

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

November 21, 2025

Catherine Engelbrecht
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Re: RTKL Request – Final Response #20781

Dear Ms. Engelbrecht:

This is in response to your request for records made pursuant the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL). This Office received your request on October 14, 2025 and notified you on October 21, 2025 that an extension of time to respond to your request was necessary due to bona fide staffing limitations and the need to obtain a legal review of your request.

You requested the following:

Pursuant to applicable state public records laws, including any freedom of information or open records statutes in your jurisdiction, True the Vote respectfully submits this request for access to and copies of records as described below.

*This request seeks all records, communications, directives, or guidance created or received by your office since March 25, 2025, related to Executive Order 14248, titled '*Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections*', including but not limited to:*

- 1. Actions taken or planned to comply with, respond to, or evaluate the order;*
- 2. Communications with federal agencies (including the Election Assistance Commission or Department of Justice) concerning implementation or challenges to the order;*
- 3. Any internal analyses, meeting notes, or correspondence with county officials, election vendors, or other stakeholders related to voter roll verification, mail-ballot receipt deadlines, or documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements.*

Additionally, please include any records, guidance, or communications your office has sent to counties or local election authorities in connection with Executive Order 14248.

True the Vote recognizes that portions of Executive Order 14248 are currently subject to judicial review and preliminary injunctions. This request is not intended to seek privileged legal materials but to understand what steps, if any, your office is taking to assess compliance, improve election integrity procedures, or prepare for potential implementation.

JESSICA GAROFOLO, DIRECTOR

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Your request is granted in part and denied in part for the reasons set forth below.

After conducting a diligent search, a record responsive to your request was found. This record is attached hereto in electronic format. The record was attached to an email which is exempt from disclosure because it is protected by attorney-client privilege, pursuant to Section 305 (a) (2) of the RTKL.

No additional records that would be responsive to your request were found. Thus, for purposes of compliance with the RTKL, the County's position is that no such records exist; therefore, the County is not obligated to provide them. Section 705 of the RTKL states in part that "an agency is not required to create a record that does not exist."

Pursuant to Section 1101 of the RTKL, a party denied access to a requested record may file a written appeal of the denial with the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records ("OOR") within fifteen (15) business days of the mailing date of the local agency's response. The OOR's address is:

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Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Garofolo".

Jessica Garofolo, Director
County of Allegheny Open Records Officer

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
FRANCISCO, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. [25-cv-01350-WHO](#)

**ORDER GRANTING SECOND
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION AND RULING ON
PROPRIETY OF HUD CONTINUUM
OF CARE AND FORMULA GRANT
CONDITIONS**

Re: Dkt. No. 177

On April 24, 2025, I granted a Preliminary Injunction to plaintiffs San Francisco, Santa Clara, and fourteen other cities and counties¹ that maintain policies placing them within the definition of “sanctuary jurisdictions,” because I determined that the Cities and Counties are likely to succeed on the merits of their claims that defendants’ actions with respect to the enjoined executive orders and related agency directives were unconstitutional violations of the separation of powers and spending clause doctrines and violated the Fifth Amendment, Tenth Amendment and Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), 5 U.S.C. § 551 *et seq.* Dkt. No. 111 (the “Preliminary Injunction”).² This Order extends the Preliminary Injunction to include the new plaintiffs recently added in the Second Amended Complaint (“SAC”).³ The defendants offered no

¹ The original plaintiffs, which I have referred to as “the Cities and Counties” and that are covered by the First Preliminary Injunction, are: City and County of San Francisco (“San Francisco”), County of Santa Clara (“Santa Clara”), City of Portland (“Portland”), Martin Luther King, Jr. County (“King County”), City of New Haven (“New Haven”), City of Oakland (“Oakland”), City of Emeryville (“Emeryville”), City of San Jose (“San Jose”), City of San Diego (“San Diego”), City of Sacramento (“Sacramento”), City of Santa Cruz (“Santa Cruz”), County of Monterey (“Monterey”), City of Seattle (“Seattle”), City of Minneapolis (“Minneapolis”), City of Saint Paul (“Saint Paul”), and City of Santa Fe (“Santa Fe”).

² I issued a further order explaining my reasoning on May 3, 2025. Dkt. No. 126 (Further Order).

³ On August 5, 2025, I granted the Plaintiffs’ Motion for Leave to File the SAC, adding new plaintiffs County of Alameda (“Alameda County”), City of Albany (“Albany”), City of

1 opposition to this extension other than that the Order granting the Preliminary Injunction was
2 wrong in the first place. That issue is on appeal.

3 This Order also addresses the parties' dispute over whether conditions imposed by the
4 Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") on Continuum of Care ("CoC") grants
5 violate the Preliminary Injunction because they implement the enjoined sections of EO 14,218 to
6 impose immigration-related conditions wholesale on grants unrelated to immigration enforcement.
7 Dkt. No. 143 (Joint Letter Brief). I had delayed ruling on that to give defendants time to brief
8 whether the CoC grants shared a nexus with immigration enforcement. Dkt. No. 147 (Order
9 Regarding Disputes Over Propriety of Standard Conditions on Federal Grants). Further briefing
10 did not reveal any nexus. The Preliminary Injunction reaches the HUD CoC grants. Finally, the
11 Preliminary Injunction also reaches the HUD Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG")
12 programs—non-competitive grants that support some plaintiffs' services to address homelessness
13 and boost economic development—because there too, HUD has imposed conditions that
14 implement the enjoined language of Executive Order 14,218 upon grants that lack a nexus with
15 immigration enforcement.

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18 Albuquerque ("Albuquerque"), County of Allegheny ("Allegheny County"), City of Baltimore
19 ("Baltimore"), City of Bend ("Bend"), City of Benicia ("Benicia"), City of Berkeley ("Berkeley"),
20 City of Boston ("Boston"), City of Cambridge ("Cambridge"), City of Cathedral City ("Cathedral
21 City"), City of Chicago ("Chicago"), City of Columbus ("Columbus"), City of Culver City
22 ("Culver City"), County of Dane ("Dane County"), City and County of Denver ("Denver"), City
23 of Healdsburg ("Healdsburg"), County of Hennepin ("Hennepin County"), City of Los Angeles
24 ("Los Angeles"), County of Marin ("Marin County"), City of Menlo Park ("Menlo Park"),
Multnomah County, City of Pacifica ("Pacifica"), City of Palo Alto ("Palo Alto"), City of
Petaluma ("Petaluma"), Pierce County, City of Richmond ("Richmond"), City of Rochester
("Rochester"), City of Rohnert Park ("Rohnert Park"), County of San Mateo ("San Mateo
County"), City of Santa Rosa ("Santa Rosa"), County of Sonoma ("Sonoma County"), City of
Watsonville ("Watsonville"), and City of Wilsonville ("Wilsonville"). Dkt. No. 186 (Order on
Motion to Amend and Motion to Expedite).

25 The SAC also added two new defendants: the United States Office of Management and Budget;
26 and Russell Vought in his capacity as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. They
27 join original defendants Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; the United States; the
28 United States Department of Justice; Pamela Bondi in her official capacity as Attorney General of
the United States; Kristi Noem in her official capacity as Secretary of the Department of
Homeland Security; Emil Bove in his capacity as Acting Deputy Attorney General of the United
States; and the United States Department of Homeland Security ("DHS").

ORDER GRANTING SECOND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

The Preliminary Injunction blocks the first sentence of Section 17 of Executive Order 14,159 (“Protecting the American People Against Invasion”) (hereafter, “EO 14,159”), Section 2(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14,218 (“Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders”) (hereafter, “EO 14,218”) (together the “2025 Executive Orders”) and the Preamble and Section 1 of the February 5, 2025, Memorandum from the Attorney General entitled “Sanctuary Jurisdictions Directives,” (the “Bondi Directive”). On May 9, 2025, I made clear that Executive Orders and related executive actions issued and undertaken in the wake of the Preliminary Injunction (e.g. Section 3 of Executive Order 14,287 and the agency directives that flowed from it) could not be used as end runs around it. Dkt. No. 136 (Clarifying Order).

The plaintiffs now move for a second preliminary injunction that precisely mirrors the first to protect the new plaintiffs too. See Motion for a Second Preliminary Injunction (“Second PI Motion”) [Dkt. No. 177]. The new plaintiffs have each alleged similar reliance on federal funding as the Cities and Counties and filed declarations showing similar harms to community health, welfare and social services and to their budgetary processes that depend on the regularly authorized grants of federal funding for a variety of critical needs. See SAC ¶¶ 82-321; see e.g. Declaration of Y. Sanchez [Dkt. No. 177-5] ¶ 14; Declaration of H. Medina [Dkt. No. 177-7] ¶ 10; Declaration of F. Leach [Dkt. No. 177-10] ¶¶ 24-26; Declaration of E. King [Dkt. No. 177-12] ¶ 15; Declaration of A. Groffenberger [Dkt. No. 177-15] ¶ 12; Declaration of T. Maulawin [Dkt. No. 177-19] ¶¶ 13-31. Defendants offer no opposition to entry of the expanded Preliminary Injunction except to say that the Order granting the Preliminary Injunction and Further Order were wrongly decided in the first place and *no* plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought. Both in the defendants’ response to the Second PI Motion and at the hearing, counsel for the defendants accepted that the Second PI Motion is subject to the same analysis as the plaintiffs’ first preliminary injunction request was.

Consequently, I will grant the plaintiffs’ request for the expanded Preliminary Injunction for the same reasons that I issued the Preliminary Injunction originally. The challenged sections of Executive Orders 14,159 and 14,218, and the executive actions that have parroted them threaten

1 to withhold all federal funding from the plaintiffs as sanctuary jurisdictions if they do not adapt
2 their policies and practices to conform with the Trump administration's preferences. That
3 coercive threat (and any actions agencies take to realize that threat, or additional Executive Orders
4 the President issues to the same end) is unconstitutional, so I enjoined its effect. I do so again
5 today for the protection of the new parties in this case.

6 For the foregoing reasons, the plaintiffs' Second Motion for Preliminary Injunction is
7 **GRANTED**. Defendants and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and any
8 other persons who are in active concert or participation with them, are enjoined from directly or
9 indirectly taking any action to withhold, freeze, or condition federal funds based on (1) the first
10 sentence of Section 17 of Executive Order 14,159 ("EO 14,159"); (2) Section 2(a)(ii) of Executive
11 Order 14,218 ("EO 14,218"); (3) the February 5, 2025 memorandum from the Attorney General
12 entitled "Sanctuary Jurisdictions Directives" (the "Bondi Directive"); or (4) any other Executive
13 Order or Government action that poses the same coercive threat to eliminate or suspend federal
14 funding based on the Government's assertion that a jurisdiction is a "sanctuary jurisdiction," on
15 the basis that the jurisdiction has policies that limit (i) the honoring of civil immigration detainer
16 requests; (ii) cooperation with administrative warrants for purposes of immigration enforcement;
17 (iii) the sharing of information with federal immigration authorities other than immigration or
18 citizenship status; (iv) the use of local law enforcement to arrest or detain individuals solely for
19 civil immigration violations; or (v) the use of local resources to assist with civil immigration
20 enforcement activities.⁴

21 **ORDER REGARDING PROPRIETY OF HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTS**

22 The parties dispute whether the Preliminary Injunction reaches the challenged HUD
23 Continuum of Care grant agreement conditions. It does.

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26 ⁴ For the avoidance of doubt, this expanded Preliminary Injunction is identical to the Preliminary
27 Injunction issued on April 24, 2025, except that it now covers all of the plaintiffs named in the
28 SAC, and requires compliance by all defendants, new and old. Because the substance is identical,
I do not differentiate between the original and expanded Preliminary Injunction in this Order; they
are one in the same.

A. FY2024 HUD CoC grant agreements

Congress enacted the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (the “Assistance Act”) to “meet the critically urgent needs of the homeless of the Nation” by providing “funds for programs to assist the homeless, with special emphasis on elderly persons, handicapped persons, families with children, Native Americans, and veterans.” 42 U.S.C. § 11301(b)(2)-(3). Congress, through the Assistance Act, provides federal funding to several programs, including the Continuum of Care (“CoC”) program, which is designed to “assist individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families experiencing homelessness” by providing services “to help such individuals move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability.”⁵ HUD is responsible for administering the CoC program.

The FY2024 HUD CoC grant agreement containing the condition that the plaintiffs challenge states that “[n]o state or unit of general local government that receives funding under this grant may use that funding in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield illegal aliens from deportation.” Dkt. No. 143, Attachment M. In the June 23, 2025, Order Regarding Disputes Over Propriety of Standard Conditions on Federal Grants, I acknowledged the distinction between the conditions on HUD CoC grants (which conditioned the use of funds already received upon compliance with federal immigration law) and the DHS and DOT standard conditions (which conditioned the receipt of funds upon the same). I pointed out that the defendants had “not yet attempted” to show the required nexus between the HUD CoC grant programs upon which the defendants sought to impose the challenged condition and immigration enforcement. I gave the defendants additional time and briefing space to show, if they could, the required nexus. None emerged.

B. The Preliminary Injunction reaches the challenged provision of the FY2024 HUD CoC grant agreement

The substantive question of whether HUD is properly withholding HUD CoC grants is

⁵ Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Eligibility Requirements, HUD Exchange, <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-program-eligibility-requirements/>, last accessed June 19, 2025.

pending before the Hon. Barbara Rothstein in the District of Washington in *King County v. Turner*, where Judge Rothstein has enjoined HUD and its officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and any other persons who are in active concert or participation with them, from imposing the challenged HUD CoC grant conditions.⁶ – F. Supp. 3d. –, 2025 WL 1582368 (W.D. Wash. June 3, 2025) (First Preliminary Injunction in *King County*), *appeal docketed*, No. 25-3664 (9th Cir., June 10, 2025); 2025 WL 2322763 (W.D. Wash. Aug. 12, 2025) (Third Preliminary Injunction in *King County*). Twenty nine (29) of the plaintiffs in this case are covered by those injunctions, seventeen (17) are not. Suffice it to say, I agree in full with Judge Rothstein’s opinion. That goes a long way to resolve the dispute here. But what I must still address is whether the Preliminary Injunction in this case, which specifically enjoins actions based on “(1) the first sentence of Section 17 of Executive Order 14,159 (“EO 14,159”); (2) Section 2(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14,218 (“EO 14,218”); (3) the February 5, 2025 memorandum from the Attorney General entitled “Sanctuary Jurisdictions Directives” (the “Bondi Directive”); or (4) any other Executive Order or Government action that poses the same coercive threat to eliminate or suspend federal funding based on the Government’s assertion that a jurisdiction is a ‘sanctuary jurisdiction,’” has been violated.

In plaintiffs’ letter brief regarding the propriety of conditions imposed on the subject HUD CoC grants, they challenge a condition in the FY2024 HUD CoC grant agreement that mirrors the enjoined language of EO 14,218. The condition provides: “No state or unit of general local government that receives funding under this grant may use that funding in a manner that by design

⁶ Specifically, Judge Rothstein enjoined the HUD Defendants from “(1) imposing or enforcing the CoC Grant Conditions ... or any materially similar terms or conditions with respect to any CoC funds awarded to the HUD Plaintiffs or members of their Continuums; (2) as to the HUD Plaintiffs, rescinding, withholding, cancelling, or otherwise not processing any CoC Agreements, or pausing, freezing, impeding, blocking, cancelling, terminating, delaying, withholding, or conditioning CoC funds, based on such terms or conditions, including without limitation failing or refusing to process and otherwise implement grants signed with changes or other objection to conditions enjoined by this preliminary injunction; (3) requiring the HUD Plaintiffs to make any “certification” or other representation related to compliance with such terms or conditions; or (4) refusing to issue, process, or sign CoC Agreements based on HUD Plaintiffs’ participation in this lawsuit.” – F. Supp. 3d. –, 2025 WL 1582368 (W.D. Wash. June 3, 2025). Judge Rothstein then issued a Third Preliminary Injunction in *King County* to protect newly added plaintiffs in that case. 2025 WL 2322763 (W.D. Wash. Aug 12, 2025). The government has appealed.

1 or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek
 2 to shield illegal aliens from deportation.” Dkt. No. 143 (Attachment M) (the “challenged
 3 condition”). They assert that the challenged condition violates the Preliminary Injunction because
 4 it imposes immigration-related conditions on funding for a program that lacks a nexus with
 5 immigration enforcement. *See* Dkt. No. 143 (Joint Letter Brief) 4.

6 If there were any uncertainty as to the origin of the challenged condition, the letter from
 7 HUD Secretary Scott Turner on April 4, 2025, to “HUD Grantees and Stakeholders” confirms that
 8 the quoted language in the grant agreement arises from EO 14,218. Dkt. No. 95-1 at 90 (April 4,
 9 2025, the “Turner letter”). In that letter, Turner states that he “directed HUD senior leadership to
 10 review our programs and institute mechanisms that can ensure that HUD programs are compliant
 11 with ... Executive Order [14,218]. For example, going forward, grant agreements will include
 12 language that will require compliance with Executive Order 14,218, and the Department will take
 13 steps to ensure that Federal resources are not used to support ‘sanctuary’ policies of State and local
 14 jurisdictions that actively prevent federal authorities from deporting illegal aliens.” *Id.* The timing
 15 of that letter, hard on the heels of the subject Executive Orders, and its direction that grant
 16 agreements incorporate the language of the enjoined section of that Executive Order 14,218,
 17 leaves little doubt that Secretary Turner intended to implement the Executive Order.

18 In my Order Regarding Disputes Over Propriety of Standard Conditions on Federal Grants,
 19 I directed the parties to provide more briefing on whether the HUD CoC grants shared a nexus
 20 with immigration enforcement such that the utilization of the language from EO 14,218 to impose
 21 conditions upon those grants might not be obviously unlawful. Defendants offered several
 22 responses, none of which address the nexus question I posed. *See* Defendants’ Response to
 23 Court’s Order (“Gov’t Response”) [Dkt. No. 166]. I take this omission as a concession that there
 24 is no nexus. But I will address the defendants’ alternative arguments for why the Preliminary
 25 Injunction should not apply to the challenged condition, none of which has merit.

26 First, they (briefly) argue that the challenged condition should not be enjoined because it is
 27 a condition on the use of awarded funds, not a condition on the receipt of funds. *See* Gov’t
 28 Response 2. At oral argument, counsel for defendants expanded on this argument, contending that

1 the language of the Preliminary Injunction (enjoining the defendants from taking action to
 2 withhold, freeze, or condition Federal funds from the plaintiffs) implies that the injunction only
 3 reaches conditions placed on receipt of those funds, and does not reach conditions placed on their
 4 use. That obtusely narrow interpretation is wrong. *See* Dkt. No. 136 (Clarifying Order) 4 (“[t]he
 5 Government cannot avoid liability down the line by ‘hewing to the narrow letter of the injunction’
 6 while ‘simultaneously ignoring its spirit.’”) (quoting *Inst. of Cetacean Research v. Sea Shepard*
 7 *Conserv. Soc’y*, 774 F.3d 935, 954 (9th Cir. 2014)). I issued the Preliminary Injunction to prevent
 8 the defendants from taking actions with respect to federal funding for so-called sanctuary
 9 jurisdictions that fall outside of the bounds of the Constitution, particularly because of their overly
 10 coercive effect. It bars the defendants (and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and
 11 attorneys, and any other persons in active concert or participation with them) from, in relevant
 12 part, taking any action to withhold, freeze, or condition federal funds from the Cities and Counties
 13 based on Section 2(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14,218. The challenged HUD CoC grant agreement
 14 condition, of course, would require adherence to Section 2(a)(ii) of EO 14,218 to receive federal
 15 funds. *Compare* 90 Fed. Reg. 10581 with Dkt. 68, at Ex. 1, p. 3; Dkt. 143, Attachment M, at p. 2;
 16 *see also* Further Order at 56-57 (finding Section 2(a)(ii) to be unconstitutionally ambiguous for
 17 purposes of the Fifth Amendment). Secretary Turner’s letter shows that HUD’s express purpose
 18 in inserting the challenged condition into the FY2024 HUD CoC and other grant agreements was
 19 to implement the enjoined section of EO 14,218. *See* Further Order 8; *see* discussion *supra*.
 20 Whether that condition applies to the receipt of the grant funds or to their use is immaterial: the
 21 effect is to coerce jurisdictions into changing their local policies to adhere to federal ones. When
 22 it comes to applying the Preliminary Injunction, it is a distinction without a difference.

23 Second, defendants insist that the conditions are lawful because they are consistent with
 24 provisions of the Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11386(b), which predates the Preliminary
 25 Injunction and requires a recipient of HUD funds to enter into an agreement with HUD, accepting
 26 specific conditions, before the HUD Secretary may disburse CoC grant funds. *See* Gov’t
 27 Response 1. The defendants argue that “both this language and the immigration laws upon which
 28 the conditions are based preceded the challenged Executive Orders” and “such discretionary

1 language has routinely been used by HUD to require certification that recipients comply with
 2 federal anti-discrimination laws.” *Id.* 1-2. This contention bears no weight. Set aside, for now,
 3 that HUD has posted to its website its current “Administrative Requirements” for grantees⁷, and
 4 that list makes no mention of § 11386(b)(8)—it identifies the Personal Responsibility and Work
 5 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (“PRWORA”) and EO 14,218, only. Even if §
 6 11386(b)(8) *were* the source of the challenged condition, it does not help the defendants’
 7 argument.

8 The defendants say that “[s]ection 11386(b)(8) squarely encompasses the challenged
 9 funding condition, as it aims to ensure that grant funds are not used for unlawful purposes—such
 10 as providing services to individuals who are not eligible under federal law, including illegal
 11 aliens.” Gov’t Response 3. That subpart of the Assistance Act is one of several conditions in 42
 12 U.S.C. § 11386(b) to which grant recipients must agree. Among them are conditions requiring
 13 recipients “to monitor and report to the Secretary the progress of the project”; “to ensure ... that
 14 individuals and families experiencing homelessness are involved” in the project; and to “monitor
 15 and report” the receipt of any matching funds. The subpart relied upon by defendants requires a
 16 HUD grant recipient “to comply with such other terms and conditions as the Secretary may
 17 establish to carry out this part in an effective and efficient manner.” 42 U.S.C. § 11386(b)(8).

18 None of the conditions in § 11386(b) are remotely akin to the condition the plaintiffs
 19 challenge here. Substantive conditions—like those that prohibit HUD CoC grant recipients from
 20 using their funds “in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of
 21 illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield illegal aliens from deportation”—are not
 22 “of the same kind” as conditions requiring grant recipients to monitor and report on their
 23 program’s progress, or involve individuals and families experiencing homelessness in those
 24 programs. The defendants in *King County* made a similar argument, which Judge Rothstein
 25 soundly rejected. *See King County*, -- F. Supp. 3d. --, 2025 WL 1582368, at *15.

26 The defendants contend that were I to find that the Preliminary Injunction reached the
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28 ⁷ Available at <https://www.hud.gov/stat/cfo/policy-requirements> (last visited August 19, 2025).

1 challenged provision of the FY2024 HUD CoC grant agreement, I would be encroaching into the
 2 agency’s discretion to ensure its programs run properly. They invoke the canon *ejusdem generis*,
 3 or “of the same kind,” to argue that this canon “confirms that the [HUD Secretary] has broad
 4 authority to impose a range of conditions on CoC recipients, from the ministerial to the
 5 substantive, so long as they are designed to enhance the program’s efficiency and effectiveness,
 6 which necessarily include Congressional and case law mandate.” Gov’t Response 3. Instead of
 7 encroaching on the Secretary’s discretion, I am simply requiring him to abide by his oath to
 8 support and defend the constitution and laws of the United States. The Preliminary Injunction
 9 intends to restrain the defendants from coercing the plaintiffs to change policies that the Tenth
 10 Amendment reserves for the plaintiffs to develop and enforce.

11 Third, contrary to the defendants’ contention, PRWORA does not permit the challenged
 12 CoC grant condition. Defendants argue that since “under the [PRWORA] federal public benefits,
 13 including the housing and supportive services provided through the CoC program, are only
 14 available to U.S. citizens and aliens with a qualifying immigration status,” the challenged CoC
 15 conditions “enforce PRWORA’s purpose” by “[e]ssentially . . . ensur[ing] compliance with
 16 already-existing statutory restrictions,” meaning that Secretary Turner is “acting within the
 17 authority granted to him by Congressional mandate and section 11386(b)(8)” when he enforces
 18 them. Gov’t Response 4. As the plaintiffs rightfully point out in their Reply, “[w]hile PRWORA
 19 states that certain categories of non-citizens are not eligible for some ‘Federal public benefits,’ 8
 20 U.S.C. § 1611(a), nowhere does the text suggest giving the federal Government the authority to
 21 condition the receipt of federal funds on the requirement that states and local jurisdictions actively
 22 assist in enforcing federal immigration laws.” Reply Re: Gov’t Response [Dkt. No. 174] 4, n.3.

23 The defendants also insist that Preliminary Injunction does not apply to the HUD CoC
 24 grant conditions because “HUD will only apply conditions that are based on statutory authority.”
 25 Joint Letter 7. They compare this dispute to those over “discrete funding conditions” litigated in
 26 cases like *Cal. ex rel. Becerra v. Sessions*, 284 F. Supp. 3d 1015, 1023-24 (N.D. Cal. 2018), where
 27 plaintiffs challenged the termination of Byrne JAG funding, as opposed to disputes over Executive
 28 Orders, like *Cnty. of Santa Clara v. Trump*, 250 F. Supp. 3d 497, 507 (N.D. Cal. 2017). Joint

Letter 7, n.6. But that is a false comparison. Cases like *Cal. ex rel. Becerra*, (and its counterparts that proceeded in the Second, Third, and Seventh Circuit, see Further Order at 2-3) involved litigation over discrete funding conditions imposed on a particular grant. The challenged condition here exists because of agency-wide directives employing enjoined Executive Orders, not discrete conditions on a particular grant. HUD is incorporating language from the Executive Order that I have enjoined in all of its grant agreement conditions (at least according to Secretary Turner’s letter), including the CoC grants I have just discussed, and the formula grants I am about to discuss. The plaintiffs do not ask me to opine on the legality of “discrete funding conditions” like those imposed upon the Byrne JAG grants—they ask me to enjoin the apparently agency-wide, coercive utilization of language from EO 14,218 with respect to all HUD grants, irrespective of their relation to immigration enforcement.

For all the foregoing reasons, I conclude that the Preliminary Injunction does reach the challenged condition in the FY2024 HUD CoC grant agreements and that it is enjoined.⁸ HUD may not deny federal funding under the FY2024 HUD CoC grants based on the challenged condition.

C. The HUD formula grants

Plaintiffs ask that if I extend the Preliminary Injunction to encompass the challenged CoC grant condition, I also find that it reaches HUD “formula grants”—particularly, the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) programs, which control non-competitive grants that

⁸ The defendants also gesture toward *Trump v. CASA*, arguing that the Supreme Court’s decision in that case dictates that “extending this Court’s preliminary injunction to HUD as a non-party is improper.” Gov’t Response 1 (citing 606 U.S. ___, 145 S. Ct. 2540, 2567 (U.S. June 27, 2025)). That case addressed jurisprudential concerns about extending relief to plaintiffs who are not party to a lawsuit. See *CASA*, 606 U.S. ___, 145 S. Ct. at 2567 (Kavanaugh, J., concurring) (“The District Courts granted universal preliminary injunctions—that is, injunctions prohibiting enforcement of the Executive Order against anyone. Under the Court’s holding today, district courts issuing injunctions under the authority afforded by the Judiciary Act of 1789 may award only plaintiff-specific relief.”). Here, I limited my relief to the plaintiffs in this case, and to afford them complete relief, I enjoined “named defendants and any other agency or individual acting in concert with or as an agent of the President or other defendants to implement” the enjoined Executive Orders. Further Order 65, n.14. This was consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), and with principle that while the President cannot be enjoined in the performance of his official duties, injunctive relief may run against executive officials. See *Franklin v. Massachusetts*, 505 U.S. 788, 802-803 (1992); see Further Order 65 n.14.

1 support services to address homelessness and boost economic development, and upon which many
 2 plaintiffs rely. Plaintiffs argue that HUD is imposing the same kind of impermissible conditions
 3 flowing from EO 14,218 upon CDBG grants as it is upon CoC grants. At the hearing on this
 4 matter, I said that I was hesitant to rule on this issue having not requested briefing that squarely
 5 addresses it. Counsel for the plaintiffs argued that the only evidence I needed was already in front
 6 of me, in the form of the plaintiffs' various declarations, the letter from Secretary Turner and a
 7 letter from HUD General Deputy Assistant Secretary Claudette Fernandez. Having reviewed them
 8 again, focusing on this issue, I agree.

9 The plaintiffs assert that it is apparent that HUD is implementing EO 14,218 through *all* of
 10 its grants, not just the CoC grants, as a result of the Turner and Fernandez letters. I have already
 11 discussed the Turner letter. Fernandez, who is now the director of CPD (the subagency of HUD
 12 that administers funding that the plaintiffs receive from HUD for rental support, housing support,
 13 and supportive services to low income and homeless individuals, including CDBG grants), sent a
 14 letter on June 5, 2025, in her capacity as HUD General Deputy Assistant Secretary, regarding the
 15 HUD Office of Community Planning and Development's ("CPD") grantee consolidated plan and
 16 annual action plan submissions for Fiscal Year 2025 (the "Fernandez Letter").⁹ Fernandez states
 17 in the letter that "grantees are ... encouraged to review the White House Executive Orders as they
 18 develop their consolidated plan and annual action plans. After submission and HUD's review of
 19 these plans, the FY2025 grant agreement will also emphasize conformity with applicable
 20 Administration priorities and executive orders. Under the FY 2025 grant agreement, conformity
 21 means that []: ... (7) If applicable, no state or unit of general local government that receives
 22 funding under this grant may use that funding in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the
 23 subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield illegal aliens
 24 from deportation." Fernandez Letter 2 (Condition 7). In short, the Fernandez letter tracks the
 25 Turner letter and the enjoined Executive Order 14,218.

26 As described in the plaintiffs' Motion to Expedite (Dkt. No. 178) and through declarations
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28 ⁹ Ltr. of C. Fernandez to Council of State Community Dev. Agencies and Nat'l Community Dev. Assoc., June 5, 2025, at p. 3 ("Fernandez Letter."), available at <https://perma.cc/4A3P-ZKHD>.

1 attached to the Second PI Motion, several plaintiffs faced a regulatory deadline of August 16,
 2 2025, to submit consolidated action plans that are a pre-requisite for receiving several types of
 3 grants from HUD, including CoC grants and, pertinently, CDBG grants. *See* Dkt. No. 177-6
 4 (Declaration of G. Grande, explaining that plaintiff the City of Albany, New York, “uses nearly \$1
 5 million in federal funds to support public transportation improvements and maintenance within the
 6 City ... to access these HUD funds, Albany must, in part, submit an annual consolidated plan to
 7 HUD,” and stating that the deadline for this year’s plan was August 16, 2025); Dkt. No. 177-9
 8 (Declaration of J. Fournier, explaining that plaintiff Allegheny County had an August 16, 2025,
 9 deadline to submit its HUD Consolidated Five Year Plan for four programs, including the CDBG
 10 program).

11 At least one plaintiff, the City of Petaluma, has already received a challenge to its proposed
 12 Consolidated Action Plan based on alleged inconsistency with EO 14,218. *See* Declaration of B.
 13 Cochran (“Cochran Decl.”) [Dkt. No. 177-37] ¶¶ 12-15. After Petaluma transmitted its 2025
 14 Consolidated Action Plan to HUD on May 15, 2025, HUD staff member Nicholas D. Nordahl on
 15 July 1, 2025, “sent an email to Petaluma Housing staff questioning the accuracy of Petaluma’s
 16 certification that CDBG funds described in the City’s 2025 Consolidated Action Plan would be
 17 administered in conformity with applicable laws, including Executive Orders.” *Id.* ¶ 13.

18 Cochran, the Assistant City Manager of the City of Petaluma, states that the Nordahl email
 19 “indicated that Petaluma would have an opportunity to respond (i.e., to provide specified evidence
 20 demonstrating compliance with the certification),” but it “also indicated that Petaluma should
 21 reply by close of business Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – that is, just 24 hours after the Nordahl email
 22 was sent.” *Id.* ¶ 13. More concerning, “[t]he Nordahl email stated that failure to address HUD’s
 23 concerns could result in HUD determining that the Petaluma certification is inaccurate or
 24 unsatisfactory, which would result in disapproval of the Action Plan,” and it “specified that HUD
 25 identified language in the City’s 2025 Action Plan that appears to HUD to violate specified
 26 Executive Orders, including Executive Order 14218.” *Id.* It then “directed that the City’s response
 27 should make specified edits to the City’s Action Plan to remove references to specified terms the
 28 use of which HUD deemed to violate Executive Orders, including the term ‘undocumented

1 individuals,” and instructed that the revised Action Plan should include the following statement:

2 The city of Petaluma shall administer its grant in accordance with all applicable
3 immigration restrictions and requirements, including the eligibility and certification
4 requirement that apply under title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
5 Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended (8 U.S. C. 1601-1646) (PRWORA) and any
6 applicable requirements that HUD, the Attorney General, or the U.S. Citizenship and
7 Immigration Services may establish from time to time to comply with PRWORA,
8 Executive Order 14218 or other Executive Orders or immigration laws. The city will not
9 use funding under this grant in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the
10 subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield
11 illegal aliens from deportation. Unless excepted by PRWORA, the city must use SAVE, or
12 an equivalent verification system approved by the Federal government, to prevent any
13 Federal public benefit from being provided to an ineligible alien who entered the United
14 States illegally or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States.

15 See Cochran Decl. ¶ 13; *see also id.*, Ex. A (the “Nordahl email”). Cochran declares that “[t]he
16 Nordahl email ... caused sudden uncertainty as to Petaluma’s receipt of CDBG and other HUD
17 funding that is critical to food and housing security for some of Petaluma’s most vulnerable
18 community members.” Cochran Decl. ¶ 15.

19 The Nordahl email implements the Fernandez and Turner letters, which in turn implement
20 the enjoined section of EO 14,218. The Fernandez letter, issued on June 2, 2025, states that
21 “[a]fter submission and HUD’s review of [consolidated action plans and annual action plans], the
22 FY2025 grant agreement will also emphasize conformity with applicable Administration priorities
23 and executive orders,” and then, in Condition 7, quotes EO 14,218. The Nordahl email, sent on
24 July 1, 2025, instructs Petaluma to fix its consolidated action plan to conform with EO 14,218, on
25 implied pain of disapproval and loss of CDBG funds.

26 This agency action is enjoined, for the same reasons the challenged conditions upon CoC
27 grants are. Through the Fernandez Letter and related agency actions, HUD is imposing
28 immigration-related conditions upon grants that share no nexus with immigration enforcement, for
the purpose of coercing sanctuary jurisdictions into modifying their policies to conform with
federal ones. Pursuant to this Order, condition 7 is enjoined and HUD may not deny plaintiffs
federal funding for CDBG grants based on the implementation of condition 7 in the Fernandez
letter.

Defendants have not responded directly to the evidence linking condition 7 to the enjoined

Executive Order as just described. They may seek reconsideration of this Order if the facts differ from what is in the record thus far.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 22, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Orrick", written over a horizontal line.

William H. Orrick
United States District Judge