



Department of Housing



Department of Housing (DOH) Federal Shutdown Assessment

DOH Programs that are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

Section 8 Housing Vouchers
Section 8 Moderate Rehab Program
Section 8 Disability/ Mainstream Vouchers
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
HOME
Community Development Block Grant – Small Cities (CDBG)
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

DOH received its Section 8 Voucher Program October funding allotment and has enough reserves to maintain the program through December with no new activity. No new activity includes ceasing to replace participants who are leaving the program. If the federal shutdown continues past December, we will have programmatic issues such as the need to notify Section 8 landlords that the program's share of the rent will not be paid in January due to lack of funds. DOH received its October funding allotments for the Section 8 Moderate Rehab Program and Section 8 Disability/ Mainstream Vouchers. We do not foresee any issues maintaining these programs with no new activity through December. Six employees are paid with Section 8 funds. Again, the current allotment and reserves are sufficient to maintain this payroll through December.

DOH already received its ESG, HOPWA, HOME and CDBG funding allotment for the state fiscal year. DOH does not foresee any issues maintaining these programs with no new activity that requires HUD approval/assistance through December. We anticipate that two closings may be delayed due to HUD inaction. Possible complications with the IDIS system, that is run by HUD and requires frequent maintenance, may stall HOME and CDBG activities. DOH is processing a HOME or CDBG payment today to test whether these project payments can continue. There are sufficient program funds to pay the five HOME employees as well as the two CDBG employees through December. DOH has initiated the recruiting and hiring process for two CDBG employees who recently retired, but it appears we have funding through December to cover the new hires.

The DOH disaster recovery team is currently using state funds for the CDBG-DR program and was not expecting to draw down any of the \$15 million in federal funds for reimbursement until December. DOH can continue to spend the \$15 million allocation without federal reimbursement. However, DOH expected to receive additional funding from HUD during the next allocation of Sandy CDBG-DR, which is stalled due to the federal shutdown. The DOH disaster recovery team also cannot change their administration plan during the shutdown, but

they did not expect to make any alterations this year. There are sufficient CDBG-DR funds to pay the program's thirteen employees through December.

DOH Programs that are funded by the Department of Health and Human Services:

- SSBG/TANF Housing Homeless – Emergency Shelters
- SSBG Independent Transitional Living
- SSBG/TANF Housing Homeless – Transitional Living
- SSBG/TANF Residences for Persons with AIDS
- SSBG/TANF Housing Homeless – Special Projects
- SSBG/TANF Housing Homeless – Rent Finders
- SSBG/TANF Housing Homeless – Rent Bank
- SSBG/TANF Housing Homeless – Security Deposit Program

DOH did not receive any of its October Social Services Block Grant allotments, but funding reserves are sufficient to maintain these programs through December. SSBG is a mandatory program that does not require appropriation. While the Subcommittee has not yet published the detailed tables contained in the subcommittee report, they will have to publish such details before the Committee debates and votes on the bill.

DOH is further assessing the impact of a federal shutdown that continues beyond December.