## Memorandum



DATE January 11, 2019

<sup>TO</sup> Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

## **SUBJECT** City of Dallas Status During the Partial Federal Government Shutdown

As the partial federal government shutdown continues, you may receive questions regarding federally-funded services the City provides. At this time, the City is operating normally and continues to provide services with existing available funding.

Currently, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC) is funded through February 2019. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – which administers WIC in Texas – has advised the City to operate business as usual and has provided signage to post in centers to that effect. DSHS has also indicated they have a contingency plan in place should the shutdown last beyond February.

The City continues to investigate fair housing complaints already in process. However, we are experiencing a delay in initiating investigations of <u>new</u> fair housing complaints. The City cannot process new complaints until they are dual-filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Depending on the extent and length of the shutdown, this has the potential to affect the number of cases that we can close by the end of the 2018-2019 Performance Period (June 30, 2019), which would affect payment for closure of cases.

Overall, the City is well-poised to continue federally-funded services during the shutdown. We will continue to monitor the situation and update you as needed. If you have any questions, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs at brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com.

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