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To all Section 8 Voucher Holders and Landlords

RE: Funding for the Section 8 Program

Dear Section 8 Program Participants and Landlords:

I hope this letter finds you well. As you probably know, President Trump has proposed significant cuts to housing programs in his “skinny budget” proposal to Congress. Many of you have expressed your concerns regarding your own housing and whether that can be expected to continue. Following is information related to our current and future status.

Current Situation 2025:

- Current Voucher residents are *not* at risk of losing their housing due to funding in 2025.
- HOSWWA has sufficient funding to continue supporting all current voucher holders through at least September 30, 2025.
- The Family Self Sufficiency Program is funded through December 31, 2025.
- We have not experienced any direct funding cuts or direct impacts from the President’s Executive Orders or other policy changes.

While there are no current funding issues, we are concerned about potential funding cuts in 2026.

2026 Funding At Risk:

- The President’s proposed 2026 budget (Skinny Budget) proposes a 43% cut to housing programs. Estimates are that this would mean almost 1 million fewer voucher holders nationwide. HOSWWA is currently maxed out on Voucher funds. We will need an increase in funds to just maintain the program as is.
- The Budget proposal includes a measure to “block grant” all housing programs to the states. We are concerned that this will lead to a disruption in services as the states would need to bring up several housing programs at once. Work requirements and 2-year time limits for all Work Able recipients of housing assistance are also in the



proposal. This could lead to major disruptions unless there are plenty of jobs available.

- The Skinny Budget proposes ending the Family Self Sufficiency Program. This is the program we utilize to help families get off of assistance.

In addition to these changes, the Emergency Housing Voucher program is now set to sunset December 2026. HOSWWA has 36 families on this program which we will need to try and transfer to the regular voucher program. This will further impact our ability to release any new vouchers.

Please contact your legislators and request that they support full funding for housing programs. We have provided information on our website including a sample letter and the contacts for the District 3 Congressional Representative as well as the US Senators for Washington State. Please help us advocate for funding!

Regards,

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Jennifer Westerman, CEO

