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Lobo Researchers!

We hope your Spring Break was not only a time for relaxation and rejuvenation but also an opportunity to recharge your minds and spirits.

We know our last message went out before Spring Break, but rest assured, the Research Rapid Response Team (RRT) has been busy, continuing to monitor various actions by funding agencies and responding to changes in reporting and financial justification strategies newly developed to align with the priorities of the current administration.

In recent news, a coalition of attorneys general, including New Mexico Attorney General Raúl Torrez, [filed a lawsuit](#) on April 1 seeking a temporary restraining order to invalidate the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its secretary from terminating \$11B in grants in states arguing those terminations violate the Administrative Procedure Act.

A couple of notes for researchers across UNM:

- Share with us! Although this may seem redundant, we really do need you to communicate with us if you're contacted by a funding agency, especially with respect to changes in reporting requirements, stop-work orders, and/or grant terminations. We also appreciate any insights you may receive from colleagues at other institutions.
- Spend the funds you have! It has come to our attention that there may be PIs who are not spending (or underspending) grant funds they already have, perhaps in an effort to save funds or with the thought that they may be able to request a no cost extension (NCE). However, given the uncertainty associated with individual agencies' response to administrative changes, you may not be able to request an NCE moving forward.
- Keep submitting proposals! We also learned that specific RFPs, RFAs, or NOFOs have "disappeared" from agency websites. In many cases, this has turned out to be temporary, as many have reappeared with some language changes. We strongly encourage you to continue to seek out funding opportunities and check in with UNM faculty development staff as they have been keeping abreast of archived opportunities as well as new opportunities that have been released.

As Lobos, one of our strongest qualities is our ability to demonstrate resilience under new and uncertain circumstances, and the both of us are filled with optimism about our collective ability to adapt and innovate in the face of challenges. Together, we have the opportunity to pivot and re-imagine our approaches while maintaining our core values, ensuring that we continue to conduct and produce the exceptional research and scholarship that defines us as The University of New Mexico.

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