



Dear Colleagues;

On Friday, January 31, 2025, a Federal Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) directing Federal grant-making agencies, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), to "...not pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel, or terminate... awards and obligations to provide federal financial assistance to the States, and... not impede the States' access to such awards and obligations, except on the basis of the applicable authorizing statutes, regulations, and terms." Although the language of the TRO is directed at State institutions, the Department of Justice has determined that it applies to all NSF award recipients. You can review the TRO [here](#).

In order to comply with the TRO, the NSF Award Cash Management Service (ACM\$) system is available for awardees to request payments as of 12:00pm EST, February 2, 2025.

This message is also available on the [Executive Order Implementation webpage](#). Please check back regularly as we add frequently asked questions (FAQs) based on community feedback.

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