



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

This responds to your letter to the Department of Justice (Department) dated April 30, 2025, regarding notices of termination sent by the Department to certain grant award recipients.

The Department is committed to harnessing its resources effectively and efficiently, and to using those resources to accomplish the Department's priorities. To that end, the Department recently reviewed discretionary grant programs to ensure that each award aligns with and advances the priorities of the Trump administration and the Department—that is, to directly support law enforcement operations, combat violent crime, protect American children, support American victims of trafficking and sexual assault, and enhance coordination among law enforcement at all levels of government. As part of this process, the Department reviewed over 5,800 discretionary, competitive grants awarded by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and determined that certain awards have failed to effectuate program goals or advance these critical priorities. Accordingly, those awards were terminated pursuant to the Department's authority under 2 C.F.R. § 200.340(a)(4).

Notably, 93% of the terminations affect grants awarded to non-governmental entities—and not to states or local jurisdictions that directly serve our communities. The Department is committed to swiftly closing out the balance of the terminated grants and reallocating available funds through new grants that more effectively support law enforcement operations and the Department's broader goals, consistent with President Trump's Executive Orders and applicable law.

Award Recipients May Appeal Grant Terminations

Recipients may appeal a grant termination, consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.342, by writing to the Assistant Attorney General for OJP within thirty calendar days of the date of the termination notice. In its appeal, a grant recipient must provide a brief statement of the reasons that the grant recipient is appealing, set forth any disputed factual or legal issues, and include

relevant materials in support. If an appeal is deemed successful upon review by the Department, the Department will rescind the notice of termination and promptly reinstate the award.

Terminated Awardees Will Be Paid For Services Rendered

If an appeal is unsuccessful, or a grant award recipient does not appeal the termination, the Department will move to close out the terminated award. After a grant award has been terminated, a 120-day close-out and reconciliation process begins. As part of that process, and consistent with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, the Department will not delay payments for valid obligations incurred prior to the date of the termination notice. Grant recipients should contact OJP regarding Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) access and drawdown procedures.

Funds From Terminated Grants Will Be Reallocated To Promote Department Priorities

Over the coming weeks, the Department plans to reallocate funds from terminated grants to support the Department's priorities, which include directly supporting law enforcement operations, combatting violent crime, protecting American children, supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault, and enhancing coordination among law enforcement at all levels of government.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Steven Hough
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