

Resources for understanding and responding to attacks on US federal research funding

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This document lists resources that may be relevant to Society of Family Planning members seeking to better understand the current administration's attacks on US federal research funding and engage in organizing efforts to protect it. This is not intended to be a comprehensive or Society-endorsed list of resources. If you would like to add a coalition, organization, or resource to this list, please email OMuraleetharan@SocietyFP.org.

Table 1. Coalitions and organizations working to defend US federal research funding

| Name | Primary audience | Organizing resources and actions |
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| AcademyHealth | Health services researchers, health policy professionals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation report tracking relevant policy changes • Monthly town halls for AcademyHealth members focused on policy and funding challenges impacting health services and health policy research • Blog post outlining suggestions for what researchers can do |
| American Association of University Professors (AAUP) | Faculty, academic professionals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of resources and upcoming actions related to federal funding and attacks on science • Guide to understanding the law and policies for NSF grant terminations • Co-plaintiff for temporary restraining order to prevent the administration from using executive orders to terminate essential grants and contracts |
| American Public Health Association (APHA) | Public health professionals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Alerts with easy-to-use templates and resources to contact Congress in response to changes to public health policy • Webpage summarizing resources and news related to "public health under threat" • Co-plaintiff in lawsuits against funding freezes and |

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| | | <p>other executive actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google form for APHA members to support litigation related to the termination or delay of federal grants since January 20, 2025 |
| Defend Public Health | Public health professionals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Group with thousands of public health professionals organizing to share news, develop a coordinated media and advocacy strategy, and crowdsource data related to defending public health (Fill out this Google form to join) • Survey to quantify the impact of NIH terminations across demographics and career phases |
| Higher Education Labor United (HELU) | Unions that represent university staff, academic workers, and others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of Solidarity Asks from higher education labor organizations looking to build solidarity with workers |
| House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Democratic staff) | Researchers with terminated grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidential survey for researchers to submit information to Democratic Congressional staff about terminated federal research awards |
| Liminal | Science communicators and scientists | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting the Moment, a free, weekly newsletter tracking what's happening to science and higher education |
| Save Health Research | NIH staff and general public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bethesda Declaration, a letter to the NIH Director urging him to restore delayed or terminated grants; restore peer review; remove the 15% cap on indirect costs; and more • Bethesda Declaration support letter, where additional NIH staff, scientists, academics, health care providers, and members of the public can sign on in |

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| | | support of NIH staff and the Bethesda Declaration |
| Save NSF | Scientists and general public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools to take action, including a resource to support grant termination appeals, a sample Congressional call script and letter, a media outreach template, an NSF fact sheet, and more • Toolkit for current and former grantees to shape their advocacy around the 75th anniversary of NSF • Mailing list that shares the latest news and developments around NSF funding |
| Science And Freedom Alliance | Scientists and general public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substack newsletter from a group of NIH and NIH-funded scientists and allies |
| SciBeh | Researchers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The anti-autocracy handbook: A scholars' guide to navigating democratic backsliding and the accompanying "Wiki" page, which collates resources for scholars that address threats to science |
| Stand up for Science | Science activists | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources and actions to support scientists in ending censorship and political interference in science; securing and expanding scientific funding; and defending programs that offer equal opportunity for all people in science • SCIMaP of federal health research cuts by state, House district, and county |
| Union of Concerned Scientists | Scientists, analysts, policy experts, organizers, and communicators | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save Science, Save Lives campaign, which, among other work, compiles scientists' stories to share with Congress, the media, and the public and provides a Congressional advocacy template for scientists • Coordinates the UCS Science Network of over 18,000 members working to advance the role of science in policy making |

Table 2. Resources for understanding and tracking attacks on US federal research funding

| Name | Type of resource | Description |
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| Grant Witness | Grassroot tracking of grant terminations | <p>Project of Noam Ross, Scott Delaney, Anthony Barente, Emma Mairson, Eric Scott, and Mally Shan with input and support from additional volunteers.</p> <p>Maintenance of the NIH Grant Terminations in 2025 tracker based on aggregate data from news reports, social media, Doge.gov, USASpending.gov, NIH's X feed, NIH RePORTER, and the HHS TAGGS system and PI submissions to this form. This tracker also includes frozen and reinstated grants.</p> <p>Maintenance of the NSF Grant Terminations in 2025 tracker based on researcher submissions through this form and augmented with data from NSF's Award Search and USASpending.gov.</p> <p>List of pointers for appeals of NIH grant terminations</p> |
| HHS list of terminated grants | PDF list | List of HHS grants that have been terminated in February and March 2025 based on the HHS Office of Grants' Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS) |
| Stat News | Publication | Publication focused on health, medicine, and scientific discovery news, which provides coverage of federal funding cuts |
| Trials Tracker | Clinical trials tracker | Online tracker developed by Rob Wagner and Amy Knopf that integrates data from Grant Witness and the AACT Database to match NIH awards to registered clinical trials. Intended to support scientists, academics, |

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| | | journalists, legislators, and the public seeking information about clinical trials jeopardized by NIH award terminations and funding freezes and delays. |
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