

Federal Policy Priorities For Ending Homelessness

Restore Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

From 2010 to 2014, New Jersey lost 1,900 Housing Choice Vouchers due to sequestration.

- Provide \$18.3 billion in funding to renew all Housing Choice Vouchers in use at the end of 2015
- Fund additional \$512 million to restore the 67,000 vouchers lost to sequestration.
- Target vouchers for the homeless and other vulnerable populations

Make Ending Homelessness a Priority in the Federal Budget

- Provide \$2.480 billion in FY 2016 for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants program to
 - Maintain existing Continuum of Care capacity, and provide additional funding to create 25,500 new units of permanent supportive housing.
 - Provide sufficient funding to maintain Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) activities, and
 - o Fund 15,000 new rapid re-housing interventions for families.

This funding level, along with other U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) resources including vouchers, would provide sufficient resources to end chronic homelessness by the end of 2017 and to build resources that will be needed to end family and youth homelessness by 2020.

Protect and expand Funding for the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)

- Encourage House members to sign on to The Common Sense Investment Act, H.R. 1662
- Prevent any efforts to prohibit Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from making payments to the NHTF
- Ensure that any federal financial reform legislation includes funding for the NHTF.

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