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Dear Procurement Professionals,

I am re-distributing, as a public service, the following Notice that was originally issued by NAHRO. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this Notice, please contact NAHRO directly.

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OMB Pauses Federal Financial Assistance

On January 27, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a memorandum titled "Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs." The memorandum requires that all Federal agencies review all Federal financial assistance, excluding assistance provided directly to individuals to make sure that the supporting activities are consistent with the Administration's policies and requirements. While doing this analysis, all Federal agencies are instructed to "temporarily pause all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance, and other relevant agency activities that may be implicated by the [administration's] executive orders . . ." The temporary pause in funding will become effective on January 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

The memorandum states that by February 10, 2025, Federal agencies should submit detailed information on programs, projects or activities subject to the pause. The Office of Management and Budget may grant exceptions to Federal agencies "to issue new awards or take other actions on a case-by-case basis." Additionally, Federal agencies must assign responsibility and oversight of Federal financial assistance to a senior political appointee; must review pending Federal financial assistance to conform to Administration priorities; and must "initiate investigations when warranted to identify underperforming recipients, and address identified issues up to and including cancellation of awards."

At this time, NAHRO is investigating how this will impact HUD and whether this pause will apply to Public Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, and other programs that may be used by our members. As we become aware of additional information, we will share it with the membership. We recommend that housing agencies try to draw down their funds before 5:00 PM Eastern time on January 28.

The full OMB memorandum can be found [here](#).

NAHRO will continue to provide updates as we learn more; please check the [online version of this article](#), for the latest news.

ENDING PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL NOTICE

Regards,

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I have a consulting practice providing procurement- and contracts-related mentoring, training, and technical assistance to housing agencies. I help housing agencies conduct procurement and contracts in a HUD-compliant and "best practice" manner. [Click here](#) to see my full resume. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to procurement and contracts (initial answering of questions is "no charge"). As I am either on-the-road or on the phone a lot, an initial contact by e-mail is best; please be sure to include your return telephone number (office/cellular) so that I can call you back.

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