

**Federal Government Shutdown**  
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**Joint Fiscal Committee**

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# Shutdown Over!

- Federal Shutdown ended after 43 days – longest in history
- U.S. Congress passed Continuing Resolution (CR) that provides funding to reopen government
- Signed by POTUS last night
- Includes three full-year appropriations bills: Agriculture, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs and Legislative Branch
  - Provisions include funding for SNAP for one year and reimbursing contingency reserves to account for expenditures during government shutdown
- Requires federal agencies to reimburse states that spent their own funds to carry out federal programs during the shutdown
- Extends funding through **January 30th** for several programs that expired on September 30th including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Excludes an extension of the enhanced Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium tax credits that expire on December 31, 2025
- Timing to reopen? How soon will funding flow?

# Federal Funding Concerns & Considerations since Last JFC

- **3SquaresVT/SNAP** – Action taken by Emergency board for one-time emergency benefit and funding for the Foodbank for distribution to food shelves across Vermont
- **LIHEAP** – benefits on target to be issued in a timely manner
- **Head Start Programs** – shutdown has halted funding – impact varies depending on the fiscal year of the Head Start program
  - AHS is working on loan agreements to support the cash flow needs of the impacted organizations
  - Funds will be repaid when the federal government reopens
- **Employer Identification Numbers (EINs)** – were not being issued during shutdown. The Tax Department has implemented an internal procedure to get new business up and running with tax accounts in the interim and will update once the IRS is open
- **USDA Child Nutrition** – school meals funded through mid-December
- **Federal Staffing Challenges** - Agency guidance on essential functions – IRS, CMS, etc.