



Alabama Public Library Service



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TO: Public Library Directors
FROM: John Wahl, Chair *JW*
APLS Executive Board
SUBJECT: Federal Grant Funding and Compliance with Executive Order on Gender Ideology
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At a previous meeting, the APLS Executive Board requested that I send this letter informing you of **federal** policy changes that will directly impact the eligibility of Alabama's public libraries for all future **federal** grant funding. After taking office President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order titled "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government". This executive order explicitly states: *"Federal funds shall not be used to promote gender ideology. Each agency shall assess grant conditions and grantee preferences and ensure grant funds do not promote gender ideology"* (Section 3, Part G).

As Chairman of the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS), it is my duty to ensure that our state's libraries remain compliant with all **federal** requirements in order to maintain access to critical grant funding. In light of this executive order, all Alabama public libraries must take immediate steps to review their collections, programming, and policies to ensure that no **federal** grant funds are used to promote gender ideology in any form.

Failure to comply with these new **federal** guidelines will result in the loss of grant eligibility, which could significantly impact library funding and operations. To avoid any disruption of grants, I strongly urge all library directors to conduct a thorough review of their library's policies, collections, and programming to ensure full compliance with this executive order.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Your cooperation is essential in ensuring that our libraries continue to serve the people of Alabama while remaining in full compliance with **federal** funding requirements.

Sincerely,
John Wahl