Department of HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Sudden Termination of Federal Funding

DHHS was notified after business hours on Monday, March 24, 2025, with no prior communication, that funds in the following federal grants were terminated immediately.

- CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC)- COVID Supplemental
- CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC)- Enhancing Detection Expansion
- CDC Immunization- COVID Supplemental Grants
- CDC Health Disparities
- SAMHSA Mental Health Block Grant – COVID Supplemental Grants
- SAMHSA Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant- COVID Supplemental

The termination of these awards is considered to be "for cause". Federal regulations permit termination if "the non-Federal entity fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the award", or separately, "for cause." Federal partners noted that the end of the pandemic provides cause to terminate COVID-related grants and cooperative agreements.

Each of these grants provided flexible funding to address the behavioral health and public health needs such as community mental health and substance misuse health supports, improved data systems, and better access to healthcare.

Awards were to be concluded in 2026. Together, these grants had **more than $80million** in remaining available funds that were budgeted to be used between now and 2026.

There is immediate financial and programmatic impact.

Activities That Ceased as of March 24, 2025

- Community Health Workers in All Federally Qualified Health Centers and Regional Public Health Networks
- Critical Public Health Laboratory Functions – Specimen Testing and Data System Support
- Medical Direction and Support for TB Clinics and/or other Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Software and IT Support for Multiple Data/IT Systems for Immunization, Disease Investigation, and Department-wide Data Analysis
- Support for Individuals Transitioning out of Behavioral Health Inpatient Facilities to Reduce Readmission
- PTSD and Critical Incident Training for First Responders
- Evaluation and Operation Support for NH Rapid Response, New Hampshire's centralized contact center for individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis

Staff Impact

More than 20 DHHS staff are paid in part or wholly with these funds. Positions include Public Health Nurses, Data Scientists, Laboratory and Biological Scientists, and IT Developers and Programmers.

Critical functions that will be limited or end:

- Public Health Microbiology Testing
- Public Health Data Analysis
- Public Health Nurse Disease Investigation
- IT Support for Immunization Data Systems
- Support for Healthcare Providers that Use Immunization Data Systems

DHHS is reviewing all sources of funding and vacant positions to determine if individuals can remain in their position utilizing other Federal Funds or be transferred to vacant positions.

Community Organizations and Vendors That Are Directly Impacted

Behavioral Health	Public Health
• Growth Partners LLC • Dartmouth Hitchcock • NH Brain Injury Association • Partnership for Public Health • City of Nashua • Cheshire Medical Center • Goodwin Community Health • Brandeis University • Carelon Behavioral Health • Dept of Safety • Slalom, Inc. • Initium Health • On the Road to Recovery (OTRTW) • West Central Behavioral Health • Northern Human Services	• All Regional Public Health Networks • Bi-State Primary Care (and All Federally Qualified Health Centers) • NH Foundation for Healthy Communities • On-Site Med Services • Sage Pursuits/Envision Technologies • Vital Delivery Courier Services • MTX Group • Strategic Solutions Group • STC • Inductive Health • North Country Health Consortium • NH Children's Trust • City of Nashua • Amergis Temporary Staffing