
Federal government shutdown impact on block grants funding

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Good morning,

With the federal government shutdown, we are reminding you we have yet to receive notices of award from the U.S. Department of Health Services for the next round of funding for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant for the federal fiscal year 2026, which begins today - October 1, 2025.

As we have not received this funding, no funding is yet available for these activities beginning October 1, 2025. As we anticipate these two block grants will continue to be funded at some level in the next federal budget, already issued contract(s) to your agency for services supported by these two block grant programs. This allows us to reduce the impact of service gaps for Wisconsinites as well as ensure funding continuity to the extent possible for your organization.

As a reminder, you should not incur expenses related to this grant until your contract administrator lets you know block grant funding has been allocated by the federal government and you can start work. If DHS is not awarded funding or if funding is reduced, we will not be able to reimburse you for expenses incurred.

We will continue to monitor activities at the federal level and will let you know as soon as possible if anything changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this period of uncertainty.

Kind regards,



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