

## To: Section 8 Landlords

### **Government Shutdown and Section 8**

Dear Landlord:

As you may know Section 8 (also known as the “Housing Choice Voucher” program) is funded directly through the federal government to local Housing Authorities and as such the shutdown has caused an eventual cut-off of such funding.

**However, the Housing Authority of Salt Lake City (HASLC) is taking measures to ensure funding for your properties for the next months and beyond.**

As background, in Section 8 programs here and at thousands of other communities the U.S. Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development (“HUD”) contracts with private landlords (1.4 million households in the U.S.) to provide monthly payments to fill the gap between the tenant’s rent payment (typically 30% of the household income) and a contract rent that is often near market rent.

The federal government ostensibly shut down over a month ago and the funding for Section 8 may be affected. We have been tracking this shutdown carefully. HUD funds our Housing Authority of Salt Lake City Section 8 for almost 3,000 households (approximately 7,000 seniors, children, previously homeless and others) all in the SLC area.

If HUD funding continues to be withheld, HASLC will begin to utilize its own financial reserves and perhaps even borrowed funds.

**Please take no action at this time. We will remain in close communication with you until this shut down ends.**

If you hear problems at other Housing Authorities (there are approximately 3,500 agencies in the U.S.) please understand that each Housing Authority will have unique finances and strategies to deal with this unfortunate stalemate.

If you have any questions please contact Britnee Dabb, Deputy Director at 801-428-0562 or [bdabb@haslcutah.org](mailto:bdabb@haslcutah.org). I can be reached at [dnackerman@haslcutah.org](mailto:dnackerman@haslcutah.org) and commit to responding the same day.

You are an important part of providing needed housing in our community and while we can’t control the federal government we can certainly do whatever we can to keep you financially whole and to help shield your tenants from experiencing fear and panic.

Sincerely,

Daniel Nackerman  
Executive Director