

# A Strategy to Increase HUD Appropriations

## A Multi-Year Strategy to Increase the Federal Investment in Housing to Prevent and End Homelessness

*Proposed by the National Alliance to End Homelessness*

### **GOALS**

- \*Cultivate Congressional champions to significantly increase funding over a five year period for key HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) programs that prevent and end homelessness
- \*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: In person meetings with Members of Congress**

Get in front of Members of Congress themselves to ask them to make an increase in appropriations for key HUD programs a priority in next year's appropriations cycle.

If you are attending the Annual Conference of the National Alliance to End Homelessness (July 28 – 20), try to get an in-person meeting with your Member of Congress. Ask the Member if s/he will make an increase in appropriations for key HUD programs that prevent and end homelessness a priority in next year's appropriations cycle.

#### **Step Two: Invite your Member (s) of Congress to tour 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 HUD 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](mailto: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: Be prepared for the beginning of the next Congressional session in January 2009.**

Work between now and then to get Members of Congress to make an increase in HUD appropriations a priority.