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Important Update on Federal Financial Assistance

The region is highly encouraging students from all colleges to know this crucial information regarding a federal decision that would affect financial aid. The purpose of this message is to inform the people and spread/promote awareness of what is happening in our colleges/educational institutions to effectively seek student welfare, as it is fundamental to protect student rights and improve education in community colleges. Please inform others about this critical executive decision.





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In implementing President Trump's Executive Orders, OMB issued guidance requesting that agencies temporarily pause, to the extent permitted by law, grant, loan or federal financial assistance programs that are implicated by the President's Executive Orders.

Any program not implicated by the President's Executive Orders is not subject to the pause.

The Executive Orders listed in the guidance are:

Protecting the American People Against Invasion

Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid

Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements

Unleashing American Energy

Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing

Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government

Enforcing the Hyde Amendment

Any program that provides direct benefits to individuals is not subject to the pause.

The guidance establishes a process for agencies to work with OMB to determine quickly whether any program is inconsistent with the President's Executive Orders. A pause could be as short as day. In fact, OMB has worked with agencies and has already approved many programs to continue even before the pause has gone into effect.

Any payment required by law to be paid will be paid without interruption or delay.



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Q: Is this a freeze on all Federal financial assistance?

A: No, the pause does not apply across-the-board. It is expressly limited to programs, projects, and activities implicated by the President's Executive Orders, such as ending DEI, the green new deal, and funding nongovernmental organizations that undermine the national interest.

Q: Is this a freeze on benefits to Americans like SNAP or student loans?

A: No, any program that provides direct benefits to Americans is explicitly excluded from the pause and exempted from this review process. In addition to Social Security and Medicare, already explicitly excluded in the guidance, mandatory programs like Medicaid and SNAP will continue without pause.

Funds for small businesses, farmers, Pell grants, Head Start, rental assistance, and other similar programs will not be paused. If agencies are concerned that these programs may implicate the President's Executive Orders, they should consult OMB to begin to unwind these objectionable policies without a pause in the payments.

Q: Is the pause of federal financial assistance an impoundment?

A: No, it is not an impoundment under the Impoundment Control Act. It is a temporary pause to give agencies time to ensure that financial assistance conforms to the policies set out in the President's Executive Orders, to the extent permitted by law.

Temporary pauses are a necessary part of program implementation that have been ordered by past presidents to ensure that programs are being executed and funds spent in accordance with a new President's policies and do not constitute impoundments.

Q: Why was this pause necessary?

A: To act as faithful stewards of taxpayer money, new administrations must review federal programs to ensure that they are being executed in accordance with the law and the new President's policies.

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SSCCC Upcoming Events



March in March and Advocacy Day

- **Who:** Anyone who cares about advocating for students' needs!
- **When:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025
- **Where:** Sacramento, CA (We will begin the march at Southside Park at 2PM.)
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To register for the event visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjm76K9QTCnacpJQxtlLXpXwJ5JlaXse0Uav8JymwgyTea1w/viewform>



General Assembly 2025

- **General Assembly on April 4, 2025 - April 6, 2025**
- **In Los Angeles Westin Airport, CA.**

To register for the event please visit:

<https://whova.com/portal/registration/fb8kPrH9kzpUSWleKhmX/>

Active Colleges



Delegates of Region IV

Currently 7 out of the 11 colleges in the region are active.

ACTIVE

1. Cabrillo College
2. Mission College
3. Monterey Peninsula College
4. San Jose City College
5. West Valley College
6. Hartnell College

INACTIVE

1. De Anza College
2. Evergreen Valley College
3. Ohlone College
4. Gavilan College
5. Foothill College

How to Get Active

To become a delegate within your college request the student body for a formal nomination. Lastly, after being elected as a delegate filling this [form](#) is required. After doing those steps, a person may be an active delegate.



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