

Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits



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After his January 20th inauguration, President Trump signed dozens of Executive Orders (EOs) covering a broad range of issues, including diversity, equity, and inclusion programs; government grants and contracts; civic engagement; immigration; and certain nonprofit subsectors. **Some of the EOs won't take effect immediately, and many are expected to be immediately challenged in court.** This chart outlines some of the EOs that may affect nonprofits directly or indirectly.

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<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/files/media/documents/2025/chart-executive-orders.pdf>

Background Resources

- [Presidential Actions](#), White House.
- [What Is an Executive Order?](#), American Bar Association, Jan. 25, 2021.

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Nonprofit Impact

Federal government DEI programs and trainings, often provided by or in partnership with nonprofits, will be eliminated. In addition, President Trump has signed EOs extending "anti-DEI" efforts to the private sector.

Executive Order	Related Actions
<p data-bbox="120 562 906 640"><u>Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity</u></p> <ul data-bbox="139 695 1036 1816" style="list-style-type: none">• Requires every federal grant or contract to certify it is compliant with “anti-discrimination” laws and does not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate “anti-discrimination” laws.• Directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review all processes, directives, and guidance, and remove all references to DEIA “under whatever name they appear” and terminate all mandates, requirements, programs, and activities.• Requires agencies and the Attorney General to take appropriate action to advance “anti-DEI” in the private sector.• Requires the Attorney General and agencies to provide recommendations for enforcing “anti-DEI” and end DEI in the private sector.• Requires a report by the Attorney General and agencies to identify up to 9 potential investigations of corporations, large nonprofits or associations, or foundations with assets of \$500 million or more or state and local bar and medical associations and higher education institutions with endowments of \$1 billion or more.• Requires guidance for all education agencies and higher education institutions that receive federal funds or federal student loan assistance.	<p data-bbox="1091 583 1463 661">Components of this EO may be challenged in court.</p> <p data-bbox="1091 716 1498 1098">After signing the EO, the federal agency in charge of personnel (US Office of Personnel Management, or OPM) sent guidance to all federal agencies instructing them to begin the process of shutting down any DEI-related programs.</p> <p data-bbox="1091 1152 1498 1230">OPM also instructed all federal agencies, by 5pm on 1/22 to:</p> <ul data-bbox="1110 1285 1498 1795" style="list-style-type: none">• Put any federal staff working on DEI-related programs to be put on administrative leave.• Remove all outward facing media (websites, social media, etc) of DEI offices or initiatives.• Terminate any DEI-related contractors.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

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<p><u>Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinds previous Biden Executive Orders to expand DEI in in <u>federal government programs</u>, the <u>federal workforce</u>, and <u>underserved communities</u>. 	See above
<p><u>Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to coordinate with all federal agencies to terminate all DEI programs in federal agencies, including equity related grants, and equity action plans. 	
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Federal Government

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Nonprofits partnering with federal government agencies or receiving federal funding, especially through government grants and contracts, may experience longer wait times and slower processing, loss of points of contacts or difficulty reaching them, and increased strain on relationships.

Nonprofits should advocate for and talk to government partners about government grants and contracting reform and provide specific examples of how processes and reporting requirements could be streamlined.

Nonprofits will no longer have direct White House connections through the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Executive Order	Related Actions
<p><u>Initial Rescissions of Executive Harmful Executive Orders and Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes pay transparency and equity requirements for federal workers. Rescinds previous Biden Executive Order requiring executive employees to commit to an ethics code and not accept gifts from lobbyists. Rescinds previous Biden Executive Order establishing the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. 	
<p><u>Return to In-Person Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs full-time, in person work for all federal employees. 	
<p><u>Hiring Freeze</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implements federal hiring freeze. 	
<p><u>Restoring Accountability to Policy-Influencing Positions Within the Federal Workforce</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes human resources policies and allows for easier termination. 	<p>Guidance from OMP forthcoming.</p>
<p><u>Regulatory Freeze Pending Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freezes outstanding regulations pending review. 	

Federal Government

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<p data-bbox="118 338 1008 415"><u>Establishing and Implementing the President’s “Department of Government Efficiency”</u></p> <ul data-bbox="136 470 1029 632" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="136 470 1029 632">• Establishes the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to implement the DOGE Agenda, modernize federal technology and software and provide access to all unclassified agency records, software systems, and IT systems.	<p data-bbox="1143 384 1495 590">DOGE is staffed and has offices in the White House. Each federal agency is charged with creating a DOGE of at least 4 staff.</p>

Immigration

Nonprofit Impact

Nonprofits working with immigrant populations, providing legal assistance or training, or delivering humanitarian or other direct aid, may see the need for services increase, may lose funding, and could be targeted by law enforcement. Human services and social services could also be targeted.

Executive Order	Related Actions
<p data-bbox="123 663 808 699"><u>Protecting the American People Against Invasion</u></p> <ul data-bbox="142 751 1078 1703" style="list-style-type: none">• Directs relevant federal agencies to take action to remove undocumented immigrants from the country.• Requires the Attorney General and Secretary of Homeland Security to review all federal contracts, grants, and other agreements providing funding to nongovernmental organizations supporting or providing services to “illegal aliens” for conformity, waste, fraud, abuse, and compliance with immigration laws and pauses funding.• Terminates agreements determined to be in violation and initiates clawback or recoupment.• Directs the creation of statewide Homeland Security Taskforces and detention centers.• Requires the identification of all “unregistered illegal aliens”.• Directs relevant agencies to take action to block federal funding to sanctuary cities.• Requires all federal agencies to ensure undocumented immigrants do not receive any public benefits.	<p data-bbox="1143 1125 1448 1245">Many provisions in this EO will be subject to litigation.</p>

Immigration

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<p data-bbox="121 317 769 394"><u>Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship</u></p> <ul data-bbox="139 449 899 699" style="list-style-type: none">• Challenges birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment when the person’s mother was unlawfully in the US and the father was not a US citizen or permanent resident or the mother’s presence was lawful but temporary and the father was not a US citizen or permanent resident.	<p data-bbox="959 470 1442 590">Two federal lawsuits have been filed to challenge this EO, including one filed by 18 state Attorneys General.</p>

Nonprofit Impact

Charitable nonprofits serving LGBTQ+ communities, and providing gender-affirming care and other services, may experience loss of federal funding, increase in demand for services, and strained relationships with government partners.

Executive Order	Related Actions
<p><u>Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revokes previous executive order (<u>EO 13988</u>) preventing and combating discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. 	
<p><u>Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the United States to recognize only two sexes, male and female. • Directs the Executive Branch to enforce all sex-protective laws under the lens of two sexes. • Directs government-issued identification documents to only recognize two sexes. • Prohibits federal funds to be used to promote gender ideology. • Requires all agencies to remove all references that promote gender ideology. 	<p>Federal agencies have been directed to remove all statements, policies, regulations, forms, communications, or other internal and external messages related to LGBTQ+ equity or work with LGBTQ+ people and communities.</p> <p>Agencies have been directed to change any forms that require an individual's sex to list only male or female. They are prohibited from requesting gender identity.</p> <p>Agencies have been directed to rescind any guidance related to LGBTQ+ equity, and to terminate any contracts related to LGBTQ+ equity.</p>

Environment

Nonprofit Impact

Nonprofits receiving or expecting funding from Elective Pay (sometimes known as “Direct Pay”), Inflation Reduction Act, or other Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act programs may have the programs and funds terminated.

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<p><u>Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revokes previous executive order (<u>EO 14052</u>) to implement the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.	<p>Federal agencies are directed to immediately pause the disbursement of funds appropriated through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-169) or the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58).</p> <p>Agencies have three months to report to the White House on whether the paused funds align with the President’s stated policy objectives. If the funds do not align, funds will not be distributed.</p> <p>This will be challenged in court.</p>
<p><u>Unleashing American Energy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expands energy exploration on Federal lands and waters, eliminates electric vehicle (EV) mandate, terminates Green New Deal	

Census

Nonprofit Impact

Lays the groundwork for legislation and other actions to exclude noncitizens from future Censuses. The National Council of Nonprofits submitted an [amicus brief](#) when this issue was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court for the 2020 Census.

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<p data-bbox="120 573 816 646">Initial Rescissions of Executive Harmful Executive Orders and Actions</p> <ul data-bbox="139 705 841 995" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="139 705 841 825">• Rescinds previous Biden Executive Order that required all persons, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to be counted in the Census.<li data-bbox="139 879 841 995">• Rescinds previous Biden Executive Order directing federal agencies to provide access to voter information.	

Other

Nonprofit Impact

Nonprofits working on specific issues and from various subsectors seen as and providing information contrary to the Administration may be targeted.

Arts and culture nonprofits, museums, and libraries will no longer be “integrated into strategies, policies, and programs that advance the economic development, well-being, and resilience of all communities”, among other things, by the Trump Administration.

Nonprofits that provide foreign assistance may be targeted.

Executive Order	Related Actions
<p><u>Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claims combatting “misinformation,” “disinformation,” and “malinformation” are infringements on First Amendment freedom of speech.	
<p><u>Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires foreign assistance to be disbursed in a manner aligned with the foreign policy of the President and places a 90-day pause on foreign development assistance.	
<p><u>Initial Rescissions of Executive Harmful Executive Orders and Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rescinds previous Order promoting the arts, humanities, and museum and library services.	