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THE DONALD'S IMPACT ON FEDERAL GRANTS

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, Monday, November 14, 2016—Presidential elections create uncertainty. Federal grantees are scrambling to assess the Trump administration's impact on future funding as a result of last Tuesday's election. While there are many unknowns at this point, The Grant Doctors does not anticipate any significant changes to federal grant making, in the foreseeable future, due to the budgeting process and exiting appropriations.

The federal government is currently funded with a Continuing Resolution (CR) until December 9. Congress has two options to explore over the next four weeks: pass another short-term CR until after the new Congress and the President are sworn in; or pass a much larger Omnibus bill to fund the government through September 30, 2017.

"There are too many ongoing grants to begin de-funding them midstream. Deep cuts too soon would be a shock to the system and would come at a political cost," said Dave Farley, CEO of The Grant Doctors. "Meanwhile, President-elect Trump has proposed a one trillion dollar infrastructure initiative—carried out almost entirely through grants. If he wants to spend on infrastructure, he'll probably want to spend elsewhere too."

Candidate Trump's proposal to close entire departments is not off the table but it is likely being shelved in the short-term. Closing a department would take at least two presidential terms; maintaining control of the House and Senate; and bipartisan support. Challenging.

"After Tuesday's election, nobody should underestimate Mr. Trump again," Farley continued. "I believe he'll consolidate some agencies and shrink a few departments. I doubt he'll close any departments entirely. We'll learn more after he makes his cabinet appointments. At the very least, this will be an interesting four years."

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