

To: Faculty and Staff

Subject: Update on Federal Financial Assistance Review

Date: February 4, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

We want to provide an update regarding last week's White House Executive Order, which temporarily paused certain federal financial assistance programs. The White House has since rescinded the memo but indicated that funding reviews by federal agencies and departments remain in full force and effect. While these actions have created uncertainty for grant-funded programs nationwide, we want to reassure you that Montgomery College remains in a strong position to continue serving our students and community.

Importantly, the U.S. Department of Education has communicated that Pell Grants, student loans, and Federal Work-Study programs are unaffected. We are closely monitoring developments and working in collaboration with our higher education partners, including the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), to advocate for policies that support our mission.

For now, our programs and services will continue as planned. We encourage everyone to remain focused on supporting students and each other during this time of transition. As we gain more clarity, we will share updates and any necessary adjustments.

You may be receiving questions about this and other executive orders. Please direct any media inquiries to the [Office of Communications](#). As a reminder, our guidelines for social media use by the College community and its departments can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your dedication to Montgomery College and for all you do to empower student success.