New Federal Rule Will Disrupt Federal Grants

The most consequential federal funding rule change goes into effect Dec. 12, 2026.

The downstream effects will impact much more than government agencies.

Instead, it will affect every person, business, or agency that touches a federal dollar.

Summit County Business A is hired by the County to design & replace a large bridge.

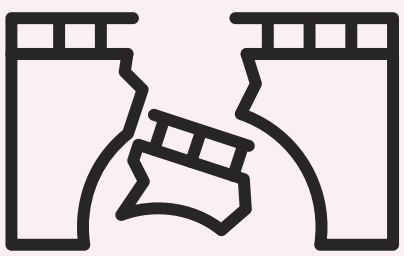
2026 Business A secures multimillion dollar contract funded with federal grant money.

Work begins and continues through 2027.

2028 A new president is elected with new political priorities.

Grant is cancelled by new admin for any reason, no appeal process available.

Both spent & unspent grant funds are clawed back and the project is cancelled due to insufficient funds.



Local residents are stuck with a broken bridge and must use local taxpayer dollars to pay for unfinished work.