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May 6, 2013

Ms. Maureen Feeney, City Clerk
City of Boston
1 City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Ms. Feeney,

I am writing to inform you of a funding shortfall, and related actions, that the Boston Housing Authority ("BHA") must take as a result of Congressional inaction on Sequestration. The funding that is used to pay for rental subsidy for participants in the BHA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program has been reduced by six percent for this calendar year. This has resulted in a more than \$10 million dollar cut to the BHA's Section 8 subsidy portion of the program. The BHA, as well as all housing authorities nationwide, has been informed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, which funds the program, that we should implement subsidy saving changes to our Administrative Plan immediately. HUD does have some set-aside funding for which housing authorities will be able to apply at a later date in an effort to avoid terminating families from the program. However, housing authorities have been directed to implement cost-savings measures in order to be eligible for that funding. Therefore, the BHA is amending its Administrative Plan for its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

A number of these changes are being made as a direct result of Sequestration. As prescribed by HUD and due to the loss of adequate funding amounts to support the current program, the BHA will be implementing the four (4) below changes which will affect the amount of subsidy paid on behalf of a family:

- Change in the current subsidy standards that require persons of the same sex to share a bedroom regardless of age;
- Reporting requirement for any increase in income as it occurs;
- Implementation of a minimum rent of \$50.00; and,
- Implement a change in utility allowances for participating families based on decreased utility costs.

These changes will amend the BHA's current Leased Housing Administrative Plan and its' current policy documents. The documents are available on the BHA's web site at: <http://www.bostonhousing.org> and will be on view at the BHA's Leased Housing Division, 8th Floor, 52 Chauncy St., Boston, MA.

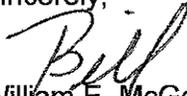
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You are invited to give us comments on the amendments. Written comments may be submitted by the end of business on June 19, 2013 to: Paula Saba, Chief Officer of Leased Housing Programs, Boston Housing Authority, 52 Chauncy St., Boston, MA 02111 or e-mail at paula.saba@bostonhousing.org. There will also be a public hearing where you may provide comments on June 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Amory Street Housing Development, 125 Amory Street, Training Room, Jamaica Plain, MA.

If you have a reasonable accommodation request relative to either reviewing the Plan or attending the Hearing, please call Shara Bubb at 617-988-4401 or TDD 800-545-1833 x420. Interpreters will be made available at the Hearing upon prior request to 617-988-4401.

Again, please understand that these changes are being made as a result of federal budget cuts and in an effort to minimize the possibility that the BHA will be forced to terminate housing assistance to any family.

Sincerely,



William E. McGonagle
Administrator

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Tani waa dhokomentu muhiim ah. Haddii aad rabto tarjumad, fadlan wac lambarka hoos ku qoran ama imow xafiisyadayada.

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