



Funding a thriving region, together.

WHAT WE DO



We connect and activates funders to learn, lead, and invest in our community.

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Learning & Connecting

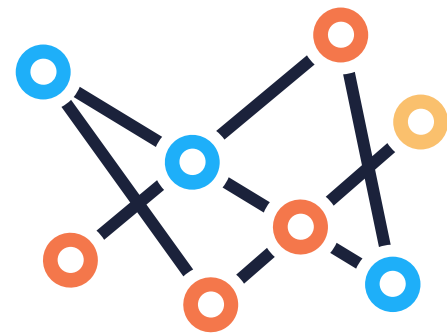
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Collaborative Action

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Impact Investing

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Customized Support

HOW WE DO IT

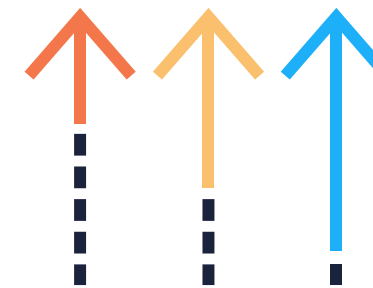
We accelerate the pace of change in our region by:



Connecting funders and growing relationships



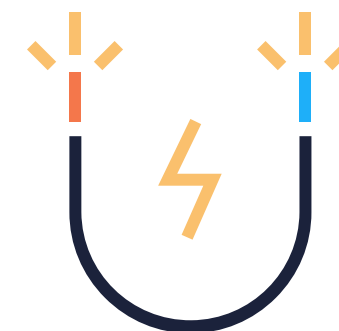
Delivering highly relevant, community-centered learning



Fostering an equity lens to our region's social impact



Convening leaders and networks to address issues collectively



Attracting more resources to our region through sharing what works



WHERE WE WORK

We work with local, statewide and national funders who are seeking to learn about and fund solutions in San Diego and Imperial Counties.



As a border region, we also partner with peers in Baja California, Mexico to form a thriving binational region.

San Diego County

Imperial County

Baja California (Mexico)



POLICY BRIEFINGS



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Policy Briefing



NAVIGATING POLICY SHIFTS
Issue VI: Courts Weigh In as Agencies Make Cuts

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March 6, 2025

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WHAT IS HAPPENING?



Presidential Actions

ARTICLES BRIEFINGS & STATEMENTS FACT SHEETS **PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS** REMARKS

Removing Discrimination and Discriminatory Equity Ideology From the Foreign Service

Presidential Actions | March 19, 2025

Achieving Efficiency Through State and Local Preparedness

Presidential Actions | March 19, 2025

Invocation of the Alien Enemies Act Regarding the Invasion of The United States by Tren De Aragua

Presidential Actions | March 15, 2025

Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy

Presidential Actions | March 14, 2025

- Federal funding freeze
- Federal funding elimination
- Staff reductions
- Process changes
- Disqualification of DEI-connected activities



POWER OF THE PURSE

Power of the Purse

“All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments as on other Bills.”

— U.S. Constitution, Article I, section 7, clause 1

“No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.”

— U.S. Constitution, Article I, section 9, clause 7

Debate at the Constitutional Convention centered on two issues. The first was to ensure that the executive would not spend money without congressional authorization. The second concerned the roles the House and Senate would play in setting fiscal policy.

Source: [US House of Representatives archives](#), accessed 3/19/25



REFINING STRATEGY

Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy

eliminating *non-statutory* elements of governmental entities and reduce the statutory functions to the minimum required levels. (Executive Action, 3/14/25)



PURGING OF DEI

Jan 22: Contracts

Terminate preferencing &
direct agencies to “combat
private sector discrimination”

Jan 24: Grants

Remove all references to
equity

*Examples: Scholarships, workforce training, healthcare
targeted by race, gender, ethnicity*



FUNDING FIGHT BEGINS

Jan 27: *Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs*, Directs agencies to pause all funding to review for consistency with administration goals

Jan 28: Lawsuit by National Council on Nonprofits leads to judge's **administrative stay prohibiting implementation of funding freeze**

Jan 29: *Temporary Pause* Rescinded



NONPROFITS ON NOTICE

Feb 6: All agencies to review funding to **nonprofits** to align with administration's goals.

Why? [Many] “actively undermine the security, prosperity, and safety of the American people”



FUNDING FACE OFF

Feb 21: Federal judge temporarily blocked the administration from terminating or changing federal contracts based because they are “equity-related”

Feb 25: New legal motion by NCN to release awarded funds to continuum of care agencies (San Diego’s RTFH) – that remain **unavailable despite lifted funding freeze**



RECLAIMING AWARDS

March 8: Climate United sued the EPA for withholding Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund dollars from Inflation Reduction Act.

Climate United was in charge of nearly \$7 billion nationally to administer clean energy project financing in underserved communities. Self Help Credit Union which has a branch in City Heights is one of the partners in that work.



RECLAIMING AWARDS

March 14: Lawsuit (Democracy Forward, NCN) challenging the freeze on funding from the Congressionally-approved Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, this includes **EPA funding**

March 18: District judge issued a [temporary restraining order](#) on the Climate United Fund grant termination pending review of the case.



IMPACT: KEY INITIATIVES

March 14 [*Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy*](#) eliminating *non-statutory* elements of governmental entities and reduce the statutory functions to the minimum required levels.

- US Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Community Development Financial Institutions Fund
- Minority Business Development Agency
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Among others



REDUCTION IN FORCE

Education
50%

Veterans
Affairs
15%

HUD 50%

Federal judge last week ordered that employees fired based on their *probationary* status be rehired. Agencies could take a different path (vs OMB order) to reduce head count.



IMPACT: IMMIGRATION



\$1M

Asylum halted

Refugee resettlement program eliminated

San Diego's four resettlement agencies serving
~1,000 refugees in San Diego with no funding.



IMPACT: CLIMATE



\$2M, Casa Familiar: Transit-oriented affordable housing (San Ysidro)

\$20M, SDF & EHC: Housing, transportation, green space + , leverage \$22M State funds

\$48M, ICF: Environmental & health projects in disadvantaged communities



IMPACT: EDUCATION



\$12M

SDUSD Federal Budget Watch: over \$12B
impact primarily for student transportation

Three lawsuits against Ed Dept (including one
by CA AG) over layoffs and funding freeze



IMPACT: HOUSING

Housing affordability in San Diego

District ▲	Representative	Political Party	Number of Renter-Occupied Housing Units Paying Unaffordable Rent Costs	Share of Renter-Occupied Housing Units Paying Unaffordable Rent Costs
48	Darrell Issa	R	39,785	58%
49	Mike Levin	D	63,307	63%
50	Scott Peters	D	84,784	54%
51	Sara Jacobs	D	83,425	62%
52	Juan Vargas	D	63,946	60%

Note: Figures reflect gross rent as a percentage of household income in the past 12 months. Unaffordable rent costs are those that are equal to or exceed 30% of household income. Figures exclude housing units where gross rent as a percentage of income could not be computed.



IMPACT: HOUSING

Dept of Housing & Urban Development



Mortgage & loan insurance (Federal Housing Administration)

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): economic development, job opportunities, housing rehabilitation

HOME Investment Partnership Act block grants: develop and support affordable housing for low-income residents

Rental assistance: Section 8 certificates or vouchers for low-income households

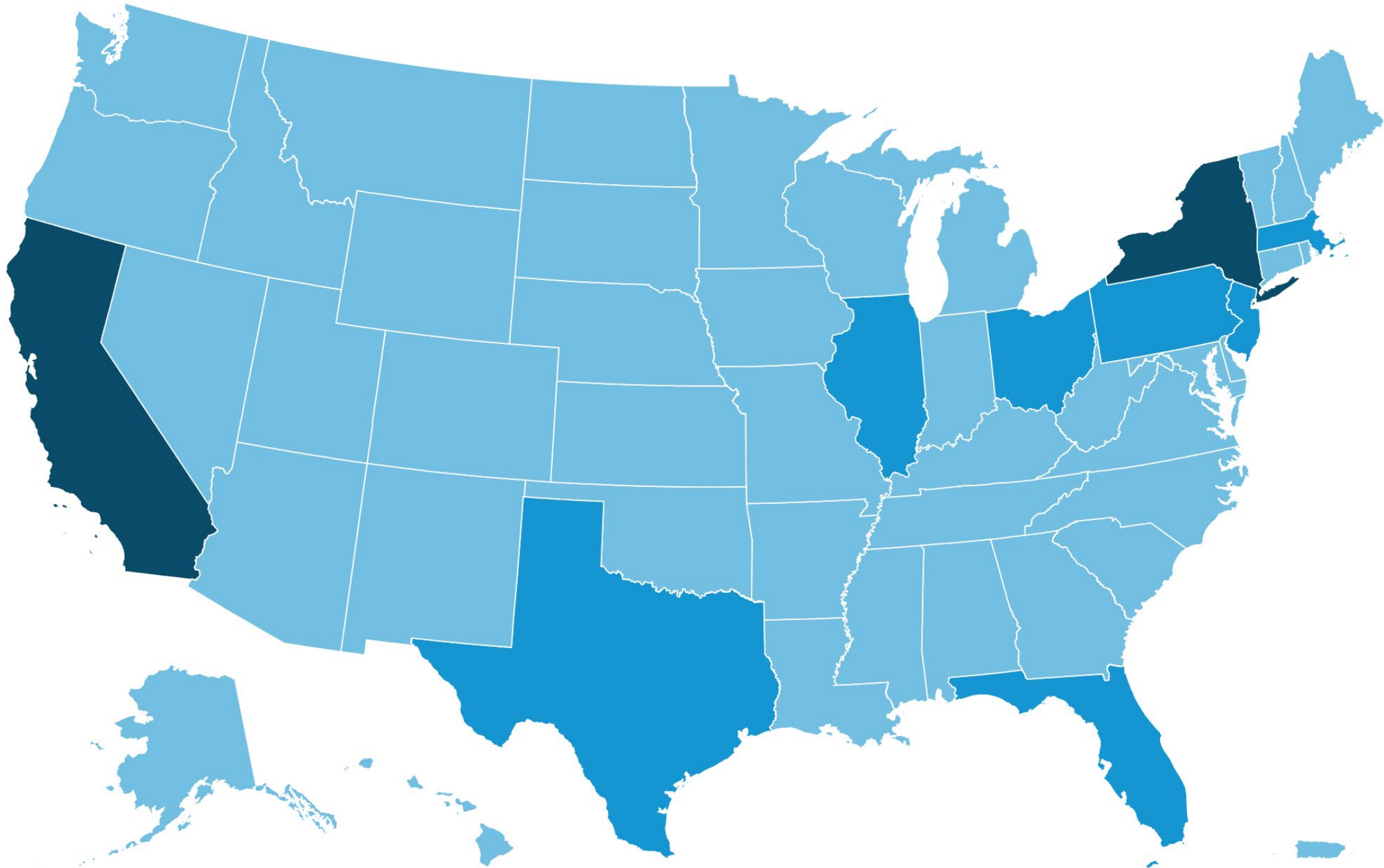
Public or subsidized housing for low-income individuals and families

Homeless assistance: local communities, faith-based, nonprofit organizations

Fair housing public education and enforcement

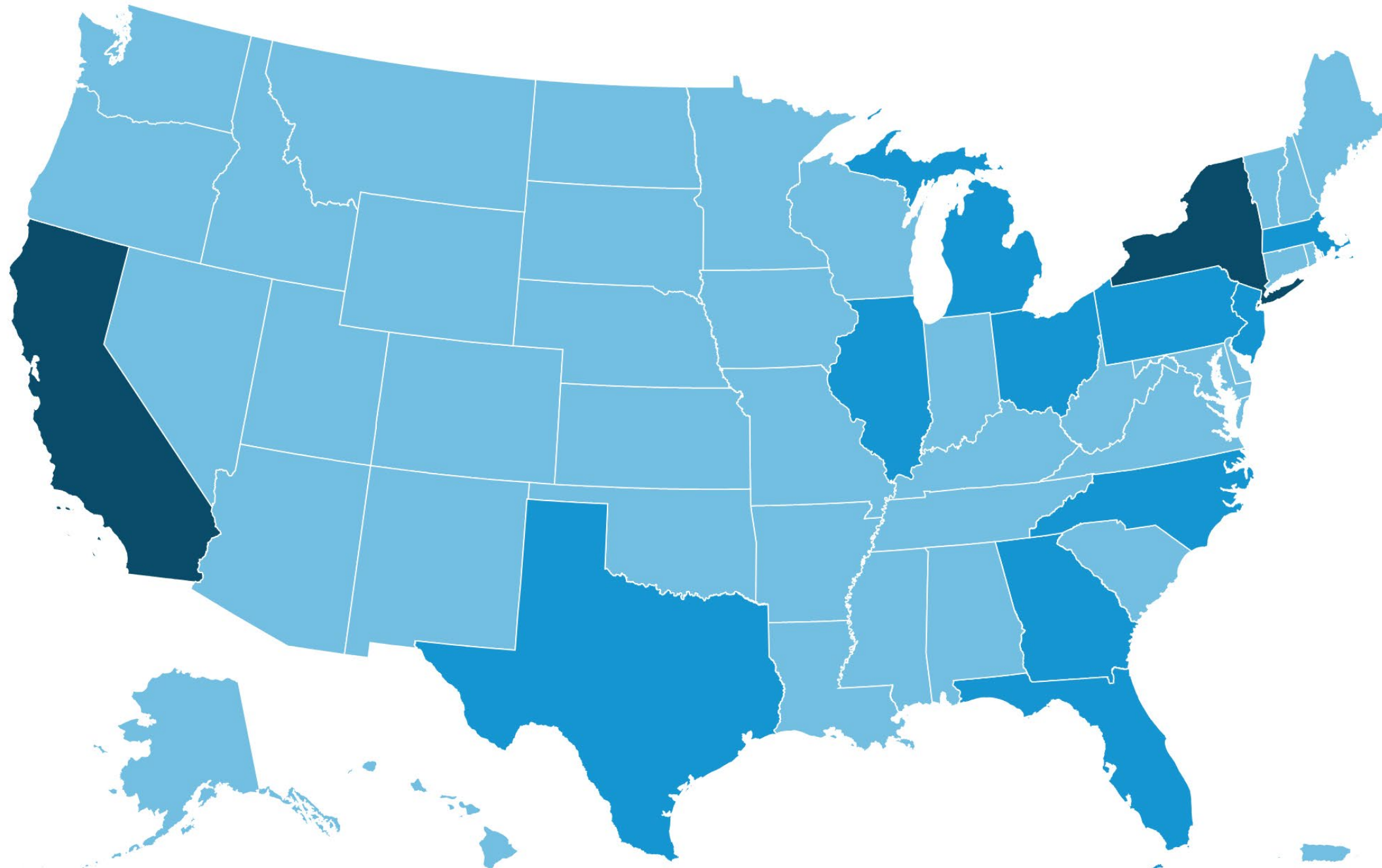
IMPACT: HOUSING

Funding to all of HUD's programs



IMPACT: HOUSING

People supported by federal housing programs



IMPACT: HOUSING



THE ADMINISTRATION
PLANS TO REDUCE
HUD'S WORKFORCE BY
UP TO 50%.



THE OFFICE OF
COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT IS
SLATED FOR AN 84%
STAFFING CUT.



HUD MAY BE CLOSING
34 HUD FIELD OFFICES.



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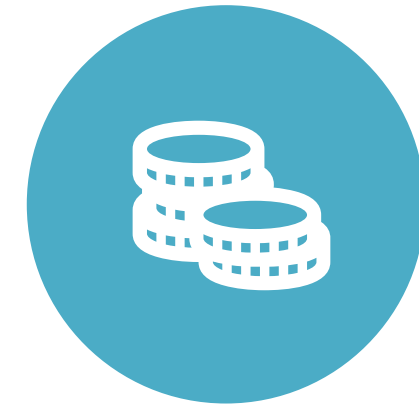
TERMINATE
SECTION 4
NONPROFIT
CAPACITY BUILDING
GRANTS



END EMERGENCY
HOUSING VOUCHER
PROGRAM



TERMINATE HALF
OF THE 162 GRANTS
THAT ENFORCE FAIR
HOUSING LAWS



POTENTIALLY
TERMINATE GREEN
AND RESILIENT
RETROFIT PGM
(\$1 BILLION)



IMPACT: HOUSING



ELIMINATION OF ALL
NON-STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS OF THE US
INTERAGENCY
COUNCIL ON
HOMELESSNESS



ELIMINATION OF ALL NON-
STATUTORY FUNCTIONS OF
THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS (CDFI) FUND



RESPONSE: MONITORING

Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits

Updated March 18, 2025

New updates are highlighted in beige.



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.

This document will be updated frequently, so please use this link to see the most up-to-date version:

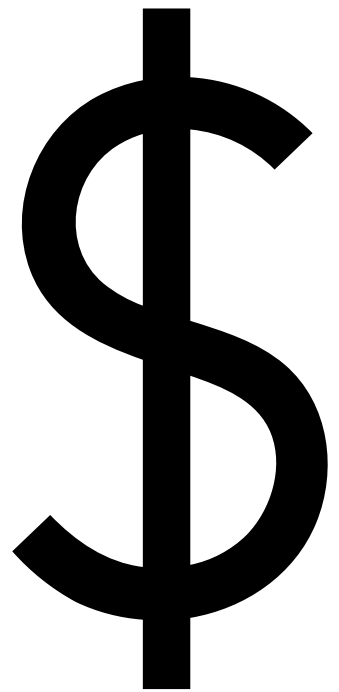
<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/files/media/documents/2025/chart-executive-orders.pdf>

Help us track the impacts of the recent Executive Orders on the nonprofit sector by sharing your stories of observed impacts on your work and the people you serve:

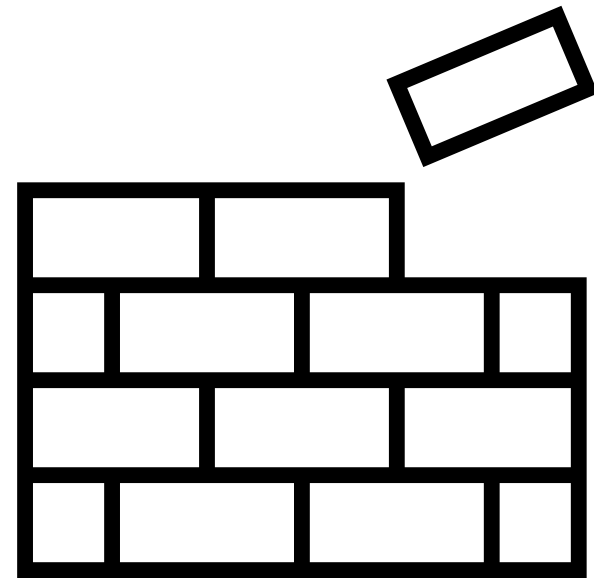
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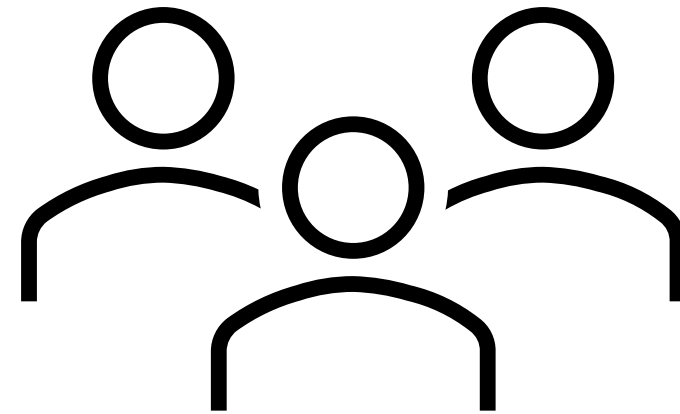
RESPONSE: FUNDERS



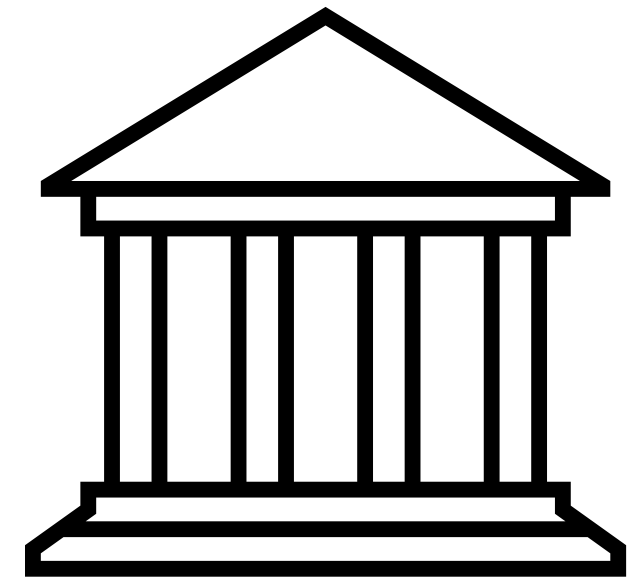
Rapid response
funding



Technical
assistance



Convening

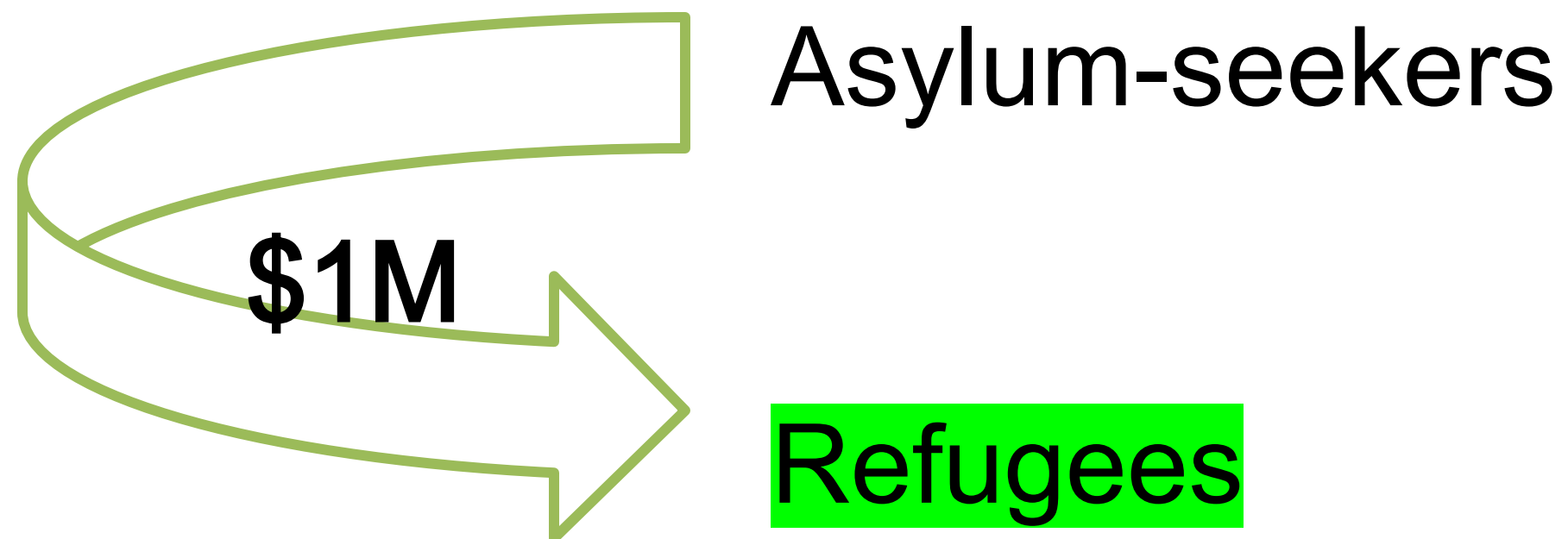


Advocacy



RESPONSE: FUNDERS

County of San Diego Onward Travel and Support
Services for Asylum seeking Migrants Subrecipient
Grant Agreement 9886



ACTION: COMMUNICATE

Trust relies on communication.
Do not leave a vacuum to be filled.



ACTION: ADVOCATE

What is Advocacy?



ACTION: ADVOCATE

	501(c)(3) Private Foundations	501(c)(3) Public Charities	501(c)(4)/(5)/(6)
Examples			
Tax Treatment & Support	Tax Exempt Single source of funding	Tax exempt Contributions tax-deductible Public support	Tax exempt Contributions NOT deductible Membership dues, other donors
Lobbying Activities	PROHIBITED (except in very limited circumstances) Tax on foundation & managers	LIMITED Insubstantial part test or 501(h) election	UNLIMITED
Electoral Activities	NONPARTISAN ONLY Cannot support or oppose candidates for public office or political parties	NONPARTISAN ONLY Cannot support or oppose candidates for public office or political parties	Partisan activities OK Must be secondary activity Follow state & federal laws



ACTION: ADVOCATE

- Convene stakeholders
- Educate community members
- Educate elected officials
- Build community capacity to advocate



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