



WEEK 3: TRUMP'S FUNDING FREEZE CONTINUES

HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OWED TO COMMUNITIES STILL IN JEOPARDY

STATE-OF-PLAY

In his third week in office, President Trump is continuing to block *hundreds of billions of dollars* in funding from making its way out to families and communities across America who are counting on investments that have been signed into law.

While he withdrew his blanket funding freeze—the disastrous OMB memo—in the face of nationwide backlash, **Trump has so far refused to withdraw the various executive orders he has signed that are illegally freezing enacted funding.**

His administration has also taken other actions to block duly-enacted funding, and, of course, Elon Musk and his DOGE team have stormed into one agency after the next in recent days—gaining access to highly-sensitive payments systems, reportedly with the intention of blocking payments due to go out. Even as multiple federal courts have, in preliminary orders, blocked Trump's actions, his administration has vowed to withhold or cancel funding based on his Day One executive orders. What's more, on Thursday evening, Senate Republicans confirmed the architect of Trump's scheme to deny communities funding they are owed in defiance of federal law and our Constitution.

The full extent of Trump's illegal funding freeze remains to be uncovered—as the Trump administration refuses to detail what exactly it is holding up and as its directives are often imprecise and ill-defined. Musk and his DOGE team also continue to make their way into critical agency systems in secrecy, and the fallout from last week's blanket funding freeze continues, with some funding streams still seemingly stopped and offline.

What is clear, however, is that Trump is still blocking vast swaths of federal funding—and it is hurting American families, workers, businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities in every part of the country. The uncertainty alone over whether these resources will be released is causing real harm—to businesses, organizations, and cities with contracts inked, to workers whose livelihoods depend on these funds, and to families who are counting on critical services.

WHAT'S AT RISK

While the extent of Trump's funding freeze remains uncertain as his administration refuses to clarify what is blocked, here is a ***non-exhaustive*** overview of what is frozen by Trump's actions and in jeopardy:

| Trump Action | Relevant Agencies | Select Examples of Affected Programs | Funding in Jeopardy* |
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| Executive Order Freezing IJJA & IRA Funding (EO 14154) | Department of Commerce | High-speed broadband deployment. | \$40+ billion |
| | Department of Energy | Efforts to build and upgrade America's energy infrastructure, lower costs for consumers. | \$98 billion |
| | Department of Housing and Urban Development | Grants and loans to improve resiliency and energy efficiency of affordable housing. | \$830+ million |
| | Department of the Interior | Tribal electrification, hazardous fuel reduction, National Parks maintenance and staffing, & more. | \$20+ billion |
| | Department of Transportation | Funding to upgrade roads, bridges, transit, & more. | \$130+ billion |
| | EPA | Funds for clean water infrastructure, tackling pollution, Superfund sites, & more. | \$100+ billion |
| | Forest Service | Wildfire risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, & more. | \$10+ billion |
| | NOAA | Funding for flood inundation mapping, coastal resilience projects, habitat restoration, ocean observations, fisheries management, & more. | \$1.5 billion |
| | USDA | Grants for producers and rural small businesses to finance renewable energy projects, for farmers to improve climate resiliency, for watershed protection and flood prevention, rural broadband, & more. | \$25 billion |

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| Executive Order Blocking All Foreign Assistance (EO 14169) | Department of State & USAID | Life-saving aid, funding to monitor and prevent the spread of infectious diseases that can reach our shores, counterterrorism programs, programs to give U.S. businesses an edge over Chinese and other companies in foreign markets, funds owed to U.S. businesses for services rendered, & more. | \$30 billion |
| Executive Order Halting Funding for Anything Deemed “DEI” (EO 14151) | All agencies | Any programs or expenditures the administration deems “woke.” | ??? <i>The administration has provided little to no clarity over what programs it is blocking (or will block) funding for under this EO.</i> |
| Elon Musk & DOGE Actions | All agencies | Open question. Reports confirm DOGE sought access to central payment system to halt disbursements. | ??? |
| Other actions | All agencies | ??? | ??? |
| TOTAL | | | At least \$455 billion |

**Funding in Jeopardy: this reflects our best understanding, as of afternoon on February 7, of what funding is being illegally withheld. The administration has failed to provide clear answers—and the actual number could be higher. This lack of transparency and responsiveness to Congress, and thus the American people, is without precedent.*



TRUMP'S DAY ONE EXECUTIVE ORDERS

On his first day in office, President Trump signed several executive orders directing his administration to illegally block enacted funding. These include:

Executive Order 14154: Directs agencies to withhold funding provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.

- *“All agencies shall 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) ... No funds identified in this subsection (a) shall be disbursed by a given agency until the Director of OMB and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy have determined that such disbursements are consistent with any review recommendations they have chosen to adopt.”*

Executive Order 14169: Directs agencies to halt all foreign aid.

- *“All department and agency heads with responsibility for United States foreign development assistance programs shall immediately pause new obligations and disbursements of development assistance funds to foreign countries and implementing non-governmental organizations, international organizations, and contractors pending reviews of such programs for programmatic efficiency and consistency with United States foreign policy, to be conducted within 90 days of this order.”*

Executive Order 14151: Directs agencies to choke off funding for anything deemed “DEI.”

TIMELINE

JANUARY 20TH: Within his first hours in office, President Trump signed a number of executive orders that [illegally block funding](#) that was signed into law to rebuild America’s infrastructure, lower families’ energy costs, create new, good-paying jobs, strengthen our national security, and more.

JANUARY 27TH: Trump expanded his funding freeze dramatically when the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a sweeping, illegal [memo](#) directing a near-blanket freeze on virtually all federal funding, with carve outs only for Social Security, Medicare, and “assistance provided directly to individuals.”

JANUARY 28TH: Millions of Americans decried the chaos and pain President Trump’s freeze caused—as reports poured in from across the country about how it risked shuttering Head Start programs, cutting off disaster relief, jeopardizing cancer research, and much more. The White House, in trying to clarify the scope of the memo, instead created more chaos, confusion, and headaches for the American people.

JANUARY 29TH: Communities across America continued to call out Trump’s devastating freeze that cut off funding families count on. Even programs the administration said should be back online were, in fact, still shuttered. Then, in the face of nationwide backlash, President Trump had his OMB revoke its memo. But organizations and communities on the ground continued to report that they could still not access funding that should be unfrozen. Importantly, President Trump doubled down on his Day One Executive Orders to continue his freeze of hundreds of billions of dollars in funding signed into law.

RIGHT NOW: President Trump continues to hold up vast swaths of funding through his Day One Executive Orders—and chaos and confusion pervade over the exact scope of his freeze and whether funding implicated by his now-rescinded OMB memo has been fully restored. Meanwhile, Elon Musk and his DOGE team are storming into one agency after the next—gaining access to highly-sensitive payments systems, reportedly with the intention of blocking payments due to go out.

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