

Residents and friends,

I have heard from many of you who have shared concerns about the alarming proposed budget cuts to domestic programs, which include HUD. I want to discuss this fear and concern with you, today.

As many of you know, the new administration has proposed a cut to domestic spending in the amount of 54 billion dollars. This budget proposes a 13% cut to HUD programs.



First I would like to educate you regarding what these cuts could mean and the process they need to go through for approval. Next I will teach you how to advocate on behalf of HUD programs.

At this point, we know that Secretary Ben Carson has provided the administration with areas these cuts

should be directed. These include cuts to CDBG (which is administered through the City of Pocatello and goes towards projects like sidewalks and renovations at agencies like Aid for Friends or Family Services Alliance or infill housing created by Neighborworks). Under this proposal, CDBG would be eliminated.

The budget also makes drastic cuts to Public Housing Capital Fund (improvements) and Operating Fund (day to day business operations) as well as anticipated cuts to Section 8 housing programs.

I want to reassure you that the administration's budget is merely a suggestion to Congress. Ultimately, it is our Congressional Leadership that determines budget amounts.

I have spent my entire career advocating on behalf of these programs and now it is time for you to learn how to advocate! It's simple, really. Pick up your phone and call. Call the offices of Senators Crapo and Risch as well as the office of Congressman Simpson. They need to hear from you. Let them know that these cuts could be detrimental to

households who benefit from HUD programs. Anyone who lives in a HACP property or has a HACP voucher has a stake in this issue. Let your Congressional Office know that you receive HUD assistance and what would happen if that assistance went away.

I don't want you to be afraid. I want you to know that there is a process that has to occur before a budget can be approved. I want you to remember that we have representation in Congress that values you and wants to hear from you. I want you to know that I will continue to fight for you. But I also want to empower you to use your voice to speak on this important issue.

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HACP will be closed on May 29th
for Memorial Day.

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Remember! Maintenance can always be reached at 220-9621!!

Contracting Opportunities for the City of Pocatello

As part of its RENEWAL Program, the City of Pocatello's Neighborhood & Community Services Division offers bidding opportunities to area contractors. Rehab projects include plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work, as well as roof replacement or repair and sidewalk installation. Interested contractors can request to be placed on bid mailing lists by calling 234-6255, or can view current bids at the Housing Authority office, at City Hall or on the City's website at www.pocatello.us. Preference is given to Section 3 residents and business concerns. For more information, please call 234-6185



Mark your calendars! Pocatello Night Out events will return on August 1st at Christensen Courts, Portneuf Towers, Maple West, and McKinley Manor. Join us to meet community vendors, listen to great music, and enjoy food (we are planning to grill hotdogs this year).