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Dear Research Community,

Since our last communication, there have been some updates on the federal funding research funding landscape for the beginning of February.

As many of you are aware, several states brought a lawsuit challenging the legality of the funding freeze. On Friday, January 31, 2025, the court issued a [temporary restraining order \(TRO\)](#) directing federally agencies to “... not pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel, or terminate ... awards and obligations to provide federal financial assistance to the States.” The Department of Justice (DOJ) has determined that this TRO applies to all award recipients. Notably, several reports have indicated that federal agencies continue to review existing grants for compliance with executive orders.

At UNM, the president has launched a dedicated [information page](#) to provide updates and provisional guidance related to 2025 federal executive actions. As part of that page, there is a link back to the [page](#) we launched at the end of last week specifically focused on tracking federal funding.

Most recently, we have developed a mechanism for researchers to submit questions or concerns they may have about specific, federally funded projects. You can find the link to this brief Smartsheet Form on the [Research page](#). If you submit a question or concern, the relevant research office will respond to you directly as quickly as possible.

We have also started to populate the FAQ section of the Research-focused page, and will continue to update this section as we hear from you!

We will continue to communicate with you as we have additional information and guidance.

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