

Bureaucrats Defy Trump's Cuts: Nearly 40 Transgender Animal Experiments, \$400M in Tax Dollars, Still Active

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Despite early intervention efforts on the part of the Trump Administration [and its Department of Governmental Efficiency] to revoke, freeze, and eliminate a number of unorthodox government-sponsored experiments involving transgender hormone testing on animals, nearly 40 such federal grants – including one disbursed via the Department of Veteran's Affairs – remain active according to the most recent data available.

Last week, among the sweeping cuts outlined as part of the administration's efforts to increase government efficiency and tamp down government waste, included seven grants funding such animal experiments, but three programs similarly recognized and named by the White House press release remain active with almost \$4 million taxpayer dollars still slated to flow into these experiments.

These programs include Duke University's \$455,000 grant allocation for the purposes of injecting mice with cross-sex hormones to study the impacts of gender-affirming estrogen therapy and how it might impact HIV vaccine response. Additionally, Harvard's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center was awarded a currently active grant just shy of \$300,000 to study how testosterone therapy might support female mice induced with breast cancer.

Finally, Indiana University continues to benefit from over \$3.1 million in taxpayer funding for the purposes of studying how transgender hormone therapy in animals may impact their risk of asthma.

The grants were uncovered by the White Coat Waste Project, an organization that is fighting to stop wasting tax money on unnecessary painful animal testing.

WCW exposed dozens of active tax-funded projects where experimenters are subjecting lab animals to gender-affirming hormone therapies & transition surgeries, injecting them w/vaccines, overdosing them on sex party drugs, electroshocking them & other abuses <https://t.co/MbzOouEE6H> pic.twitter.com/SA727FxDZl

— White Coat Waste Project (@WhiteCoatWaste) March 9, 2025

These projects are part of a broader agenda spanning multiple federal government departments and through which its initiatives have seen nearly \$400 million in active grants allocated in whole or in part to the study of transgender animal testing. These experiments range from surgically altering the gonads of rats to mimic sex-change procedures to force-feeding testosterone to adolescent mice.

Even the Department of Veterans Affairs was unable to escape this sweeping agenda, with a study on how the induction of gender-transitioning hormone therapy might affect bone structure – a topic arguably difficult to tie to the patient outcomes of former service members.

The VA's involvement is particularly controversial, and this program's continued operation runs in stark contrast to DOGE's stated goals of curbing such DEI-driven spending. Why bureaucrats embedded within the VA and National Science Foundation are allowed to continue to prioritize these projects while now under the direction of the Trump Administration remains a mystery.

This is not just an issue of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; it is also an issue of bad science and a misallocation of resources that could be better used for other efforts.

Despite significant strides made by the Trump Administration, dozens of these studies and grants remain active, and American tax dollars continue to work for the machinery of critical theory, leaving much of the fight to be settled.