

A Strategy to Increase Services Funding

A Multi-Year Effort to Increase the Federal Investment in Services to Prevent and End Homelessness

Proposed by the National Alliance to End Homelessness

GOALS

- *Cultivate Congressional champions to significantly increase funding for services linked to permanent and supportive housing for homeless individuals, families and youth with a focus on funding through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- *Make homelessness a high priority for the next Administration
- *Make homelessness a higher priority for key Members of Congress

THE MULTI-YEAR STRATEGY

Step One: Secure in-person meetings with Members of Congress.

Ask if s/he will make an increase in appropriations for services within HHS a priority in next year's appropriations cycle.

We can still impact this year's appropriations process and there are actions your Member of Congress can take immediately. See the short term HHS appropriations policy requests for what to ask your Member of Congress specifically.

Step Two: Invite your Member (s) of Congress to tour local homeless assistance programs.

The ideal time is anytime between now and the end of the year. The goal is to get your Member of Congress to a site visit to ask if s/he will make an increase in appropriations for key HHS programs a priority in next year's appropriations cycle.

Step Three: The National Working Group will meet via conference call.

The call will occur in late August or early September.

To join the National Working Group and participate in the call, email advocacy@naeh.org with your name, organization, city, state, phone and email.

Step Four: Determine the policy requests for calendar year 2009 and fiscal year 2010.

Step Five: Implement the National Working Group's action plan.

Activities will likely include letter writing, hosting site visits, seeking media coverage and constantly communicating with Congressional offices to build support for our policy request.