
EPA Grant to Savannah has been Terminated by Federal Government

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OMB Form_52-03D03824-1_CITY OF SAVANNAH.pdf; Termination Memo_52-03D03824-1 CITY OF SAVANNAH_03.28.25.pdf; Memo_EJG2G Termination .pdf;

Mayor and Council—

As you know, the Federal government has recently taken significant actions to terminate previously awarded grants to states and local governments across the United States. The City of Savannah has recently received a notice that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is terminating a \$1,000,000 Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program (EJG2G) grant to the City of Savannah. The EPA communicated that the grant will be terminated due to the agency's determination that the "award no longer effectuates the program's goals or agency priorities".

While the EJG2G grant was awarded in August 2024 for \$1,000,000 with no local match requirement, it is important to note that the City has not incurred any expenses to date. EJG2G's goal was to establish a low- to no-cost energy efficiency program to help vulnerable populations across Savannah. This project also contained a workforce training component to increase the local supply of electricians, HVAC technicians, and other skilled trade workers. The grant sub-recipient, Harambee House was responsible for overseeing the workforce training aspect of the project. We have notified the sub-recipient of the termination notice and instructed them to cease all grant-related expenditures. We will begin the federally required grant close-out process, which will include reconciliation of any cost occurred prior to the March 28 termination.

Right now, this is the only federal grant for which we have received a termination notice. However, we know that there is a possibility that other federal grants that we have been awarded will be terminated. We are following the situation closely, strategizing on the best ways to protect these grants, and will keep you informed.

Please find attached a memo that provides information on our next steps. Please also find attached the official EPA *Grant Termination Memo and the Office of Management and Budget Grant Amendment Form*.

Sincerely,
Jay Melder
City Manager