

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 29, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

SUBJECT **Potential Government Shutdown and City Response**

The 2024 Fiscal Year begins October 1, 2023. Should Congress not pass an extension of federal funding to cover the beginning of FY24 prior to the end of September, the federal government will shut down on October 1. As of the date of this memo, the House Speaker has not yet found a legislative path that would avoid a government shutdown.

The City of Dallas recognizes that in the event of a federal government shutdown and depending on the length of that shutdown, certain aspects of our operations and programming may be affected. The City prepared a [federal shutdown contingency plan](#) following a 35-day shutdown in January 2019. That contingency plan remains a living document and may be activated if necessary.

All federal departments and independent agencies develop contingency plans outlining how existing programs would operate in the event of a shut down. The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has a clearinghouse of “agency contingency plans” [here](#). Both the House and Senate have been in session this week, hoping to prevent a shutdown. It is also important to submit any federal grant applications that are due during the shutdown by the application deadline via Grants.gov.

The Office of Government Affairs and the Chief Financial Officer will continue to monitor the federal appropriations process and keep the City Council and the City Manager informed of imminent federal shutdowns of any duration.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [carrie.rogers@dallas.gov](mailto:carrie.rogers@dallas.gov) or Jack Ireland, Chief Financial Officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Rogers".

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