



## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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# HACSB Monitoring Federal Budget Discussions

The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara (HACSB) is closely following developments in Washington as Congress debates the FY 2026 federal budget and faces the possibility of a government shutdown. The federal government is currently operating under a continuing resolution for FY 2025, which expires September 30, 2025.

Two proposals to extend funding through additional continuing resolutions have failed to advance. With Congress in recess and the House not scheduled to return until after the deadline, the risk of a lapse in federal appropriations is real.

### What this means for our community

- HACSB is not a federal agency and our staff are not federal employees. We will not be required to cease operations during a federal shutdown.
- Our services will continue. HACSB has weathered previous shutdowns without disruption to our housing programs:
  - 16-day shutdown (October 2013)
  - 2-day shutdown (January 2018)
  - 34-day shutdown (December 2018–January 2019)
- Funding is in place. In the event of a shutdown, HUD has indicated that Housing Assistance Payments and administrative fees are covered through October and into mid-November. HACSB has planned accordingly to continue delivering housing assistance to Santa Barbara families.

### Why shutdowns matter

Federal shutdowns—no matter the length—create uncertainty and harm for the people and businesses Congress is meant to serve. Delays or interruptions in federal funding have ripple effects throughout our community.

### Our commitment

HACSB is working with our national partners, including NAHRO, to track budget scenarios and advocate for strong federal housing programs. We will continue to keep our residents, landlords, and community partners informed as the situation evolves. At this time, we do not anticipate interruptions to our programs and remain committed to providing stable housing assistance.

### Stay informed & make your voice heard

- Learn more:
  - [Shutdown Fears Rise as End of FY 2025 Fast Approaches – NAHRO](#)
  - [Tenant Talk – Fall 2025, National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)
- Get involved:
  - [Find and Contact Elected Officials](#) – phone numbers and emails for your representatives.
  - [NAHRO Action Alert Center](#) – send messages to Congress and share your housing story.