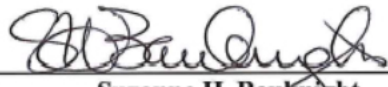




SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 26th day of May, 2026

**THIS ORDER HAS BEEN ENTERED ON THE DOCKET.
PLEASE SEE DOCKET FOR ENTRY DATE.**



Suzanne H. Bauknight
CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

In re:

THE STEPS HOUSE, INC.,

Case No.: 3:26-bk-30917-SHB

Debtor In Possession.

Chapter 11

**ORDER APPROVING MOTION OF DEBTOR
FOR INTERIM AUTHORITY TO USE CASH COLLATERAL**

Upon Motion of the Debtor, notice, hearing, and for good cause shown it is

ORDERED that:

1. The Debtor shall use no more than \$92,893.00 of the cash collateral of the Small Business Administration for the period from May 28, 2026 through July 2, 2026 as shown on the attached Exhibit A and subject to a 20% variance by category.
2. The Debtor shall deposit all required employment taxes on the date payroll is made and will provide evidence of said employment tax deposit to the United States Trustee's

Office on the third business day after payroll is made. The Debtor will file all post-petition payroll or other tax returns when due and pay any balance thereon with said return. Debtor shall fully fund its payroll, including all payroll taxes and Form 941 quarterly taxes, and shall be responsible for the transfer of funds to the IRS in an amount sufficient to prevent the accrual of interest and penalty, no later than the close of business on the date that payroll is to be paid. The Debtor shall timely, accurately, and completely file and serve copies of its Monthly Operating Reports as required by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2015.3 and Rule 2045-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (the "Local Rules").

3. No delay or failure by the U.S. Trustee and no single or partial exercise thereof or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right, power, or privilege under this Interim Order shall constitute a waiver or affect or impair such right, power, or privilege.

4. Upon Debtor's failure to timely comply with the provisions of this Order, the U.S. Trustee or the U.S. Attorney may certify said failure to the Court and request a hearing to determine whether the case shall be dismissed or converted to a Chapter 7 case, whichever is in the best interest of creditors.

5. A hearing to consider the Debtor's permanent use of cash collateral shall be held on July 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., before this Court.

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s/ Edward J. Shultz

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Disbursements Budget for May 28 through June 28, 2026

Client Care

Cleaning supplies	100.00
Food	800.00
Furniture	1,000.00
Laundry	480.00
Meds, clothes, bedding, Hygeine products \$1,000	1,000.00
Paper products	250.00
Meds	435.00

Insurances

Directors and Officers: Philidelphia	500.00
Commercial, Auto: Progressive	344.00
Workers comp.: Vertigo	2,750.00
General liability: Westbend	1,563.00
Property Damage Insurance: Gotham	4,896.00
Health insurance: united healthcare	2,693.00

Utilities

KUB fiber: West Knox KUB	232.00
KUB Current utilities	14,000.00
Rural Metro	122.00
Waste management: moody	234.00
Waste management: the hill	282.00
KUB deposit	10,000.00
Verizon	105.00
Waste connections woodpark	263.00

Employment and Payroll related

Payroll	26,550.00
Payroll taxes/Quickbook fees	6,000.00
Intuit	100.00
Tennessee Labor and Workforce development	85.00
Occupational Health	98.00

Disbursements Budget for May 28 through June 28, 2026

Office and Software

Adobe Acrobat	25.00
Payclock	600.00
Google workspace	110.00
Go daddy	168.00
Microsoft	212.00
Bank fees	150.00
Check fees	300.00
Dext	32.00
Office supplies	200.00
Antivirus	221.00
spark lease	1,200.00
Equipment	600.00

Miscellaneous

Drug screens billing mercedes scientific	798.00
Istorage	500.00

Maintenance and Repair

HVAC	2,200.00
Cooks pest control for treating bed bugs	3,600.00
building material	2,500.00
Lawn mower gas	200.00
Landscaping	800.00

Travel related

Fuel	2,000.00
Vehicle registration (3)	360.00
Mileage reimbursement	435.00
Vehicle maintenance	250.00
Bus passes	150.00

Disbursements Budget for May 28 through June 28, 2026

Reserve for U.S. Trustee Fees	400.00
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Total	<u>\$ 92,893.00</u>
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