

## **Federal Funding Freeze**

### **Advocacy Briefing**

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# What Just Happened?

Jan. 20 – Trump signs <u>executive</u> orders to:

- Increase immigration enforcement in "sensitive" areas
- Deny fair housing and civil rights protections to LBGTQ people
- End all DEI policies across federal agencies, contracts and grants
- Freeze hiring in federal agencies, like HUD, USDA, etc.



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# What Just Happened?

- Jan. 27 OMB issues memo to freeze federal assistance funding
- Jan. 28 federal judge temporarily stays OMB order before 5 p.m. deadline
- Jan. 29 <u>OMB rescinds freeze</u> order



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## Now what?

- Federal assistance funding should continue flowing
- Federal accounting systems (e-LOCCS) and HUD technical assistance should resume
- Federal agencies review programs to comply with executive orders on DEI, LGBTQ, immigrants, etc.

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## Next Steps - Stay Informed

#### Sign up for:

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- COHHIO news and alerts www.cohhio.org
- Ohio CDC Association <a href="https://ohiocdc.weblinkconnect.com/atlas/forms/general/10">https://ohiocdc.weblinkconnect.com/atlas/forms/general/10</a>
- Advocates for Ohio's Future https://www.advocatesforohio.org/
- National Low Income Housing Coalition https://nlihc.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe
- National Alliance to End Homelessness -<a href="https://endhomelessness.org/actions/sign-alliance-advocacy-alerts/">https://endhomelessness.org/actions/sign-alliance-advocacy-alerts/</a>

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## Next Steps - Stay Ready

Conduct a needs assessment on the impact of federal funding your agency receives (<u>NAEH</u> Guidance):

- · How many households, people, and units will be impacted
- Type and quantity of services that that will be impacted
- Rent and leasing payments that will be due during projected time
- · Cost to sustain existing staffing levels

Monitor federal accounting and payment systems – tell COHHIO if you encounter ongoing problems

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# Next Steps - Advocacy

Tell Ohio's Congressional members how reduced funding and new regulations will affect the people you serve!

#### Ohio's New Republican Senators:

- Sen. Bernie Moreno (202) 224-2315 https://www.moreno.senate.gov/
- Sen. Jon Husted (202) 224-3353 https://www.husted.senate.gov/

### Ohio's Key House Members:

- Rep. Max Miller, R-District 7 (Ways & Means Committee) (202) 225-3876, <a href="https://maxmiller.house.gov/">https://maxmiller.house.gov/</a>
- Rep. Warren Davidson, R-District 8 (Financial Services Committee, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, Chairman) (202) 225-6205, https://davidson.house.gov/.
- Rep. Dave Joyce, R-District 14 (Appropriations Committee) (202) 225-5731, <a href="https://ioyce.house.gov/">https://ioyce.house.gov/</a>
- Rep. Joyce Beatty, D-District 3 (Financial Services Committee) (202) 225-4324, https://beatty.house.gov/

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No matter who your House member is, now is the time to reach out!

Legislative directories: https://cohhio.org/advocacy/.

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Executive Orders

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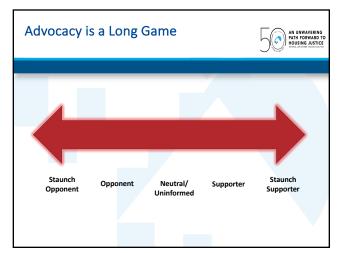
- Budget Reconciliation
- FY25 + FY26 Budget negotiations
- Potential cuts to housing benefits, diversion of funding from housing first programs, criminalization of homelessness, undermining fair housing
- · Bipartisan housing bills that can make improvements!

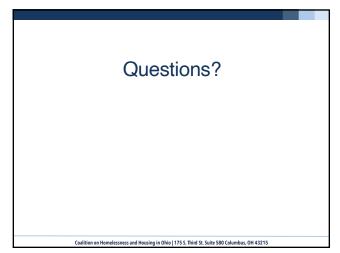
### **Federal Advocacy Strategies**



- Sign-on to a national letter calling for the highest possible funding in the budget
- Email, call, or Tweet at your members of Congress about preserving and expanding funding in the budget
- Share stories of those directly impacted by homelessness and housing instability, including how federal programs have helped them
- Position your organization as a resource on housing/homelessness issues in your district
- Invite your Congressional offices to tour your programs, meet residents, and see for themselves what their decisions will impact

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