

**MEMO: Impacts of the 2025/9/30 Government Shutdown on PCHA**

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As of midnight on September 30, 2025, the United States Government failed to pass a funding resolution and has entered a shutdown. We understand this is a confusing and stressful period for our community, and there is a lot of information about what services may or may not be impacted. Below is an update on Pierce County Housing Authority (PCHA) as it relates to the current federal shutdown.

**There is no immediate impact on PCHA operations.**

As we are not direct federal employees, we are not furloughed during this shutdown. **We are still in the office and will be through the remainder of this shutdown.** We are committed to keeping our staff on-site and being fully available for our participants, partners, and the public. However, many of our contacts at HUD, the VA, or other federal agencies are likely directly impacted. Our response time may also be slower than usual given the volume of calls we experience during these events.

**Through a combination of sources outside of HUD funding, the Authority has put together a plan that funds Housing Assistance payments through the end of the year, if necessary.** In previous shutdowns, agencies have been reimbursed for normal expenses during the shutdown period when the government reopens. Using our funding plan, we will be able to keep our 5,500+ Housing Choice Voucher program participants securely housed through the holidays. After December 2025, we cannot continue to use our funding source. We will provide additional guidance regarding this scenario to participating families and landlords if the shutdown continues past October 31.

**We are prepared to continue operations as normal for three months before our participants and landlord partners will be impacted.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this situation. Housing Pierce County remains our mission, and it would not be possible without your work.

Sincerely,

**Jim Stretz** | Executive Director