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Lobo researchers,

As we mentioned in last week's communication, we continue to receive Notices of Award (NOAs) on continuing grants. In addition, we are also receiving "just in time" requests from NIH on new awards. Similarly, we have received notices from NSF on recommended new awards.

In the ever-evolving landscape of legal and governmental affairs, we want to recognize and thank UNM's [Office of University Counsel](#) and the [Office of Government and Community Relations](#). Their expertise has been invaluable to us, especially as we navigate the complexities of information and activity circulating daily. With their support, we have gained profound insights into the intricacies of the legal and governmental frameworks, empowering us to stay informed about critical updates that impact our research community. Their dedication to maintaining open lines of communication with New Mexico's congressional delegation has been instrumental, fostering collaboration and advocacy on our behalf as researchers, as well as providing support and inspiration for the [research rapid response team](#). Together, we are not just participants in this process; we are inspired to rise to the challenges ahead, driven by a shared commitment to excellence in research and advocacy.

In other news, there have been some new rulings in two cases we've been following closely:

1. Earlier this week, in the District of Columbia, a federal judge [issued a preliminary](#) injunction regarding the OMB Memorandum M-25-13. The OMB memo, which has now been rescinded, affected disbursement of federal funds. The court order applies specifically to open awards that could be affected by the directives in the OMB memo.
2. At the end of last week, in the district of Maryland, a federal judge [issued a preliminary](#) injunction around specific actions detailed in executive orders 14151 and 14173.

We have posted the above items to our [Federal Research Funding Updates](#) webpage, along with other resources and FAQs. You will also find links to our PI questionnaire and a second form allowing faculty to request funding support for students. We encourage you to visit the page regularly for updates.

This year's UNM State of Research event promises to be a vibrant forum for intellectual exchange, featuring an engaging town hall Q&A panel. Join Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs James Holloway; Vice President for Research Ellen Fisher; EVP for Health Sciences Mike Richards; and HSC Vice President for Research Hengameh Raissy as they share insights and answer questions that shape the future of research at UNM. Whether you're a seasoned scholar or a curious Lobo researcher who has just

joined The Pack, there's still [time to register](#). Don't miss your chance to submit a question in advance through [the provided form](#).

As always, UNM wouldn't be what it is today without the people who make it work. Your commitment not only enriches the communities we serve but also propels us toward our shared goals with enthusiasm and purpose. We genuinely welcome your thoughts and suggestions, as they serve as a vital compass guiding us on our academic journey.

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