

## **Important Notice Regarding Potential Government Shut Down and October Housing Assistance Payments**

Congress must either approve full-year spending bills or pass a short-term funding bill, called a continuing resolution before midnight, September 30, 2025 to avoid a government shutdown.

In the event of a government shutdown beginning October 1, 2025:

- **BCHA will send Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) to Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) landlords for October 2025. These payments are fully funded and will be processed as scheduled.**
- If the shutdown continues beyond October 2025, BCHA may not be able to pay HAP beginning November 1, 2025 forward due to lack of funding.
  - It is anticipated that any unpaid HAP would be paid after the shutdown ends.
- All participating families are required to continue to pay their portion of the contract rent.
- The program's 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.”

BCHA encourages everyone to make their voices heard in Congress. Now is the time to reach out to Congress and urge them to approve the fiscal year 2026 appropriations bill for HUD. You may locate your Congressional Representatives on [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov).

We are actively monitoring this situation and remain committed to keeping you informed.