>

Union of Concerned Scientists: Congress, and All of Us, Will Reckon with Budget Reconciliation This Year (Feb 25, 2025)

<https://blog.ucsusa.org/david-watkins/congress-and-all-of-us-will-reckon-with-budget-reconciliation-this-year/>

NPR: Federal judge hears arguments to decide the future of Trump's federal funding freeze (Feb 21, 2025)

<https://www.npr.org/2025/02/21/g-s1-50084/trump-funding-freeze-court-hearing>

New York Times: The \$20 Billion Controversy Over E.P.A. Climate Funds, Explained (Feb 20, 2025)

“Now, more than 200 planned investments intended to help finance clean energy and environmental projects in underserved communities may be at risk.”

https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/20/climate/epa-climate-funds-green-banks-20-billion.html?unlocked_article_code=1.zk4.07SU.DUsDN0al2vmp&smid=url-share

The Guardian: Some federal workers given just 30 minutes to leave amid Trump layoffs (Feb 14, 2025)

“As many as 200,000 US workers slated to be affected by mass terminations as Musk leads crusade to slash spending”

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/14/federal-worker-layoffs-trump-musk>

New York Times: Trump's Funding Freeze Raises a New Question: Is the Government's Word Good? (Feb 14, 2025)

“As the Trump administration continues to withhold billions of dollars for climate and clean energy spending — despite two federal judges ordering the money released — concerns are growing that the United States government could skip out on its legal commitments.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/14/climate/trumps-funding-freeze-raises-a-new-question-is-the-governments-word-good.html>

Associated Press: Appeals court rejects Trump administration push to reinstate spending freezes on grants and loans (Feb 11, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/trump-spending-freeze-judge-federal-grants-loans-df756135aa9015457b6d14d59435cb89>

ProPublica: The Courts Blocked Trump's Federal Funding Freeze. Agencies Are Withholding Money Anyway. (Feb 11, 2025)

“On Monday, the judge overseeing that case, John J. McConnell Jr., did just that, ruling that the Trump administration had violated his restraining order by keeping funds frozen. He wrote that the government's “broad categorical and sweeping freeze of federal funds” was “likely unconstitutional” and that it must immediately restore funding across the board, unless it could show the court “a specific instance where they are acting in compliance with this order but otherwise withholding funds due to specific authority.””

<https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-administration-funding-freeze-workarounds>

New York Times: Trump Is Freezing Money for Clean Energy. Red States Have the Most to Lose. (Feb 10, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/10/climate/trump-clean-energy-republican-states.html?partner=slack&smid=sl-share>

Reuters: US Treasury temporarily agrees to limit DOGE access amid privacy lawsuit (Feb 6, 2025)

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-treasury-temporarily-agrees-limit-doge-access-amid-privacy-lawsuit-2025-02-06/>

USA Today: Judge extends pause on Trump funding freeze after finding administration has not complied (Feb 3, 2025)

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/02/03/judge-trump-administration-funding-freeze/78180951007/>

New York Times: Judge Further Blocks White House Spending Freeze (Feb 3, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/03/us/politics/white-house-spending-freeze-omb-judge.html#>

Politico: Second judge to block Trump's spending freeze says the policy is likely unconstitutional (Jan 31, 2025)

<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/01/31/judge-block-trump-spending-freeze-00201899>

Utility Dive: Trump's executive orders cause hesitation, confusion for clean energy developers (Jan 30, 2025)

https://www.utilitydive.com/news/trump-executive-orders-clean-energy-developers-funding-freeze-pause/738793/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202025-01-31%20Utility%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:70051%5D&utm_term=Utility%20Dive

Associated Press: Trump White House rescinds memo freezing federal grants after widespread confusion (Jan. 29, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-pause-federal-grants-aid-6d41961940585544fa43a3f66550e7be>

Reuters: Judge temporarily pauses Trump's freeze on grants, loans (Jan. 28, 2025)

"U.S. District Judge Loren AliKhan ordered the Trump administration not to block funding to existing programs until Feb. 3 at a hearing in Washington, D.C., federal court."

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/non-profits-health-groups-sue-over-trumps-freeze-grants-loans-2025-01-28/>

New York Times: White House Budget Office Orders Pause in All Federal Loans and Grants (Jan. 27, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/27/us/politics/white-house-pauses-federal-grants.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>

Learning and Guidance Opportunities

Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG): If you are a grantee or subawardee of a federal program through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) with legal questions about protecting your funds, please feel free to submit your question to L4GG. Visit the [website](#) to fill out L4GG's intake form.

EPN, L4GG, NRDC and other partners host regular webinars on issues and topics of interest for current federal funding awardees. Register [here](#) for the next meeting (February 26)

- You are welcome to watch the recording of a recent webinar on the Financial Management Best Practices Handbook [here](#).

CCEC's CA Energy & Climate Federal Developments Huddle (currently weekly)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91811200000?pwd=ZUJhZ0pXRGZmOEF1rLvCocw>

CCEC's Local Energy Resources Network: Sign up for our LERN meetings where we will continue to bring in speakers and facilitate discussion and sharing to help us monitor the situation

<https://eecordinator.info/local-energy-resources-network-lern/>

- You are welcome to watch the recording of our February 11 meeting featuring excellent guidance Lawyers for Good Government
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-FDDrPu_RA

National Grant Foundation: Information for Non-Profits Amid Federal Grant Suspensions

<https://grant-foundation.org/information-for-non-profits-amid-federal-grant-suspensions/>

Professional Opinions

Matt Wakins (LinkedIn Post): Executive Overreach is Reshaping the Federal Landscape (March 25, 2025)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/watkinspublicaffairs_federalism-governance-publicfunding-activity-7310290167351689216-5PF5?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAADpwfQBd1M_uTLabahAoAs0miMaskpgeVc

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: Mass agency layoffs at NOAA, EPA, USDA, DOE, FEMA threaten health/safety (February 28, 2025)

<https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-budget/executive-action-watch?item=29660>

Crowell: Trump's "Cost Efficiency Initiative" Expected to Decrease Federal Contracting, Grant, and Loan Funding (Feb 28, 2025)

<https://www.crowell.com/en/insights/client-alerts/trumps-cost-efficiency-initiative-expected-to-decrease-federal-contracting-grant-and-loan-funding>

Rachel Werne: Federal Budget (LinkedIn Post, Feb 26)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rabwerner_so-the-house-passed-the-federal-budget-yesterday-activity-7300517758222360576-bdv2?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAADpwfQBd1M_uTLabahAoAs0miMaskpqeVc

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP: Trump Administration Executive Actions Tracker

 Trump Administration Executive Actions Tracker_Sheppard Mullin

EPN: An Update - via email (Feb 11, 2025)

"As of Friday, February 7, 2025, most IRA grantees could finally draw down funds, but as of yesterday (Monday, February 10, 2025) many folks were locked out again or their ASAP accounts were suspended. On Thursday and Friday, EPA issued internal memos calling for another pause in the disbursement of funds due to general concerns about waste, fraud, and abuse. These are unfounded and they are being challenged in court."

Matt Watkins: Federal funding isn't disappearing—it's evolving. Key reframing strategies. (Feb 6, 2025)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/watkinspublicaffairs_grantstrategy-energysavings-jobcreation-activity-7293267218790760448-uj1q?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

The Grant Plant: Information Sharing on the Federal Funding Freeze

<https://www.thegrantplantnm.com/information-sharing-on-the-federal-funding-freeze/>

NCAI: Tribal Organizations Urge Administration to Respect Tribal Sovereignty and Uphold Trust and Treaty Obligations Amid Executive Actions

<https://www.ncai.org/news/tribal-organizations-urge-administration-to-respect-tribal-sovereignty-and-uphold-trust-and-treaty-obligations-amid-executive-actions>

Many signatories: Status of Tribal Nations as Political Entities in the Implementation of the President's New Executive Orders (Feb 2, 2025)

https://tribalbusinessnews.com/images/2023/Tribal_Orgs_Letter_re_Political_Entity_Status_in_new_Executive_Orders_2FEB2025.pdf

Matt Watkins (WPS): EPA Workforce Reductions: A Policy Shift with Nationwide Implications (Feb 3, 2025)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/watkinspublicaffairs_environmentalpolicy-epa-sustainability-activity-7292285732369354752-raQt?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

Matt Watkins (WPS): Federal Funding Freeze Rescinded... But Payments are Still Stalled. Now What? (Jan 31, 2025)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/watkinspublicaffairs_federal-funding-grant-funding-omb-activity-7290848645887803392-Pv2g/

Jamelle Bouie: If All This Sounds Delusional, That's Because It Is: All the king's men is back with a vengeance. (Jan. 29, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/29/opinion/trump-omb-federal-government.html?smid=em-share>

Cities Climate Law Initiative: Notes on Judge AliKhan's stay order (Jan. 29, 2025)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/amy-e-turner-44652a6_couple-of-things-to-note-about-judge-alikhan-activity-7290348836512743424-qPFe?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

Roberts [1985] Memo Could Complicate Trump's Spending Freeze (January 28, 2025)

<https://www.levernews.com/roberts-memo-could-complicate-trumps-spending-freeze/>

Congressional Progressive Caucus Center: FAQs on the federal funding "pause" (January 28, 2025)

<https://www.progressivecaucuscenter.org/unrig-the-rules/2025/28/01/federal-funding-pause>

Native American Rights Fund: Tribal Nations Disproportionately Affected by Federal Funding Freeze (January 28, 2025)

<https://narf.org/2025-federal-funding/>

Matt Watkins (WPA): Updated OMB Guidance and What It Means (January 28, 2025)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/watkinspublicaffairs_white-house-clarification-memo-activity-7290105842039693312-elfU?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

National Council of Nonprofits (January 28, 2025)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/diane-yentel-8221466_breaking-were-filing-a-motion-for-a-temporary-activity-7290050254916190208-JPMP?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios

Environmental Protection Network: Trump's Illegal Government Investment Shutdown Will Cost Jobs and Harm Public Health (Jan 28, 2025)

<https://www.environmentalprotectionnetwork.org/agency-grant-loan-assistance-pause/>

Climate Mayor: STATEMENT: Climate Mayors on OMB Call to Freeze All Federal Funding (Jan 28, 2025)

<https://www.climatemayors.org/post/omb-call-to-freeze-all-federal-funding>

Darren Sudman: Nonprofits Will Lose Funding Tonight (Jan. 28, 2025)

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/nonprofits-lose-funding-tonight-darren-sudman-nvfde/?trackingId=FhOuyb%2BpSj%2BpgM7hDnsIHQ%3D%3D>

Josh Duvall: White House Issues Sweeping Pause to Federal Assistance Programs to Enable Administration Review (January 28, 2025)

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/white-house-issues-sweeping-pause-federal-assistance-programs-duvall-c0ire/?trackingId=e3nHtNJ8Se2rHXPLsnvc5A%3D%3D>

State Support Center: Executive Order - Pause on Disbursements (Jan. 27, 2025)

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/pi8nbs9w4szbsbf9ix5fj/What-a-New-President-Means-for-State-Energy-Work.pdf?rlkey=dtmivc46gx4hgmsxifuxm6od2&dl=0>

Steve Vladeck: 120. The Impoundment Crisis of 2025 (Jan. 27, 2025)

<https://www.stevevladeck.com/p/120-the-impoundment-crisis-of-2025>

Federal Program Information

EPA

[Whitehouse, Blunt Rochester Lead EPW Democrats in Demanding EPA Reverse Unlawful Termination of Grants for Clean Air and Water](#)

- [List of 400 programs targeted for termination](#)

Informal updates from grantees on programs affected...

- Clean Ports
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants – General
 - Planning Draws happening; Implementation Grants being Executed
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants – Tribes and Territories
 - Planning Draws happening; Implementation Grants being Executed
- Enhanced Community Air Quality Monitoring
- Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants
- Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement
- Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Cooperative Agreement

- Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmakers
- Green Bank 50
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Solar for All
 - CEC/CPUC tribal listening session
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund National Clean Investment Fund
 - Coalition for Green Capital
 - The Native CDFI Network: received \$400m from the Clean Communities Investment Accelerator via EPA - their funds had been frozen via DOJ investigation and order to Citibank - apparently unfrozen now.
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Clean Communities Investment Accelerator
- Community Change Grant
 - Awarded Community Change grants suspended, now on EPA list; no formal notification to date
- Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program
 - Thriving Communities Grantmakers for Region 9 submission portal still active
- Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers
 - [TCTACS: CCEEJ](#) received termination of award notification - disputing
- Clean Heavy Duty Vehicles
 - Grant paused then unpaused. Now awaiting SCAQMD approval, When this is done, EPA must still have the funds available. This is not guaranteed bc of EJ grant component

DOE

- [HEERHA](#)
 - CEC/TECH Clean CA [resumed processing approved reservations](#)
- EECBG
 - Reports of awardees successfully drawing down funds and moving ahead
 - Equipment Voucher - correspondence to proceed with grant have been sent to a few jurisdiction. Responses are a little too simple/vague
- DOE Good Jobs in Clean Energy Prize
 - The website disappeared right before phase 1 deadline still down
- GRIP 1
 - Starting to unpause, GRIP 2 still under evaluation
 - Latest from NETL about 40101(d) is that they're continuing program management for awards in place FY22-24, but still no update on the FY25 release.
- Adoption for the latest Zero Energy Codes
 - In limbo, waiting for final contract (have conditional agreement) \$10M
 - Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) pulled all their NOFOs offline for "review"
- Community Power Accelerator Prize Grant
 - Still in pending status

OTHER

- [USDA Rural Development](#)
 - Removed all DEIA scoring criteria from 14 federal programs
 - REAP, New ERA, PACE – 30 days to inform USDA whether they want to propose modifications
- Federal Highway Administration grants for EV infrastructure
 - Were to be passed through via CalTrans
 - Not clear CalTrans got into contract in time
- FEMA BRIC
 - NOFO missing - still possible to apply (4/18)
- BIA Tribal Resilience
 - Some grants missing

DOT

- Transportation projects, including for EV Chargers (*ID programs)

NSF: Emailed grantees that its payment portal was live again (Feb 2, 2025)

MESSAGE to the NSF PI Community,

On Friday, January 31, 2025, a Federal Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) directing Federal grant-making agencies, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), to “...not pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel, or terminate... awards and obligations to provide federal financial assistance to the States, and... not impede the States’ access to such awards and obligations, except on the basis of the applicable authorizing statutes, regulations, and terms.” Although the language of the TRO is directed at State institutions, the Department of Justice has determined that it applies to all NSF award recipients. You can review the TRO [here](#).

In order to comply with the TRO, the NSF Award Cash Management Service (ACM\$) system is available for awardees to request payments as of 12:00pm EST, February 2, 2025.

This message is also available on the [Executive Order Implementation webpage](#). Please check back regularly as we add frequently asked questions (FAQs) based on community feedback.

Tax Credits

California State Agency Recipients

📌 Key state-administered IIJA and IRA programs - including status (Center for Budget Policy Priorities)

California Energy Commission

- Resilient Codes
- EECBG
- National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Fueling Infrastructure
- [Homes, HEERHA, TREC](#)
 - **HOMES:** \$291M (award executed in mid Jan. 2025, split between Pay for Performance and EBD Direct Install (largely funded by State), anticipated launch in 2026)
 - Tribal EBD
 - **HEERHA Phase 1:** \$80M (award executed, obligated contract with TECC Clean CA, in progress as of Oct. 2024)
 - Feb 27 update: "In light of the continued pause in federal funding by President Trump's January 20, 2025, Executive Order (Section 7, Unleashing American Energy), the California Energy Commission (CEC) is pausing the state's administration of the federal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEEHRA) Program until the Trump Administration provides additional information on the funding for this program. The program has stopped accepting and processing new income verifications and rebate reservations for single family and multifamily homes. California intends to honor approved reservations as the availability of federal funding allows. The state is working to resolve ongoing issues accessing federal payments. We will provide more information when it becomes available from the federal government."
 - **HEERHA Phase 2:** \$152M (award executed, under development)
 - **TREC:** \$10M (awaiting DOE application approval, anticipated launch in mid-2025)
- [Solar for All:](#) \$250M (award executed, in development)
- [CERRI:](#) "The California Energy Commission (CEC) held an Information Session on the Community Energy Reliability and Resilience Investment (CERRI) Program on January 15, 2025, which indicated that a CERRI Round 2 Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) was anticipated to be released in February 2025. The CEC has paused release of the anticipated CERRI Round 2 GFO until guidance is received from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on program funding availability and requirements. There is no anticipated timeframe identified for this DOE guidance."

IBank

- GGRF
 - **GGRF Messaging and Facts**

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/13i_Vr-ye5AggqkTFXu_7I74vH28EOv8VffS_uADXXebg/edit?usp=sharing
-
- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund - Key Messaging**
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RGFIOkbsi2bi_V_GBhyP2Zwl1QCeu6hAb_gkV5lpQ0p0/edit?usp=sharing

CARB

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Planning)

Data and Tool Resources

Intended to archive and share backed up data and tools. This evolving set of resources will continue to be updated. Add additional resources as they become available. These resources are not limited to climate and energy and can include data and tool resources that apply across data needs.

- The End of Term Archive - <https://eotarchive.org/>
- The Wayback Machine - <https://web.archive.org/>
- Publicly available backed up datasets by the Data Rescue Project (the list will be updated as new data sets become available):
https://baserow.datarescueproject.org/public/grid/Nt_M6errAkVRlc3NZmdM8wcl74n9tFKaDLrr831klN4
- Public Environmental Data Partners: Data & Screening Tool - <https://screening-tools.com/>
- Syracuse University Dataset - <https://researchguides.library.syr.edu/data>
- Big Local News (data for journalists +) - <https://biglocalnews.org/content/about/>
- Harvard Data.gov Archive - <https://lil.law.harvard.edu/blog/2025/02/06/announcing-data-gov-archive/>
- Harvard Dataverse - <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/cafe-extracted-data>
- Hydrobase - <https://cdss.colorado.gov/software/hydrobase>
- Water Program Portal - <https://waterprogramportal.org/>
- Climate Program Portal - <https://climateprogramportal.org/>
- Environmental Data Governance Initiative - <https://envirodatagov.org/>
- Urban Ocean Lab - <https://urbanoceanlab.org/resource-hub>
- Remade J40 EJ screening tool:
<https://edgi-govdata-archiving.github.io/j40-cejst-2/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>
- Harvard EJ Tracker: In each notice there are links to the old data:
<https://eelp.law.harvard.edu/tracker-type/environmental-justice-tracker/>
- And some other backups of information and tools like the Atlas Public Policy - <https://atlaspolicy.com/>
- Urban Institute - <https://www.urban.org/>
- Climate Corps Hub - <https://climatecorpshub.org>

- Github for building and managing tools - <https://github.com/>
-

Opportunities for Action

These are recommendations compiled from a range of organizations including Lawyers for Good Government and Environmental Protection Network (EPN). EPN provides regular guidance [here](#).

- **Address the status of your drawdown:**
 - Check your agency drawdown portal
 - If your funding is currently missing or suspended from ASAP or if you were otherwise denied a drawdown, it is important to document all of your efforts to legally draw down funding from your ASAP account and to build your administrative record.
 - Email your Program Officer, now. You can use [this email template](#), adding details relevant to your specific grant (including actual harm on the ground). If you have legal counsel, we recommend that you consult with them to help refine the email template and get tailored legal advice for your situation. For assistance, please reach out to [EPN](#).
 - AND, report that you are locked out by filling out Lawyers for Good Government's [fund protection clinic intake form](#) so they can track this violation and reach out to you about potential next steps.
 - If your ASAP account says that your funds are in "warehousing," please send an email to info@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org with the subject "warehousing," and include screenshots of your ASAP account now and before if you have them. We're not 100% sure this is an issue (especially for those with a start date in the future), but we do not know for sure.
- **Once your access to funding has been restored, consider trying to get as much of your funding properly and legally drawn down as quickly as possible.**
 - As always, make sure you are 100% clear on your award obligations and that you remain 100% in compliance.
 - Remember, for most grants, you will need to spend these funds within 5 days (payroll, purchases, etc.).

- Do not draw down funds improperly. If you have questions about a potential drawdown, please fill out our [Request Form](#) so our contractors can provide pro bono assistance to you on these matters.
- **Contact your representatives**
<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
 - Consider reaching out to your elected officials and educating them on the benefits your project will provide to their constituents and complement state investment, especially in terms of jobs, stimulating the economy, energy independence, decreased exposure to pollution, etc.
 - Consider inviting them to visit your site/proposed site and/or meeting with partners.
 - If you need pro bono assistance with this, please go to this [website](#) for an email address
- **Keep moving forward and stay in compliance**
 - Some say the best way to respond to unsubstantiated attacks is to successfully, legally, and properly implement your project. If you can, proceed with your work! This is highly dependent on your ability to take on the likelihood of slower reimbursement and risk.
 - Make sure your finances are in order. If you are an EPA grant program awardee, or you know someone who is, please reach out to [Kathy Pope](#) at EPN for information on our training on financial management. We will spend the first half on the training and the second half in breakout rooms by grant.
 - Review [L4GG's Guidance Brief](#) for information on common questions associated with grants and tax credits and tips for how you can stay in compliance.
- **Continue to reach out to your Program Officer.**
 - If your PO has been terminated or put on administrative leave, email the person whose name is on their out of office, if there is one. If not, please check on EPA's system (go to our [website](#) for the link) in a few days to see if you have been assigned a new PO. If this issue persists, please reach out to info@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org to get advice on who else you can reach out to.
- **If you are "in limbo" please make sure EPN knows!**

- For example, please tell us if you have been selected but have not received your award or your award was signed but not emailed to you. Consider contacting elected officials and tell them the value of these grant programs generally.
- If you're waiting to enter an agreement on an award, or were in the middle of finalizing documents, check the status of your award (check [EPA](#)), and contact EPN, they have folks that get provide support to get everything ready for when EPA opens things up again.
- EPN has created specific resources, office hours and learning cohorts, for selectees of:
 - [Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants](#)
 - [Community Change Grants](#)
 - [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's Solar for All](#)
- For 1:1 technical assistance from the EPN & L4GG, [please complete this form](#). This includes help [applying](#) to the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program.
- **If you have received a grant termination notice from EPA, and we are not already in communication about this, please reach out.**
 - Please reach out to info@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org and please include a copy of your termination letter, any other recent correspondence from EPA, and a copy of your terms and conditions.
- **Gather stories of impacts from inability to drawdown funds** (see below)
 - The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is actively tracking how any pause on federal funding is impacting Native communities. If your community is affected, please share your experiences and concerns by sending a confidential email to oversight@indian.senate.gov 
 - Fill out Lawyers for Good Government's [fund protection clinic intake form](#)
 - Submit stories Climate Power
 - Submit stories to [Atlas Public Policy](#)
 - Submit stories to [Lilette Advisors](#)
 - National Association of Nonprofits
 - Congressional Offices collecting reports of pauses in aid
 - [Jared Huffman](#) (CA's 2nd District)
- **Other sources of Legal support** - [see Fedforward workbook](#)
- **Identify opportunities to connect and collaborate with coalition leaders positioned to file litigation**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QePddU-bdXiO3jVuxpS2jq5dFKFS1vfGfHS3vdHl_oio/edit?tab=t.z53ailku440

- **Reach out to your local and regional foundations and private donors to inquire about emergency funds to help weather a stopgap in funding**
- **Check programs you're tracking against this OMB list**
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/q7w3u7uaopc2g32v6ant0/20250128-Documentation-Request-Pausing-Federal-Financial-Assistance.pdf?rlkey=f363iq8d0hvg7zj3c8um1vdqc&dl=0>

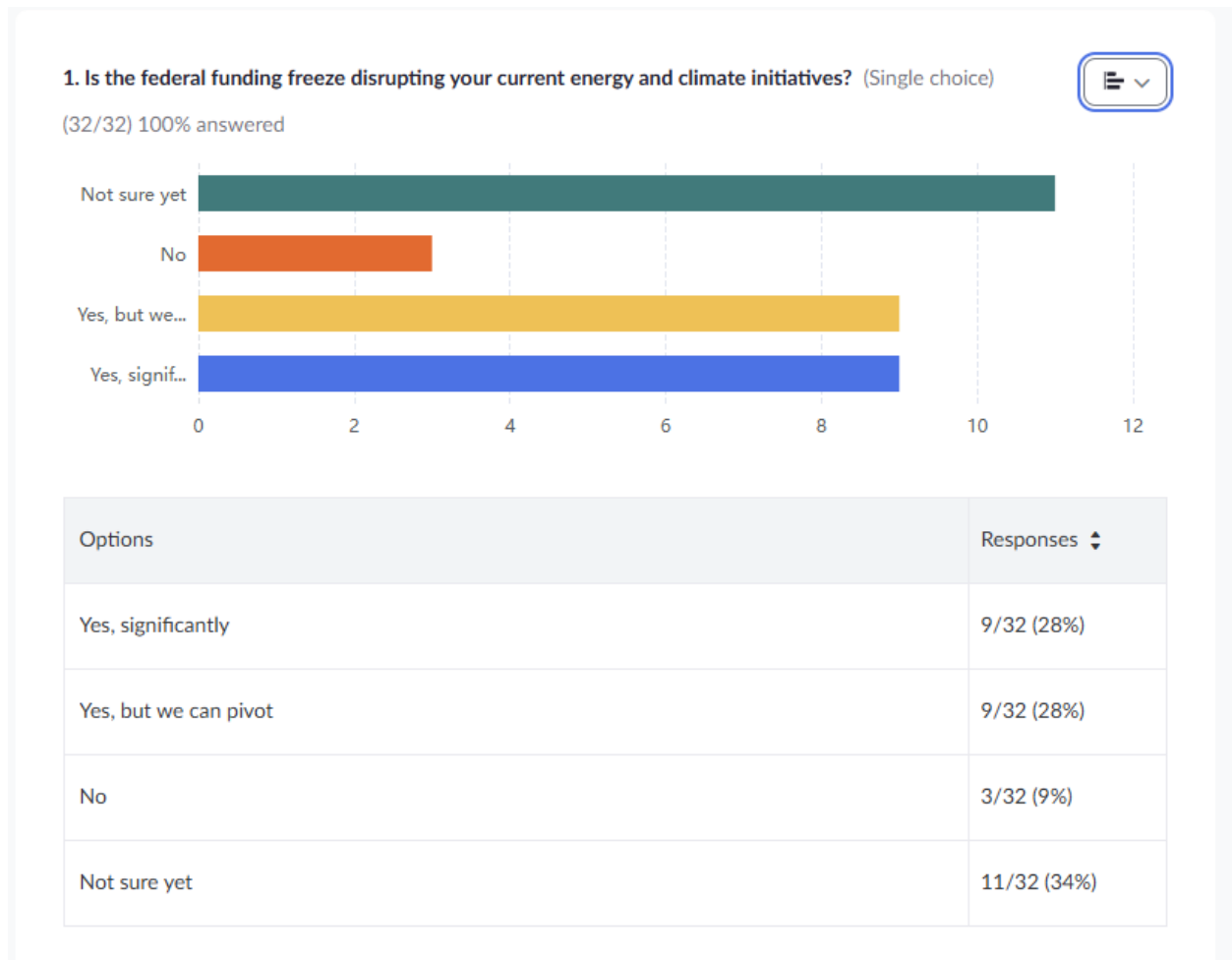
Stories/Impacts Gathered

- Anonymously collected responses from CA Energy & Climate Practitioners
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QePddU-bdXiO3jVuxpS2jq5dFKFS1vfGfHS3vdHloio/edit?tab=t.7yro4yn64hsw>

Poll responses (Anonymized)

Collected from CA Energy & Climate Practitioners

1/31/2025 Meeting Poll (Anonymized)



How have your energy and climate initiatives been impacted?

Unknown CPRG funding disbursement

Unable to draw down funds on at least one of our federal grants (CPRG) and don't know if we'll be able to cover our expenses for invoices already paid.

The contracts are being terminated or paused

Lots of EV Chargers on hold.

We have several grants that have been paused, and we had a federal conditional award that is in limbo (and is unlikely to come through)

We have an EPA CPRG grant, so we were told we were paused, but then it unfroze so unsure.

CPRG paused, NSF paused, EPA charging dollars paused, and a number of partners deeply impacted.

Our Solar For All project is moving forward in hiring and planning, however ever day there is new guidance internally on whether we are pausing, slowing down, or moving forward regularly.

Concerned about funding for our EV program

Waiting to see if reimbursements will be processed.

<X Community> was relying on the CFI grant to build out our EV charging infrastructure.

\$10M DOE grant in limbo for our BPS work

DOE Transportation funds half of our staff; resulting in job losses

Freezing of CPRG funds. Other initiatives on resilience should still move forward due to state funding.

Unsure if funding will be available work multiyear work already underway

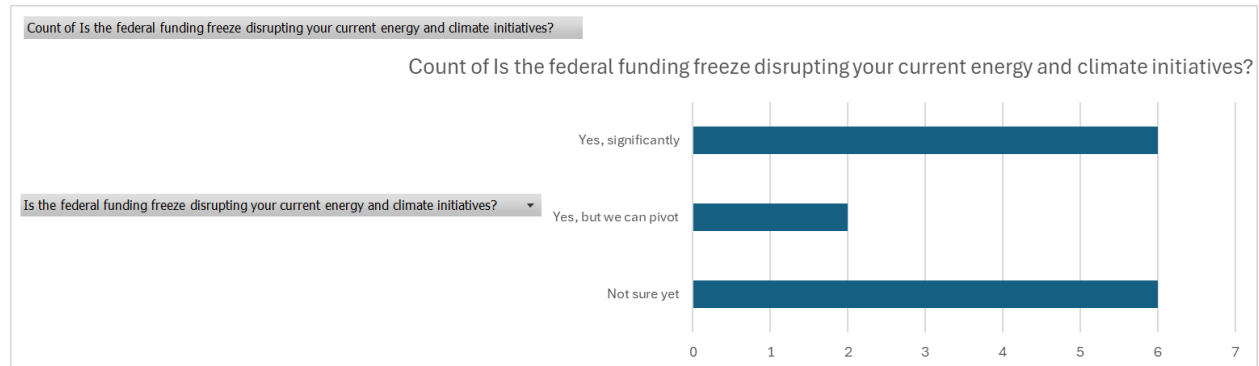
Still evaluating current contracts, but will affect which Federal funding opportunities we go after

Concern about vouchers already approved.
Awaiting clarity on whether CA GGRF-funded projects have been delayed, cancelled, or modified as a result of match/leveraged funding being pulled
Pivoting the way we direct technical assistance and grantwriting strategy for supporting grantees not to apply to federal funds
Federal funded projects and programs are paused and we are wondering how consultants will be reimbursed.
unclear planning environment to solicit projects.

Major concerns about...

Delays or refusal to be reimbursed on existing grants (costs already incurred and future costs); cash flow
Access to future funding, including stop gap funding or replacement funding
Tax credits for active projects in 2025 and after 2025, including solar energy for existing DOE project
Concern about staffing at EPA, other agencies
Concerns of newly awarded grants that are now frozen
All federal assistance for Tribes
DOE EE+RE Program Cease of DEI + CBP + J40 activities
Loss of funding for env. justice
Loss of Funding for Workforce Development Training Programs

2/4/2025 Tribal Meeting Poll (Anonymized)



<i>How have your energy and climate initiatives been impacted?</i>
The funding for CPRG implementation has been threatened
Getting awarded a \$4 million grant (announced but hadn't been awarded yet). SWIFR stopped. Other impacts? Don't know.
hold up of awards in process, spending freeze on already awarded contracts
Some funds have been frozen, but in-house activities with the new year have taken priority.
Since last week
Simply have to wait, as already understaffed federal employees will be stressed even further
Projects have been cancelled
If the formula grants aren't paid it will jeopardize capital construction plans.
I am not sure if my CPRG grant from the EPA will be fully funded and am afraid the fund for ICE to EV car purchases and EV charging stations will be removed.
There are several Tribal clean energy projects that are depending upon federal grant agreements and the investment tax credit that we are concerned are at risk.
SWIFR and CPRG grants have been halted, no information from EPA
<i>What federal energy and climate programs are you most concerned about?</i>

IRA funded contracts, any climate related awards.
Environmental
EPA, solar and energy department
BOR Water Smart
All of it. Will tribal set aside grants still be funded or is that considered DEI? Is tribal preference for hiring considered DEI?
DOE grants, Federal ITC for clean energy
BIL and IRA funding freezes

2/6/2025

- Projects missing from ASAP for active BIA Tribal Resilience Grants

2/8/2024 Meeting Poll (Anonymized)

<i>What federal programs or portals are currently not allowing you to make a drawdown?</i>
ASAP for EPA CPRG
We had access to the DOE EERE portal but not sure if we still do. Did receive advance payment as requested
We don't have direct federal grant funding. Only pass through
It depends on the agency and the opportunity.
ASAP
Waiting to see results

<i>If you have received notice of federal award but not yet a contract, please share the agency and program, and whether you've received communication from an agency staff person.</i>
CERRI grant - thru CA Energy Commission but with IRA funds
Yes. DOE. no contact! conditional award only

2/28 Meeting

Are you experiencing significant consequences as a result of the federal funding freeze (E.g. restructuring, laying off staff, trouble accessing funds)?

- Trouble accessing funds; possible need to lay off staff if grants are rescinded/deobligated/not executed.
- approx 100 million grant frozen
- No lay-offs, but a grant we had "won" and on which we were in negotiation has stalled. Very disappointing, and tons of work had gone into the grant.
- fortunately, no. Funding freeze for CPRG has been released. EPA project officer's say that there should be no additional freeze. Although there will be a government shutdown around 3/14, funds ok
- Not directly but CPRG funding freeze delayed activities we are supporting.
- Indirectly, yes.
- Department of Energy's Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes grant (funded by the IRA) back in August 2024. haven't heard anything from DOE since end of January.
- Not yet
- no
- \$750k CEC pass-through of DOE funds, under contract, but unclear when we will be able to launch the work.
- Having difficulties closing a deal for solar and battery storage projects. (tariffs, tax credits)
- Not yet.... Waiting to hear about two grants.
- Trouble accessing funds
- Yes, we implement part of a program that gets HEEHRA funding. Contractors are out 6-7 figures from fronting money for heat pump installations and are not happy.
- Yes
- The City has several grants that are on hold, awarded but not yet contracted, worth about \$22M in BPS and EV projects.

- no
- No, not yet. The majority of our funding comes from non-federal sources, so we are able to pivot more easily than some other organizations.
- Not yet, but we may with time
- No, our CFI grant is just frozen
- Not for me, yet.
- Yes. Cannot decide if we should hire staff that were budgeted for in the grant, or whether we can use a contractor until we can go through the lengthy government hiring process.
- Not yet, but expecting
- We were not able to enter into a grant agreement for a substantial grant awarded in December 2024. We have mixed status on some other federal grants the City had previously received.

CHAT

3/28/2025 Meeting Poll (Anonymized)

Have you lost existing federal grant funding?	Are your recent grant awards being executed (since January 20)?	Are you feeling the effects of federal employee terminations?	Overall, how are you feeling about the outlook for existing and future federal funding
Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	We have not received any word on executing recent grant awards but are holding out hope	Yes, we cannot get a hold of our grant managers	
N/A	Yes, recent award contracts are being executed	Not sure/other	I am exploring alternate funding outlets

N/A	N/A	Not sure/other	Local Government/Domestic infrastructure feels secure. Equity/Inclusion need to be creatively written into these opportunities.
Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	Not sure	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	Not hopeful that there will be future funding for EV charging or other clean energy projects
N/A	We have not received any word on executing recent grant awards but are holding out hope	Yes, we cannot get a hold of our grant managers	Bleak
N/A	N/A	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	Not good
No, everything appears to be back and we can draw down		No, our federal contacts are responsive	Trying to stay positive and keep my team positive.
No, everything appears to be back and we can draw down	Yes, recent award contracts are being executed	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	

Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	We have not received any word on executing recent grant awards but are holding out hope	Not sure/other	not optimistic at all.
N/A	We think it is unlikely we will execute recent grant awards and operating as though dollars won't come	Yes, we cannot get a hold of our grant managers	You get what you fight for. You fight for what you believe in. Coordinate and get it on!
No, everything appears to be back and we can draw down	Yes, recent award contracts are being executed	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	Even though we received word to proceed with the voucher grant, I'm still feeling unsure about proceeding.
Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	We have not received any word on executing recent grant awards but are holding out hope	Yes, we cannot get a hold of our grant managers	That it may not be worth trying to keep the contracts we have in limbo and that we need to move forward without them
N/A	N/A	N/A	
No, everything appears to be back and we can draw down	N/A	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	Concerned about the ability to make any amendments to our agreement
Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	We have not received any word on executing recent grant awards but are holding out hope	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	
N/A	N/A	Some are still available but	rollercoaster of uncertainty, but trying to

		communication is more delayed	be optimistic, and continuing to advocate
Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	N/A	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	Guardedly pessimistic
N/A	N/A	N/A	
N/A	N/A	Some are still available but communication is more delayed	not optimistic
N/A	We have not received any word on executing recent grant awards but are holding out hope	N/A	We're in the "Weathering The Storm Mode."
Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	Not sure		
N/A	N/A	N/A	
Not sure (e.g. our project comes and goes in payment systems)	Not sure	Yes, we cannot get a hold of our grant managers	I'm feeling sad and frustrated about the outlook going forward. Even if we are reinstated, we will need cooperation to negotiate new timelines because we're losing so much time now.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Not planning to go after any for the most part. Still considering the Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program, as they don't appear to be shut down yet.

4/25/2025 Meeting Poll (Anonymized)

Have you experienced any changes in the status of existing federal grant contracts since the recent injunction (4/15)?	If you did regain access to existing federal grant contracts, how did you do it?
--	--

No, I still cannot access existing federal grant contracts that have been in limbo	Other
--	-------

Yes, I have regained access to all my existing federal grant contracts	Nothing, it just happened.
--	----------------------------

Yes, I've regained access to some of my existing federal grant contracts	Nothing, it just happened.
--	----------------------------

No, I still cannot access existing federal grant contracts that have been in limbo

No, I still cannot access existing federal grant contracts that have been in limbo	Other
--	-------

No, I still cannot access existing federal grant contracts that have been in limbo	Nothing, it just happened.
--	----------------------------

No, I still cannot access existing federal grant contracts that have been in limbo	Other
--	-------

Who leading legal or legislative action?

Potential organizations that may be leading coalitions for legal or legislative action

[Just security's Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Action](#)

This is only a brainstorm. None of the following are confirmed to be pursuing further legal action or forming coalitions.

- California Attorney General
- Lawyers for Good Government
- Tribal Consortiums
- Public Bank LA
- [State Support Center — s2strategies](#)
- Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights (DEI lawsuits/EO)
- NRDC
- Sierra Club
- Earth Justice
- Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Calnonprofits
- Native American Rights fund
- United Southern and Eastern Tribes
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- Northwest Fisheries Association
- National Indian Health Board -
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/NIHB-Statement-on-Recent-Executive-Orders.html?soid=1110714960954&aid=2Muze5xujGl>
-

Article Archive

Article Archive

Union of Concerned Scientists: Congress, and All of Us, Will Reckon with Budget Reconciliation This Year (Feb 25, 2025)

<https://blog.ucsusa.org/david-watkins/congress-and-all-of-us-will-reckon-with-budget-reconciliation-this-year/>

NPR: Federal judge hears arguments to decide the future of Trump's federal funding freeze (Feb 21, 2025)

<https://www.npr.org/2025/02/21/g-s1-50084/trump-funding-freeze-court-hearing>

New York Times: The \$20 Billion Controversy Over E.P.A. Climate Funds, Explained (Feb 20, 2025)

“Now, more than 200 planned investments intended to help finance clean energy and environmental projects in underserved communities may be at risk.”

https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/20/climate/epa-climate-funds-green-banks-20-billion.html?unlocked_article_code=1.zk4.07SU.DUsDN0al2vmp&smid=url-share

The Guardian: Some federal workers given just 30 minutes to leave amid Trump layoffs (Feb 14, 2025)

“As many as 200,000 US workers slated to be affected by mass terminations as Musk leads crusade to slash spending”

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/14/federal-worker-layoffs-trump-musk>

New York Times: Trump's Funding Freeze Raises a New Question: Is the Government's Word Good? (Feb 14, 2025)

“As the Trump administration continues to withhold billions of dollars for climate and clean energy spending — despite two federal judges ordering the money released — concerns are growing that the United States government could skip out on its legal commitments.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/14/climate/trumps-funding-freeze-raises-a-new-question-is-the-governments-word-good.html>

Associated Press: Appeals court rejects Trump administration push to reinstate spending freezes on grants and loans (Feb 11, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/trump-spending-freeze-judge-federal-grants-loans-df756135aa9015457b6d14d59435cb89>

ProPublica: The Courts Blocked Trump's Federal Funding Freeze. Agencies Are Withholding Money Anyway. (Feb 11, 2025)

“On Monday, the judge overseeing that case, John J. McConnell Jr., did just that, ruling that the Trump administration had violated his restraining order by keeping funds frozen. He wrote that the government’s “broad categorical and sweeping freeze of federal funds” was “likely unconstitutional” and that it must immediately restore funding across the board, unless it could show the court “a specific instance where they are acting in compliance with this order but otherwise withholding funds due to specific authority.””

<https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-administration-funding-freeze-workarounds>

New York Times: Trump Is Freezing Money for Clean Energy. Red States Have the Most to Lose. (Feb 10, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/10/climate/trump-clean-energy-republican-states.html?partner=slack&smid=sl-share>

Reuters: US Treasury temporarily agrees to limit DOGE access amid privacy lawsuit (Feb 6, 2025)

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-treasury-temporarily-agrees-limit-doge-access-amid-privacy-lawsuit-2025-02-06/>

Utility Dive: EPA Funding Freeze Endangers \$7B Solar for All Program (Feb 6, 2025)

https://www.utilitydive.com/news/epa-funding-freeze-solar-for-all-inflation-reduction-act-trump/739459/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202025-02-06%20Utility%20Dive%20Renewable%20Energy%20%5Bissue:70241%5D&utm_term=Utility%20Dive:%20Renewable%20Energy

NBC News: Trump administration agrees to restrict DOGE access to Treasury Department payment systems (Feb 5, 2025)

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/trump-administration-agrees-restrict-doge-access-treasury-department-p-rcna190898>

New York Time: Trump’s Attempt to Freeze Grant Funding Leaves Nonprofits Reeling (Feb 5, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/04/us/politics/grant-funding-freeze-nonprofits.html>

Fedscoop: Treasury sued by union groups over systems access given to Musk, DOGE (Feb 4, 2025)

“The lawsuit alleges that Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent provided DOGE workers with “full access” to personal and financial information of millions of individuals.”

<https://fedscoop.com/treasury-sued-by-union-groups-over-systems-access-given-to-musk-doge/>

USA Today: Judge extends pause on Trump funding freeze after finding administration has not complied (Feb 3, 2025)

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2025/02/03/judge-trump-administration-funding-freeze/78180951007/>

New York Times: Judge Further Blocks White House Spending Freeze (Feb 3, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/03/us/politics/white-house-spending-freeze-omb-judge.html#>

Politico: The fight over spending just got a lot more complicated (Jan 31, 2025)

<https://www.eenews.net/articles/the-fight-over-spending-just-got-a-lot-more-complicated/>

NBC News: Second judge blocks Trump's federal aid funding freeze (Jan 31, 2025)

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/amp/rcna190249>

Politico: Second judge to block Trump's spending freeze says the policy is likely unconstitutional (Jan 31, 2025)

<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/01/31/judge-block-trump-spending-freeze-00201899>

Utility Dive: Trump's executive orders cause hesitation, confusion for clean energy developers (Jan 30, 2025)

https://www.utilitydive.com/news/trump-executive-orders-clean-energy-developers-funding-freeze-pause/738793/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Issue:%202025-01-31%20Utility%20Dive%20Newsletter%20%5Bissue:70051%5D&utm_term=Utility%20Dive

EENews: EPA cuts off IRA solar money already under contract (Jan 30, 2025)

<https://www.eenews.net/articles/epa-cuts-off-ira-solar-money-already-under-contract>

White House aide says spending freeze isn't being rescinded despite memo (Jan 29, 2025)

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/5113776-white-house-press-secretary-spending-freeze/amp/>

Canary Media: Trump admin's attack on clean energy and climate funding continues

https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/policy-regulation/trump-admins-attack-on-clean-energy-and-climate-funding-continues?utm_medium=email

Idaho Capital Sun: Second federal judge seems to be prepared to block Trump spending pause

<https://idahocapitalsun.com/2025/01/29/dc/second-federal-judge-seems-to-be-prepared-to-block-trump-spending-pause/>

Associated Press: Trump White House rescinds memo freezing federal grants after widespread confusion (Jan. 29, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-pause-federal-grants-aid-6d41961940585544fa43a3f66550e7be>

New York Times: Live Updates: Trump Administration Rescinds Freeze on Federal Grants and Loans (Jan. 29, 2025)

https://www.nytimes.com/live/2025/01/29/us/trump-federal-freeze-funding-news?campaign_id=190&emc=edit_ufn_20250129&instance_id=146102&nl=from-the-times®i_id=193267583&segment_id=189592&user_id=6dc1f739221eab096640ecbaf6c1ff38

NPR - New memo [rescinding freeze], White House response adds to confusion on federal funding freeze (Jan. 29, 2025)

<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/29/g-s1-45313/trump-federal-funding-freeze-reversed>

Associated Press: Trump offering federal workers buyouts with about 8 months' pay in effort to shrink government (Jan. 28, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/trump-buyouts-to-all-federal-employees-f67f5751a0fd5ad8471806a5a1067b5e>

Reuters: Judge temporarily pauses Trump's freeze on grants, loans (Jan. 28, 2025)

"U.S. District Judge Loren AliKhan ordered the Trump administration not to block funding to existing programs until Feb. 3 at a hearing in Washington, D.C., federal court."

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/non-profits-health-groups-sue-over-trumps-freeze-grants-loans-2025-01-28/>

AP: Live updates: White House defends Trump's federal funding pause (Jan. 28, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/live/trump-presidency-updates-day-9>

**AP: Chaos ripples through country as Trump orders federal funding freeze (Jan. 28, 2025)

<https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-pause-federal-grants-aid-f9948b9996c0ca971f0065fac85737ce>

New York Times: Live Updates: Funding Freeze Spurs New Fight Over Trump's Vision for His Government (Jan. 28, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2025/01/28/us/trump-news-executive-orders>

New York Times: States Will Sue Trump to Stop Federal Grant Freeze (Jan 28, 2025) -

"Democratic attorneys general from states including New York, California, Illinois, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Massachusetts are moving to keep funds flowing to state governments and cities."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/28/us/politics/states-lawsuit-trump-federal-grants-pause.html>

The Wall Street Journal: Officials Scramble to Interpret White House Pause on Federal Financial-Assistance Programs (Jan 28, 2025)

<https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/white-house-orders-pause-of-federal-financial-assistance-programs-8362a8e0>

New York Times: White House Budget Office Orders Pause in All Federal Loans and Grants (Jan. 27, 2025)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/27/us/politics/white-house-pauses-federal-grants.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>

EE News: Billions in question as Trump freezes DOE loan spending (Jan. 27, 2025)

https://www.eenews.net/articles/billions-in-question-as-trump-freezes-doe-loan-spending/?utm_medium=email