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Dear Current Program Participants,

The Housing Authority of Thurston County has been informed by HUD that we are facing a funding shortfall for 2025. Due to rising rental costs and limited funding, we anticipate that our housing assistance funds will not be sufficient to fully cover our projected Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) costs for the year.

What This Means for Current Participants

Our primary goal during this shortfall period is to avoid terminating any housing assistance payment contracts. To achieve this, we must implement cost-saving measures, including:

Pausing the issuance of new vouchers until further notice.

Denying voluntary moves that result in an increased HAP cost, unless the move is necessary as a reasonable accommodation for a disability.

Restricting portability move-outs to areas with higher payment standards unless the receiving housing authority agrees to absorb the voucher or the move is due to a reasonable accommodation request.

Limiting increases in voucher size unless the household is overcrowded or the change is needed for a reasonable accommodation.

Restricting project-based voucher tenants from switching to tenant-based vouchers unless a reasonable accommodation is required.

Participant Responsibilities and Compliance

To help manage costs and ensure continued program integrity, participants are required to:

Report all income and household changes within 10 business days of the change occurring. The reporting period starts on the date of hire or the date you are notified of an award of benefits—not when you receive your first payment.

Adhere to repayment agreements for any outstanding overpaid housing assistance claims.

Inspections: It is your responsibility to be present for your scheduled inspection. Failure to be present may result in termination and subject to hearing.

We understand that these measures may present challenges, and we appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure continued assistance for all current program participants. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 360-753-8292 or FrontDesk@hatc.org. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Housing Authority of Thurston County