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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Attention California Energy Commission and Tech Clean California:

Chief Judge John McConnell for the US District Court of Rhode Island ruled yesterday, 06 March 2025, against the Trump administration's attempt to block all federal grants, loans and other payments appropriated by Congress. This includes funding allocated in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 legislation. Judge McConnell's issuance of a preliminary injunction is effectively a "final order" which turns on the spigot of federal dollars AND the Trump administration cannot interfere with the flow of funding any longer.

This lawsuit was led by a coalition of 23 state attorneys general arguing a flagrant violation of the Constitution's separation of powers. Indeed it is Congress who controls the power of the purse. It is noted the administration blatantly failed to deliver "special message" to Congress; a provision of the Impound Control Act of 1974 requesting rescission or withholding of funds

Similar challenges to the administration's spending freeze are underway on the East Coast that scholars in Constitutional law predict will prevail.

Therefore, California residents demand an immediate announcement from CEC that HEEHRA program initiatives have been restarted and claims submissions may continue for processing. Those claims reviewed and approved should be "drawn" from federal coffers. CEC and Tech Clean should not pride themselves that the first HEEHRA check was issued in February 2025 when the program launched in October 2024. Maybe that's why the current administration wants to end the government inefficiency.

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A link to Chief Judge John McConnell's Ruling March 06, 2025
<https://www.wpri.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/23/2025/03/funding-freeze-decision.pdf>