




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**THROUGH:** Jon Fortune, Deputy City Manager 

**FROM:** Carrie Rogers, Intergovernmental Relations Officer

**DATE:** January 29, 2025

**SUBJECT: Update: President Trump Executive Orders / Pause on Federal Grants, Loans and Disbursements**

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As a follow-up to the “President Trump Executive Orders / Pause on Federal Grants, Loans and Disbursements” memorandum distributed yesterday, the Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGRO), City management, and department leadership continue to examine the impact of the recent Executive Orders issued by President Trump, specifically the orders relating to immigration and grants. We are speaking daily with state leadership, law enforcement, and members of our community to address the concerns and fears that the proposed immigration policies and enforcement have sown in the community.

### **Update on potential “pause” on federal grants and loans**

In response to the pause on all federal and loans that was announced on Monday in a memo from the Office of Management and Budget, yesterday afternoon U.S. District Judge Loren L. AliKhan issued a stay on the administration’s freeze, temporarily blocking the OMB directive until Monday afternoon. The stay applies only to existing programs.

### ***Examples of Potential Impacts of the Grants Freeze on the City:***

- The **Austin-Bergstrom International Airport** is expected to spend about \$911 million on major capital improvements over the next two years, including critical expansion projects. Of that, the City is expecting roughly a third, or \$300 million, in grant funding that is now potentially jeopardized.
- Nearly \$234.5 million for **Streets and Construction Projects** over the next two years would be impacted by this freeze, including the park caps over I-35 through downtown, safe streets for all, and the Barton Springs Bridge replacement.

- **Austin Public Health** relies on approximately \$39 million for critical family health programs such as vaccines, Tuberculosis clinics, preventive screenings, basic needs and nutritional programs for women and children, as well as public health emergency preparedness and disease surveillance programs. These funds – potentially impacted by the OMB directive – include grants to non-profit vendors and over 300 full-time City employees (FTEs) directly serving Austin residents on behalf of these federal programs.

A complete listing of Presidential executive orders issued through Monday, January 27, 2025, can be found [here](#).

If you have additional question, please contact [Carrie.Rogers@austintexas.gov](mailto:Carrie.Rogers@austintexas.gov).

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