Administrative Order #359

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Agenda

- What is Administrative Order #359?
- Annual Review
- Zero-Based Budgeting
- Highlights Priorities
- Provides More Transparency with Immediate Effect
- State-Wide Effort

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- Mandates an annual Government Efficiency Review
- Zero-base budgeting emphasis
- Highlights specific priorities to be addressed
- Provides more transparency
- Immediate and ongoing effect



Mandates an annual Government Efficiency Review

AO 359 orders the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a yearly, executive branch—wide evaluation of base budget expenditures and practices. The goal is to identify efficiency improvements, cost savings, and streamline operations across all executive agencies.

Zero-base budgeting emphasis

This order notably calls for a shift from incremental base budgeting to a system where every expenditure must be justified and reviewed annually.



Highlights specific priorities to be addressed

- Grant funding to non-state entities (like school districts).
- Accounts payable and administrative costs.
- Opportunities to modernize and integrate IT/AI.
- •Identifying services suitable for outsourcing or process simplification.



Provides More Transparency

The OMB must annually publish details of funds allocated by agency—including recipients and purposes of grants.

Immediate and ongoing effect

AO 359 took effect on August 4, 2025, and remains in force until revoked.



State-Wide Efforts

- All departments must participate
- The first round of process reviews will be completed by the end of November 2025 (Accounts Payable & Grant Management)
- The second round will focus on licensing and certification processes. We don't have a timeline yet.
- DEED has a dynamic team gathered to work with OMB. Led by Monique Siverly.



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