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## TRUMP'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING FREEZE JEOPARDIZES PUBLIC SAFETY

On January 28, 2025, President Trump's Office of Management and Budget issued a sweeping [memorandum](#) to federal agencies ordering an immediate halt to the distribution of federal funding already approved by Congress. This unconstitutional and unprecedented action will disrupt critical public programs and services relied upon by millions of Americans—and directly undermine public safety in communities across the country.

**How the Funding Freeze Affects Law Enforcement:** The funding freeze appears to cut off federal assistance and grant programs to hire and train police officers, as well as funding for technology and equipment used by state and local police.

- Byrne-JAG and COPS grants help state and localities fight crime and strengthen their criminal justice systems. Learn more about the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program for law enforcement in your state [here](#).
- Bureau of Justice Assistance programs that allow law enforcement to purchase life-saving equipment, including body armor vests. Learn more about these grants [here](#).
- The Office of Justice Programs administers grants that advance community policing, keep school students safe, and combat the distribution of illegal drugs. In 2023, OJP awarded over [\\$4.4 billion to state and local governments](#) to promote community safety.

**How the Funding Freeze Affects Victims of Trafficking and Violent Crime:** The funding freeze also “pauses” grants designed to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, and child trafficking.

- The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) administers grants designed to process rape kits, reduce domestic violence, and support victims of sexual assault. Click [here](#) for state level totals of FY 2024 [grant](#) funding from OVW.
- The Office for Victims of Crime helps state and local police develop, expand, and strengthen programs for [victims of sex and labor trafficking](#). Together with the Department of Health and Human Services, DOJ also administers vital assistance to state and local police combatting child trafficking.

**How the Funding Freeze Hinders Our Response to the Opioid Crisis:** The Trump Administration's order freezes funding designed to help state and local law enforcement coordinate their approach to the opioid crisis.

- Office of Justice Programs (OJP) funds regional research centers where [state and local police pool their data](#) on opioid trafficking; training for state and local officers who may need to provide [lifesaving care](#) to overdose victims; and programs designed [treat addiction](#) nationwide.