

U.S. federal courts order Trump to reverse spending freeze and restore foreign aid

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
NONPROFITS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND
BUDGET, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25 - 239 (LLA)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

On February 3, 2025, the court issued a temporary restraining order (“TRO”) prohibiting Defendants Russell Vought¹ and the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) (collectively, “Defendants”) from implementing, giving effect to, or reinstating under a different name OMB memorandum M-25-13 freezing all federal financial assistance under open awards. ECF No. 30, at 29-30. The court found good cause to extend the TRO under Rule 65(b)(2) on February 6, 2025. Feb. 6, 2025 Minute Order. Plaintiffs, several coalitions of nonprofit organizations, have moved for a preliminary injunction granting similar relief as the TRO. ECF No. 40. Upon consideration of the parties’ briefs. ECF Nos. 40, 47, 49, an amicus brief from the American Center for Law and

Washington, February 27 (RHC)-- U.S. federal courts have ordered a pause to much of President Trump’s agenda in a trio of rulings involving refugees, federal spending and foreign aid.

In the first ruling on Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Loren AliKhan in Washington, D.C., ordered the White House to pause its spending freeze on grants, loans and other financial aid.

In a second ruling, U.S. District Judge Jamal Whitehead in Seattle blocked Trump's executive order suspending refugee admissions and funding.

And in a third case, U.S. District Judge Amir Ali in Washington, D.C., ordered the Trump administration to comply with his order from two weeks ago to unfreeze billions of dollars for foreign assistance grants and contracts.

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