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Flint Housing Commission Reassures Community Amid Federal Government Shutdown

The Flint Housing Commission (FHC) is closely monitoring the ongoing federal government shutdown and its potential impact on housing programs funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While the shutdown has caused disruptions at the federal level, FHC leadership is taking proactive steps to protect residents, maintain services, and ensure transparency with the Flint community.

“Our top priority is the stability and well-being of our residents and families,” said David A. Northern, Sr., Chief Executive Officer of the Flint Housing Commission. “While the federal shutdown has introduced uncertainty, we want our community to know that the Commission is prepared, our operations remain stable in the short term, and we are committed to keeping everyone informed every step of the way.”

Federal Shutdown Effects on Housing Programs

- HUD funding streams that support public housing and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program may experience temporary delays in processing or payment.
- HUD staff furloughs limit the agency’s ability to process grants, respond to PHAs, or approve new funding draws.
- Some modernization, development, or community service programs—such as the Capital Fund, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), and ROSS grants—may experience interruptions.
- Despite these federal disruptions, FHC has sufficient reserves and contingency plans in place to maintain operations and Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) to landlords for the immediate future.

How This Affects Residents and Landlords

- Residents will continue to receive rental assistance and support as usual. FHC does not anticipate any immediate changes to rent calculations, inspections, or housing availability.
- Landlords will continue to receive monthly HAP payments as scheduled. Should the shutdown persist beyond FHC's reserve capacity, the Commission will provide timely updates and guidance.
- Community Partners may experience delays in HUD-funded programs, but FHC is working to minimize disruptions and coordinate locally where possible.

FHC's Commitment to Transparency and Stability

- The Flint Housing Commission remains in regular communication with HUD, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), and national housing associations to stay informed and adapt to evolving circumstances.
- Monitoring funding levels and maintaining essential operations.
- Communicating proactively with residents, landlords, and staff.
- Prioritizing payments, maintenance, and resident safety.
- Pausing or rescheduling nonessential capital projects if necessary.

“We understand the concern a federal shutdown can cause, especially for the families we serve,” added Tredale Kennedy, President of the Flint Housing Commission Board of Commissioners. “We want the Flint community to know that we are financially stable, operationally ready, and committed to transparency throughout this process.”

Community Communication

FHC will continue to share updates through its website, social media, and community partners as more information becomes available from HUD. Residents and landlords with questions are encouraged to contact the Flint Housing Commission directly at the FHC's website at flinthc.org. Please expect a response within 24 to 48 hours.

About the Flint Housing Commission

The Flint Housing Commission provides safe, affordable, and quality housing to more than 2,300 families and individuals in the Flint community through public housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, and resident empowerment programs. FHC is committed to creating strong communities through housing stability and opportunity.

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