



## ! National Non Profit Seeks Audit and Analysis of Threats in Light of Recent Executive Orders

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### Project Title

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### Scope of Work

### Timing

The work is needed to be done immediately.

### Jurisdiction

### Contact Information

Please contact Guerby Noel ([guerby@lawfirmantiracismalliance.org](mailto:guerby@lawfirmantiracismalliance.org)) if you are interested in taking on this matter.

### Description

Emerald Cities Collaborative (ECC) is a national nonprofit organization founded in 2009 that advances racial, economic, and climate justice to build communities that are more equitable, economically just, and sustainable. ECC centers and collaborates with frontline communities, especially communities of color, to ensure that they are at the forefront of decision-making, that they benefit from the economic opportunities of the transition to clean energy, and that climate investments are driven back to those communities.

ECC is investigating and navigating actual and potential threats that could negatively impact its programs and operations. In light of the recent Executive Orders, ECC is concerned that they, along with other racial justice, climate justice, and environmental justice movements, will have issues with federal funding and existence.

ECC seeks assistance with clarifying how to deal with the following:

- Attacks on ECC's 501(c)(3) status
- Attacks on ECC's funding
- Anti-DEI Executive Order:

There are additional details they are seeking clarification on, including:

- Are there programmatic changes that need to be made?
- Do contracts that prioritize minority contractors need to be modified?
- What is the best and worst case scenario based on the details of the current federal funding pause?
- ECC is the recipient *and* provider of federal funds. It has contracts with partner organizations as sub-grantees, which need to be paused so payments can be made to ECC employee. How should this be handled from a legal standpoint? What statements/guidance should be issued to sub-grantees/sub-contractors about pausing this work?
- What happens after the 90-day pause?

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