

# HUD & Federal Shutdown

# What we know -Homelessness Assistance Grants

- ▶ HUD is impacted by the shutdown and CPD staff is furloughed
- ▶ The 2018 NOFA Competition awards have not been announced
- ▶ The HUD Exchange website is accessible but not being updated during the shutdown
- ▶ HUD homeless assistance grants will continue to be funded to support life.
- ▶ Providers with active grants can still access eLOCCS
  - ▶ You will be able to request drawdowns if your account is active
  - ▶ The CoC is not able to activate eLOCCS accounts that are frozen.
- ▶ If you are having issues with eLOCCS please submit an AAQ to the HUD Exchange. HUD TA providers are monitoring questions.

## HUD Contingency Plan- *Frequently Asked Questions*

Q: Will I be able to submit vouchers on behalf of my organization and make authorized drawdowns for approved CPD program activities (homeless assistance programs from LOCCS during the closure period?)

- ▶ *A: Yes. The ability to make authorized drawdowns of pre-FY 2019 program funds will continue uninterrupted unless it is necessary for a HUD employee to approve a voucher or lift a system edit prior to a draw down in which case the draw down cannot be made.*

*Excerpt from HUD FAQ*

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Main/documents/GENERALFAQS.pdf>

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Q: What would the few CPD staff that may be called into work during the closure be permitted to do?

- ▶ *A: A minimal number of CPD staff will be considered excepted and will do only the following:*
  - ▶ *Continue to provide for the delivery of essential housing and emergency services for homeless persons and persons with AIDS;*
  - ▶ *Continue to disburse CDBG, HOME funds and other block grant funds that have already been appropriated and competitive funds that have been awarded and are under grant agreement and which do not require the action of a HUD employee for payment.*

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# NYC Resources

## City of New York website

We understand that some federal employees are struggling to make ends meet and we have compiled various resources and services available through public and nonprofit partners. Links to these resources are available below, and you can also call 311 or [visit 311 online](#) for more information.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/federal-shutdown.page>

## New York City Homebase

- ▶ Homebase sites are located throughout the city and offers a range of services under one roof, including:
  - ▶ Services to prevent eviction
  - ▶ Assistance obtaining public benefits
  - ▶ Emergency rental assistance
  - ▶ Education and job placement assistance
  - ▶ Financial counseling and money management
  - ▶ Help relocating
  - ▶ Short-term financial assistance

# NYC Resources

## ▶ Eviction Prevention Services

- ▶ **Legal Help:** In Housing Court, you can see a legal professional by going to the Human Resources Administration (HRA) Office of Civil Justice in the building, [Anti-Eviction Legal Services locations](#), or email at [civiljustice@hra.nyc.gov](mailto:civiljustice@hra.nyc.gov)
- ▶ **Rent Help:** Contact HRA's Infoline at (718) 557-1399 for more information about the One-Shot Deal.

## ▶ Food Hardship

- ▶ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is funded through February 2019, despite the partial government shutdown.
- ▶ Find Food bank locations using the locator: [foodhelp.nyc](http://foodhelp.nyc)

## ▶ Legal Assistance

- ▶ Universal Access to Legal Services
- ▶ New York City Tenant Support Unit For more information, please visit [nyc.gov/TenantSupportUnit](http://nyc.gov/TenantSupportUnit)

# Questions