



Frequently Asked Questions on the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Amid the Government Shutdown

Q: Will contract administrators (PBCA's) continue to perform their duties?

A: Yes, PBCA contracts are funded at this time and they will continue their services as long as appropriated funds remain available.

Q: Will the Financial Assessment Sub-System (FASS) accept audited financial statements?

A: Financial statements may be submitted through FASS; however, if problems are experienced with a submission, the REAC Technical Assistance Center (TAC) will not be available to provide assistance.

Q: Will HUD process emergency releases from reserves for critical repairs?

A: Yes, on a limited basis. If there is a critical need for reserve releases for health and safety purposes, owners or agents should call (202) 708-3730 x 2059 (or (202) 402-2759).

Q: Will there be technical assistance available to grant applicants?

A: No.

Q: Will HUD process Service Coordinator extensions?

A: No.

Q: Will REAC physical inspections continue during the shutdown?

A: HUD has stated in its 2018 contingency plan that if an inspection is confirmed and scheduled, no inspections may be conducted during a government shutdown. However, subsequent information from a reliable source (though not yet directly confirmed by HUD) indicates that inspectors have been told that REAC inspections that were previously scheduled continue to take place during the shut-down may be conducted, however the Technical Assistance Center (TAC) will not be operational. Appeals and/or questions should still be submitted in a timely manner, though no review of materials will be possible until the shutdown has ended.

Q: Will inspections which have been uploaded into Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) near the date of a government shutdown be released?

A: No, there will be no staff available to review the inspections to make a decision on their release during a government shutdown.

Q: Is information on the HUD Exchange website accurate and will it continue to be available during the shutdown?

A: The HUD Exchange website is supported by a cooperative agreement funded under a prior appropriation. Current functions will remain operational but no new functions will be added during the lapse in appropriations.

Members with issues or questions arising from these or other issues are encouraged to contact Colleen Bloom at 202 508-9483 or cbloom@leadingage.org.