



Homes for the Homeless Hill Day July 31, 2014 Policy Priorities

Make Affordable Housing and Ending Homelessness a Priority in the Federal Budget

- Support the increase in funding for the HUD McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program that was included in the President's FY 2015 budget. This is a 14% increase over the FY 2014 level
 - The \$300 million proposed increase would expand cost-effective permanent supportive housing units to help end chronic homelessness by the end of 2016
- Provide an addition 10,000 HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers

Restore Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

- Provide sufficient funding to renew Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers in use in 2014 and include in the FY 2015 appropriations \$320 million for 40,000-targeted vouchers (this is in addition to the \$20 billion requested by HUD).
- Target vouchers to homeless or at-risk families and Family Unification Program eligible families, people who with disabilities who may otherwise be institutionalized, and victims of domestic violence

Ensure Funding for the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

- Fund the NHTF with revenue raised from modifications to the mortgage interest deduction (MID) similar to the Ellison bill, HR 1213
- Ensure housing finance reform legislation fully funds the bi-partisan Johnson-Crapo bill

Increase the capacity of Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) programs:

- Provide at least \$140 million in funding for RHYA programs in FY 2015 to support existing programs and help communities better meet the needs of homeless and runaway youth, for instance through helping to close the gap between the number of homeless youth and number of available RHYA beds for them.
- Fund an incidence and prevalence study of homeless youth, as requested by the President in his Budget Proposal

Provide Additional Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) for Areas Impacted by Federally Declared Disasters

- In the House, Co-sponsor H.R. 5082, the House Disaster Tax Relief Bill

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