

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF
FORT WORTH, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, et al.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25-0605 (LLA)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through the undersigned counsel, respectfully file this joint status report pursuant to the Court's April 3, 2025 order.

Since the parties' last joint status report, Plaintiff reports that its drawdown requests continue to be paid within a 24- to 48-hour period. However, on Monday, April 7, Plaintiff received an email from the email address "defendthespend [at] hhs.gov." This new email asks that Plaintiff provide "additional clarification" regarding drawdown requests previously submitted through the normal course. Plaintiff is concerned that it appears now to be receiving requests for additional information independently from the PMS drawdown request system or information requested under its grant awards.

Counsel for Defendants was made aware of this email request and responded that the Agency (1) indicated that Plaintiff should respond to the e-mail message and offer additional justifications for drawdown requests when prompted to do so, and; (2) stated that to "further protect the integrity of the grants and contracts it administers, the Administration for Children and Families has instituted another control to monitor awards and contracts, in addition to the use of

Payment Management Services system, direct contacts by the Administration or the Office for Refugee Resettlement, and information required under the grant or contract, *e.g.*, reports and audits.”

Given this new request from ACF, Plaintiff intends to continue to monitor payment of draw down requests and seeks additional time to consider dismissal.

As such, the parties request to submit another joint status report on April 30, 2025, if Plaintiff does not dismiss the case before that date. A proposed order is attached.

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PROPOSED ORDER

Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file by on April 30, 2025, advising the Court of the status of this matter, including a recommendation for further proceedings.

Date

LOREN A. ALIKHAN
United States District Judge