Policy Priorities for Ending Homelessness in NJ

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants - Support a $217 million increase to $2.6 billion for U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program

Medicaid

- Oppose any replacement of the Affordable Care Act that eliminates Medicaid expansion
- Raise the important role Medicaid expansion plays in ensuring people experiencing homelessness receive critical healthcare services

HOME Investment Partnerships - Restore funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME) to $1.2 billion

Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

- Increase funding to $21.6 billion to fully renew the vouchers that families are currently using
- Provide funding for an additional 10,000 new vouchers for homeless veterans, families with children at risk of being placed into foster care, and people with disabilities

National Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

- Ensure finding for the HTF by opposing any legislative or administrative attempts to prevent Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from providing funding for HTF or to prevent further implementation of the program
- Increase funding for HTF through the budget process, tax reform, housing finance reform, investments in infrastructure, and other legislative opportunities

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit)

- Expand and strengthen the Housing Credit to increase the availability of safe and affordable housing and revitalize local economies, which is needed even more urgently now that affordable housing production is expected to decrease as a result of tax reform
- Support the proposed Housing Credit changes that would make credits more useful for assisting lower-income households

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