

Partial Federal Government Shutdown Update

As of January 15, 2019

The majority of EOA Programs (i.e., Head Start/Early Head Start, Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program, and Community Services Block Grant) are funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which has budget approval through September 30, 2019. However, below is the status of EOA funding that is included in budgets of federal agencies impacted by the shutdown (i.e., U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Justice):

- **The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**, which provides funding for Head Start meals and snacks, is expected to be funded through March. When the shutdown began, these programs were already funded through January. USDA reports that it provided an additional two months' worth of funding, consistent with the standard practice of funding these programs on a quarterly basis.
- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** will continue food deliveries planned for February. EOA partners with the Bread of Life food pantry to provide commodities for households in need.
- **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)**, which provides funding for Children's House, is processing invoices received by January 15, 2019. If the shutdown continues beyond January, funding reimbursements could be delayed until the Department of Justice re-opens.