

Report: DOGE Cancels Funding For Fauci Museum Exhibit

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It's been a tough month for Anthony Fauci...

Over the weekend, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) canceled more than \$180 million in contracts over 48 hours, including a nearly \$170,000 contract for an Anthony Fauci museum exhibit.

“In the past 48 hours, HHS canceled 62 contract [sic] worth \$182 million,” The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) announced in a Friday social media post. “These contracts were entirely for administrative expenses – none touched any healthcare programs. This included terminating a \$168,000 contract for an Anthony Fauci exhibit at the NIH Museum.”

The Fauci exhibit was booked to be finished by July 2025 but has now been scrapped alongside \$182 million in other HHS administrative expenses, according to Fox News.

The blow to Fauci's public image comes on the heels of President Trump's recent decision to revoke the taxpayer-funded security detail for the former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) that was requested for him in 2020 as he became the government's public spokesperson during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I think, you know, when you work for government, at some point your security detail comes off and, you know, you can't have them forever,” Trump said of the move. “We took some off other people, too, but you can't have a security detail for the rest of your life because you work for government.”

Former President Joe Biden gave Fauci a preemptive pardon on his last day in office, which was meant to shield the infectious disease expert from feared

retribution from Trump during his second stint in the White House, though Fauci was not charged with any crimes at the time of the pardon.

Fauci accepted the pardon in a statement shortly after Biden announced the move, claiming he was subject to “politically motivated threats of investigation and prosecution.”

“Let me be perfectly clear: I have committed no crime and there are no possible grounds for any allegation or threat of criminal investigation or prosecution of me. The fact is, however, that the mere articulation of these baseless threats, and the potential that they will be acted upon, create immeasurable and intolerable distress for me and my family. For these reasons, I acknowledge and appreciate the action that President Biden has taken today on my behalf,” Fauci wrote.

Before serving as the chief medical advisor to the president during COVID-19, Fauci served nearly 30 years as the director of the NIAID between 1984 and 2022.