



MEMO: Update on Federal Funding Freeze – No Immediate Impact on PCHA

TO: PCHA Voucher-Holders and Participating Landlords, Vendors, Service Partners
CC: Community Stakeholders and PCHA Staff
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Valued Member of Community –

We understand that the January 28, 2025, Presidential funding pause caused alarm and confusion for our partners and participants. PCHA has received additional guidance from the Executive and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) which has clarified the funding situation as it relates to our programs. As of today, the risk of funding interruption is minimal in the short term.

As of Wednesday, January 29, 2025, the order pausing federal funding has been rescinded by the White House. Our current understanding is that our funding situation has returned to normal, and all regularly scheduled disbursements will be conducted as expected.

Yesterday evening, when the order was still in effect, additional clarification was provided by the OMB and Department of Housing and Urban Development **that the pause on disbursement of federal funds would not impact rental assistance programs.** However, it was made clear all other Public Housing Authority grants would be subject to the pause, which includes Project-Based Vouchers, RAD Vouchers, public housing, and PCHA's administrative funding.

At this time, PCHA anticipates its funding will proceed as normal for February and we are optimistic that the OMB recognized the value of continuing uninterrupted funding for the 5,373 people in Pierce County – including over 2,000 children, 227 veterans, and 930 seniors - whose housing is supported by a tenant-based voucher. However, given the unpredictability of the current federal climate, contingency plans have been made to ensure that PCHA can continue to serve our participants, pay our vendors, and continue operations for as long as possible in the event of another disruption or potential disruption to our funding. We will continue to provide updates as we have more information, and we thank the community for their vigilance and patience as we work to ensure our participants retain their safe, stable, and affordable housing.

Sincerely,



James Stretz | Executive Director