

Sanctuary Jurisdictions

What you need to know about Executive Order 13768



What does the executive order do?

The executive order indicates that sanctuary jurisdictions that willfully refuse to share citizenship or immigration status information with I.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are not eligible to receive Federal grants, with the exception of funding necessary for law enforcement purposes.



What is a sanctuary jurisdiction?

A sanctuary jurisdiction is generally understood to be a city, town, county, or state that has a policy of protecting undocumented immigrants by not prosecuting them for violations of federal immigration laws.

The executive order attempts to define a sanctuary jurisdiction as any state or part of a state that does not comply with 8 USC 1371, a law which prohibits jurisdictions from restricting government entities or officials from sending individual citizenship or immigration status to ICE.

Five Ways You Can Prepare for Potential Impacts



Keep an eye on the news.



Make sure you know the laws in your jurisdiction. Seek qualified legal advice if necessary.



Review your policies and procedures to clarify staff roles, client rights, and program policies that deal with the sharing of immigration information with the Federal government.



Understand your program's funding streams and make contingency plans for service provision in the unlikely event of funding disruption.



Let your Member of Congress know Executive Order 13768 could impact vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.

