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Federal judge bars Trump from immediately starting \$1.8B fund

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WASHINGTON

A federal judge on Friday barred the government from taking steps to launch President Donald Trump's \$1.8 billion fund, for now prohibiting the Trump administration from setting up the fund that is in-

tended to pay people the administration finds were harmed by the federal government.

The brief order by Judge Leonie M. Brinkema of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia prohibits the government from establishing the fund or processing disbursements at least until a hearing is held in June in a pending lawsuit challenging its

legality.

The order came in a case brought by a group of individuals and entities who say they have faced partisan attacks by the Trump administration but who say they expect to be excluded from accessing the fund.

The halt provided the first meaningful, if potentially temporary, roadblock to efforts to compensate the president's

political allies since plans for the fund were formalized this month. At least two other lawsuits challenging the fund have also been filed in the District of Columbia and in California, and a number of lawmakers, including prominent Republicans, have publicly objected to its aims.

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Dems struggle to attract young men who have soured on Trump

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Frustrated with the cost of everyday necessities, Carter Tice, a 20-year-old tree landscaper in Milwaukee, voted for Donald Trump in 2024 because he promised economic relief – but Tice has not yet seen any improvement.

In Phoenix, Jared Cassell, a 25-year-old server and restaurant manager, voted for Trump because of his opposition to abortion but has been horrified by immigration raids and regrets his decision.

And Owen Cheyne, 21, from rural Klamath Falls, Oregon, who listens to podcasts from influencers who supported Trump in 2024 – like Joe Rogan and Theo Von – has been disappointed by the president's much-heralded tariff policy.

"He said it would get bad because of tariffs, and he said it would get better," Cheyne said. "We're still waiting."

Propelled by economic anxiety, young men lurched to the right in the 2024 election – a 15% swing from 2020 – and helped Trump win the White House, setting off a round of soul-searching among Democratic politicians and strategists who were dismayed that this once-reliable demographic had fallen away.

A year and a half later, some Generation Z men say they are disillusioned by Trump's second term. A variety of surveys have shown that young voters are veering sharply away from Trump since the last presidential election, and recent New York Times/Siena College polls found that Trump's approval rating with young men fell by about 10 percentage points in the past few months.

At the same time, despite efforts from Democratic politicians to reach young men by diving into "bro culture" after the 2024 election, many young men said Democrats had not yet landed on a compelling message that resonated with them.

In interviews with two dozen young men in Wisconsin, Maine, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, Illinois and Washington, D.C.,

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Construction crews work on the site of the new Unified Legacy manufacturing facility off Barnes Ferry Road on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, in Macon, Ga. Georgia-based manufacturing company Unified Legacy will invest \$125 million in its new Macon facility.

New manufacturing facility to bring 500 jobs to Macon

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The expansion of a Georgia-based metal fabrication and manufacturing company to Macon-Bibb County will bring at least 500 new jobs to the area, according to state leaders. Unified Legacy will invest

\$125 million in a new manufacturing facility on Barnes Ferry Road, just off of Hawkinsville Road, in Macon. Construction is expected to begin in 2026, according to a May 15 news release from Gov. Brian Kemp's office.

"Georgia's manufacturing sector continues to grow because companies like Unified

Legacy benefit from our strong workforce, infrastructure, and partnership approach," Kemp said in the release. "We are proud that this Georgia-based company is reinforcing its commitment to the people of this state through this expansion."

Unified Legacy manufactures products and components for the defense, aerospace, data

center and industrial markets. Its existing manufacturing facility, United Defense, has been operating in Byron since 2022, according to the release.

The company plans to hire manufacturing, skilled trades, engineering, logistics, quality control and administrative positions.

Unified Legacy CEO Eric Williams said the investment in Macon reflects the company's confidence in the region and workforce, while the new facility will support larger and more complex projects as demand

SEE JOBS, 5A

Kenyan high court halts US Ebola quarantine facility plans

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The High Court of Kenya called for a temporary halt to the United States' plans to establish a 50-bed Ebola quarantine facility for Americans.

The court order, dated Thursday, came in response to a petition by the Katiba Institute, a civil society group, challenging

whether the quarantine facility is constitutional. The group is asking for details of any arrangement between the United States and Kenya about the facility to be disclosed.

The Kenyan government has not confirmed that there is any arrangement in place with the United States.

The Katiba Institute said such an arrangement poses "grave and imminent risks" to public

health.

The court is blocking any Ebola facility from being built or opened in Kenya by any foreign government until it hears this case. It has also prohibited the admission into Kenya of anyone exposed to or infected with the Ebola virus as part of any proposed arrangement with the United States or another foreign

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A member of the medical staff prepares to check visitors' temperatures as a preventive measure against Ebola at the National Institute of Biomedical Research in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, on May 19.



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