Federal Funding Restrictions for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives

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On March 14, the Office of Head Start provided the following email to grant recipients:

Dear Head Start recipients,

The Office of Head Start will not approve the use of federal funding for any training and technical assistance (TTA) or other program expenditures that promote or take part in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. This includes expenditures for services provided by contractors or vendors.

With your next application submission, Head Start grant recipients should carefully review their annual funding application, including the budget and budget justification narrative, TTA plans, program goals, and any other supplemental materials to ensure they are in accordance with this change.

Please direct any questions regarding this guidance to your regional office.

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