

Federal Executive Orders and Memoranda January 31, 2025

The firm is actively monitoring the recent issuance of various federal executive orders and memos, including the executive orders issued by the White House listed [here](#), related implementing memoranda [here](#) and [here](#), and other related federal policy documents, for example, see [here](#). Given the rapidly developing and evolving circumstances, the impacts of these directives are difficult to assess, especially because some have been challenged in various courts (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

We have received many questions concerning potential impacts of these orders on federal grants and other programs supported by federal funding. The future application of these orders is unclear at this time. However, we are aware that many municipal officials have proactively begun the process of examining the status of federal grants and programs supported by federal funding, including funding already received but not yet spent, to better understand the short and longer term implications of a potential funding freeze.

At this time, we are aware that various agencies and associations have issued guidance on these matters, and, for your convenience, have provided several links, below. Importantly, these links and the information contained therein are not presented as, or intended to provide, legal advice, and, instead, are gathered here only for informational and background purposes:

- League of Cities: generally, www.nlc.org; for those with an account, <https://www.nlc.org/resource/presidential-actions-summary-impact-to-local-governments/>
- International City Management Association: [Federal Funds Update | icma.org](https://www.icma.org)
- Massachusetts Municipal Association: generally, <https://www.mma.org/category/municipal-government/>; funding freeze update, [OMB retracts memo regarding freeze on wide swath of federal spending - Massachusetts Municipal Association \(MMA\)](#)
- Massachusetts Attorney General re: K-12 schools: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/guidance-for-k-12-schools-on-protecting-students-and-their-information/download>
- Massachusetts Attorney General re: Higher Education: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/attorney-general-advisory-information-for-massachusetts-colleges-and-universities-regarding-immigrant-students/download>
- American Library Association: <https://www.oif.ala.org/libraries-and-immigration-enforcement/>

Please know that we do not anticipate sending daily eUpdates on these topics given the pace at which developments are occurring. We will, however, continue to closely monitor legal developments at the federal and state level concerning legal issues relevant to public entities in the Commonwealth and be in contact with you about these issues periodically and as circumstances warrant.

If you have questions concerning the status of particular grants or other legal issues possibly implicated by executive orders and implementing documents and policies at this time, please contact Attorneys [Janelle Austin](#), [Lauren Goldberg](#), or your KP Law attorney.

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