



Dear Research Community,

Many of us are reading media reports and other news from the federal government that suggest shifts in federal government funding priorities and impacts to current and future research funding.

UNM's Office of Government Relations, as well as the Office of Sponsored Projects (Main Campus), the Sponsored Projects Office (HSC), and the Contracts and Grants Accounting offices are currently monitoring possible changes that could directly impact our researchers. We will continue to update you as these issues evolve and we better understand their practical implications. Our assessment of these changes, guided by information from other appropriate sources, will also inform our ongoing development of tools and resources for you, our advocacy efforts, and actions you can take.

As we're working in the background to follow all developments, these are the action items for you:

- **Awards:** Please continue all federally sponsored research activities unless you have specifically received a stop-work order from a government agency. If you receive some other guidance from a federal entity, please immediately notify the relevant sponsored projects office (awards@unm.edu for main and branch campuses; hsc-preaward@salud.unm.edu for Health Sciences campus).
- **Proposals:** Researchers should continue to prepare proposals based on published funding calls, and we will continue to submit grants to federal agencies. Note that submission timelines and award decisions may be impacted as funding agencies navigate changes in federal priorities. During this time of transition, continue to re-review funding announcements for any revisions. Note that we have already received notifications that specific funding opportunities have been at least temporarily withdrawn and that additional information, updated deadlines, and other revisions may be communicated to the community later this spring.
- **Stop-Work Orders:** Please comply immediately with any stop-work orders on specific projects. A "stop-work order" refers to a formal directive issued by a funding agency or project sponsor that instructs the research team to temporarily halt all work on a project. If a stop-work order is received, no additional costs can be allocated to that project, including salaries, materials and supplies or travel, effective the date of the stop-work order. This also applies to any subawards that may exist for that project. If a PI or department administrator receives a stop-work order notice directly, please forward to the appropriate sponsored projects office (awards@unm.edu for main and branch campuses; hsc-preaward@salud.unm.edu for Health Sciences campus). If a stop-work order has been issued, it will usually be received by the appropriate sponsored projects office, and will be forwarded to an awards team. The appropriate fiscal monitor will work with the PI, department staff, and Contract & Grant Accounting staff on next steps for compliance with the stop-work order.



- Messages and Updates: PIs should direct any messages from a sponsor regarding grant or contract matters to the appropriate sponsored projects office (awards@unm.edu for main and branch campuses; hsc-preaward@salud.unm.edu for Health Sciences campus) so that we can work collaboratively to address any possible changes or issues as they arise.

We are working to learn more and will share updates as they become available. The Research Offices at UNM will be developing a webpage to house resources and information for UNM researchers. One resource you might find helpful is the [Council on Government Relations website](#).

Please reach out to us directly or to your Associate Dean for Research if you have questions or need further clarification. We're here to help and ensure you feel supported as we navigate these changes together.

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