



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
1250 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Runaway and Homeless Youth Grantees:

Due to a lapse in current government funding, we are writing to address questions about the shutdown's implications for the Runaway and Homeless Youth grantees that were awarded funds in FY 2013.

Congress appropriated funds during FY 2013 to be awarded to Runaway and Homeless Youth grantees to operate their programs in the 2013-2014 year. HHS awarded those funds in FY 2013, and the awardees are expected to operate their programs under the terms and conditions of the grant. It has come to our attention that a number of grantees have unsuccessfully submitted drawdown requests via the Payment Management System (PMS) for funds that are necessary for the grantee to continue providing services. HHS has concluded that those rejected claims should be subject to further review. Beginning Tuesday, October 15, if a grantee believes that its request should be approved, the grantee should resubmit its previously rejected claims via PMS. Please note that grantees should submit their SF-425 forms and other proper payment and disbursement forms in a timely manner to the Division of Payment Management/Payment Management System (DPM/PMS). Grantees should also continue submitting required documents to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

While continuing operations during the Federal Government shutdown, grantees should continue to follow the terms and conditions related to payments found in 45 CFR 74.22. Specifically, grantees should time their cash draws in accordance with actual immediate cash requirements rather than attempting to draw cash in excess of current needs. If a grantee received its notice of grant award with restrictive terms and conditions, its drawdown requests will be reviewed consistent with those terms and conditions.

Updates regarding government operating status and resumption of normal operations can be found at <http://www.usa.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Bentley", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

William H. Bentley
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