

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE FEDERAL LAPSE IN FUNDING (GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN) – HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

BCHA has received notification from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that the Housing Choice Voucher program will be fully funded through the end of December 2025, **therefore, Housing Assistance Payments are anticipated to be sent out without interruption through December 31, 2025.**

As HUD is funded by calendar year, *funding becomes uncertain beginning January 2026* unless Congress resolves the budget issue before year end. You are encouraged to make your voice heard with your Congressional Representative. You may locate your representative on www.congress.gov

Important points:

- **November and December Housing Assistance Payments are anticipated to be processed as usual**
- If the shutdown continues beyond December 2025, BCHA may not be able to pay HAP beginning January 1, 2026, forward due to insufficient funding
 - It is anticipated that any unpaid HAP would be paid after the shutdown ends.
- All participating families are required to pay their portion of rent
- The program offices remain open Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm (except observed holidays)

As a reminder, the Housing Assistance Payment Contract, part C, section 5. Family Payment to Owner (d) states, “the tenant is not responsible for paying the portion of rent to owner covered by the PHA housing assistance payment under the HAP contract between the owner and the PHA. A PHA failure to pay the housing assistance payment to the owner is not a violation of the lease. The owner may not terminate the tenancy for non-payment of the PHA housing assistance payment.”

We will continue to monitor the situation and will update this notice as more information becomes available.