

[Istac] New DOJ Guidance Regarding Unlawful Discrimination and DEI Programs

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Hello all,

You may have already seen this, but I wanted to share just in case. The US Attorney General released [new guidance](#) regarding unlawful discrimination and DEI programs for any agencies that receive federal funds. I was concerned about the implication for subgrants and library programming. I sent it to Dennis and here was his response:

Thanks for this excellent and finger-on-the-pulse question 😊 We will inform you if anything changes, but as of right now you can feel free to continue to follow the guidance and certifications that are currently in place when your awards were given.

For what it's worth, there's also this excerpt in the DOJ guidance that serves as a helpful qualifier: *"This guidance identifies "Best Practices" as non-binding suggestions to help entities comply with federal antidiscrimination laws and avoid legal pitfalls; these are not mandatory requirements but rather practical recommendations to minimize the risk of violations."*

I hope this helps you all as well. :)

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