

# Understanding Grants and Executive Orders



## Overview

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A new administration means new policies, changes to previous initiatives, and updated budgets. Recently, President Trump announced several executive orders (EO), which are signed statements about how the president wants the federal government managed. They can come as instructions to federal agencies or requests for reports. Here's what we know so far and how it will affect grant seekers.

### *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)*

The President has taken a proactive approach in deactivating DEI initiatives within the U.S. government. There are two main executive orders that discuss these changes:

#### Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing -

The EO is to end funding for DEI programs in the government and directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to end “illegal mandates and preferences.” A memo attached to this EO froze federal funding but has been temporarily rescinded. We are closely following this EO to ensure federal funding continues to support vital programs.

#### Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government -

This EO directs federal agencies to use sex, not gender, in federal policies and documents. The order will also limit the choice of gender identification to sexes assigned at birth.

### *Immigration*

Immigration is another strong topic that President Trump has discussed. Some of the EOs that refer to changes in immigration include:

Securing Our Borders - An executive order ending the federal program that allowed immigrants who entered the country illegally to remain in the country as long as they were in the process of asylum. This also will reinstate the “Remain in Mexico” policy, which requires asylum-seekers to stay in Mexico until their claims are processed.

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Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program - This EO will “suspend refugee resettlement” for four months as part of a broader effort to “immediately end the migrant invasion of America.”

Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship - This EO has been temporarily blocked as it violates the 14th Amendment. This would change the definition of birthright citizenship and declare that no government department or agency will issue citizenship documents to children whose parents do not meet specific guidelines regarding their own citizenship.

Laken Riley Act which has been signed into law. This law requires U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain and repatriate illegal aliens who commit theft, burglary, larceny, shoplifting, assault against police officers, and crimes that result in serious bodily harm or death.

**Note:** These EOs now allow ICE agents to arrest migrants at churches and schools as well as other public areas that were previous sanctuaries.

***Education***

The current administration is changing the way education is handled. It has stated that it plans to turn educational authority over to each respective state rather than be determined on a federal level. Some EOs that pertain to other changes in educations are:

Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling - This order seeks to end “radical indoctrination” in primary and secondary schools eliminating “gender ideology and critical race theory in the classroom.” This Order will restrict curricular content on the role of racism in U.S. history and current affairs and eliminate non-binary gender identity.

Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism - This policy combats anti-Semitism, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence.

Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families - This EO recognizes that parents, not the government, play a fundamental role in choosing and directing the upbringing and education of their children. It directs the Department of Education to issue guidance on how the States can use federal funding formulas to support their K-12 scholarship programs.

<p><i>Health and Human Services</i></p>	<p>This is the first EO that relates to Health and Human Services:</p> <p><u>Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</u> - The order states that it would "defend women's rights and protect freedom of conscience by using clear and accurate language and policies that recognize women are biologically female, and men are biologically male."</p>
<p><i>Environment</i></p>	<p>President Trump has taken swift action in the area of environmental regulations. He has stated that the United States will leave the World Health Organization due to "mishandling the COVID-19 pandemic and other international health crises."</p> <p>In addition, he has signed the following EOs:</p> <p><u>Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements</u> - The U.S. will withdraw from the <u>Paris Climate Agreement</u> for the second time as part of an initiative to put America first in international environmental agreements. The Paris Climate Agreement is a global accord which implements the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.</p> <p><u>Unleashing American Energy</u> - This seeks to promote and encourage energy exploration and development by revising the permitting process, revoking or revising regulations, and promoting domestic mining, amongst other changes.</p>
<p><i>Workforce Development</i></p>	<p>The President has taken steps to change the federal workforce:</p> <p><u>Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity</u> - This EO will eliminate the requirement for federal contractors to maintain affirmative action programs.</p>

## What's Next?

Think & Ink Grant Consulting is keeping a close eye on administrative changes that will affect our clients. We will continue to update this information as it becomes available. For now, we are business as usual. Our team is moving forward with predicted and forecasted opportunities, attending federal level webinars, and speaking with funders to learn about any changes that have been made.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us!