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Trump Administration Executive Order

Earlier today, the Trump administration [rescinded its OMB directive](#) implementing a [sweeping freeze](#) on federal grants and loans.

The decision came after U.S. District Court Judge Loren L. AliKhan [temporarily blocked](#) the Trump administration from implementing the order in response to a [legal challenge](#) from a network of nonprofit organizations. This order, which only applies to existing funds that were already slated to be dispersed, is set to expire on February 3 at 5 p.m. AliKhan is expected to render a more lasting decision during a hearing scheduled for February 3. A [separate lawsuit](#) has been filed by a group of 22 states, including Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia also seeking to block the freeze. At this moment, it's unclear how far the lawsuits will proceed.

In the meantime, the administration says it will continue its review of federal spending.

In addition, we agree with the following recommendation from NASH (the National Association of Higher Education Systems):

"Given uncertainty about next steps, NASH recommends that federal grantees make every effort to stay up to date on drawing down federal funds in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and grant terms. In addition, recipients and subrecipients should consider looking closely at the terms and conditions of their award agreements, agency-specific implementations of the Uniform Guidance (including appeal procedures for grant disputes, to the extent the agency has them), and the authorizing statute and any implementing regulations for the programs they are working on to evaluate their options if the government suspends or terminates their awards in the future."

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