


To: Agency Heads and Fiscal Officers

From: Jeffrey R. Beckham 
Secretary

Subject: Federal Shutdown Impact Assessments

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As of this writing, the federal government has not passed any of the twelve appropriations bills necessary to fund the Government for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1st. If short-term or full-year appropriations are not enacted in the next week, federal agencies and programs that rely on them will very likely shut down. At the request of Governor Lamont, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is assessing the potential state impact of a shutdown.

The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is responsible for ensuring that federal agency contingency plans are in place in the event of a government shutdown. While plans developed by the current federal administration do not yet appear to be available, it is expected that they will be posted at:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-resources/guidance/agency-contingency-plans/>

Plans developed prior to the last threat of a federal shutdown in 2023 are available at:

<https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/agency-contingency-plans/>

As you receive guidance and information from your federal funding partners, please provide detailed impact assessments that address the following (where applicable):

- Identify which programs or services are impacted. Be specific. Provide a brief statement explaining the purpose and scope of any affected program or service. Include impacts on your contracted providers, if known. Assessments should consider the impacts of a shutdown lasting two weeks, one month, and 90 days.
- Identify the timing of any changes, reductions or revisions in programs or services.
- Identify the amount of any funding reduction by program or service – specify amounts affected for state fiscal year 2026, rather than federal fiscal year 2026.

- Address your agency's proposed method of dealing with any program or service cutbacks, outlining implementation steps where relevant.
- Provide detail as to how your agency proposes to respond to specific federal cuts, including service cutbacks or eliminations, funding shifts, or other methods. Be as thorough as possible. OPM will review proposed plans and provide feedback. In order to promote consistent treatment of service recipients, vendors, contractors, and employees statewide, agencies should await direction before implementing mitigation strategies.
- Agencies should identify federal funding that supports state employee payroll. While OPM will not be collecting information on individual employees that may be affected at this time, should the shutdown become protracted, additional guidance concerning position management will be forthcoming.

Please provide the above information to your assigned OPM analyst by Tuesday, September 30, 2025, and provide regular updates as you receive guidance from your federal funding partners. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your assigned OPM analyst.

My office continues to monitor federal events, and updates will be provided as necessary. Thank you in advance for your attention to maintaining stability and essential services for Connecticut's residents.

c: Hon. Ned Lamont, Governor
Agency Fiscal Officers

