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### **Oakland Housing Authority Statement on Impact to HUD-Funded Housing Assistance Payments Due in Oakland During the Ongoing Federal Government Shutdown**

Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments and public housing operating subsidy was made by HUD to the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) in January 2019, and HUD states they will be made in February 2019. In March, HUD has stated, there will be no more available Federal funds and no housing assistance for any program will be made. If no HUD funds are available to be distributed in March, there will be severe impacts to families and property owners assisted by any HUD programs across the nation (Section 8, public housing, Multifamily Project Based Rental Assistance, and a host of other smaller programs). The monthly housing assistance and operating subsidy required for OHA to continue to make payments for units in Oakland under both the Section 8 and public housing programs are just over \$22 million dollars per month. At OHA we will first use all funds that we have available to continue to meet our obligation, and anticipate having funds to make housing assistance payments in March. Beyond March, we are looking at securing loans to continue to pay our owners and preserve the tenancy of our participants for as long a possible.

#### ***About the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA)***

*The Oakland Housing Authority is the largest provider of affordable housing in the City of Oakland and proudly delivers diverse housing opportunities to over 16,000 families in Oakland, and through an additional contract with HUD, provides oversight and contract administration services for over 41,000 Project Based Rental Assistance units in Northern California. For more information about the OHA, please contact us at [info@oakha.org](mailto:info@oakha.org), visit our website at [www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org), or call 510-874-1563.*

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