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## What is the federal funding freeze?

On Monday, January 27, 2025, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a memo at the direction of the White House ordering all federal agencies to freeze all federal loan and grant funding financial assistance to conduct a review of federal financial assistance.

The day after, on January 28, 2025, a federal judge temporarily halted the freeze until February 3, 2025. The Trump administration cannot suspend disbursement of any congressionally appropriated funds until then.

The following day, on January 29, 2025, the White House rescinded the order that would have frozen federal grants and loans.

## Which programs are affected by the federal funding freeze?

As of January 29, 2025, the White House has rescinded the order to freeze federal funding.

Prior to this reversal, the pause was not supposed to impact any funding that goes directly to individuals including: Social Security, Medicare, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or food stamps, or welfare benefits. A later OMB memo stated that rental assistance payments would not be paused. There was uncertainty around which federally funded programs would have been implicated, however as of January 29, 2025 the order has been rescinded.

## How does this impact Home Forward?

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Home Forward is not a federal agency, but we do receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Prior to the reversal, it was unclear how the now rescinded order could have impacted our federal funding streams. We will continue to work diligently to ensure residents and program participants are not impacted.

## **How does this impact Home Forward residents and program participants?**

As of January 29, 2025, the White House has rescinded the order to freeze federal funding. A federal judge also temporarily halted the federal funding freeze order. Home Forward is working diligently to ensure residents and program participants are not impacted. Home Forward currently has sufficient funds to keep residents and participants housed. Home Forward will continue to monitor and provide updates as more information becomes available and will inform residents and program participants if this changes.

## **How does this impact Home Forward staff?**

The White House rescinded the order that would have frozen federal grants and loans. Home Forward has sufficient funds to pay salaries and benefits for all staff. Home Forward will continue to monitor and provide updates as more information becomes available. Home Forward will inform staff if this changes.

## **What does this mean for third parties that have current contracts with Home Forward?**

The White House rescinded the order that would have frozen federal grants and loans. Home Forward has sufficient funds to continue all existing contracts.