



Federal Policy Update:

2013 Capitol Hill Day

Capitol Hill Day Materials:

www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/capitol-hill-day-2013

Today's Agenda

- Introduction
- Federal Policy Overview and Outlook
- Capitol Hill Day Logistics and Policy Overview
- Policy Priorities: Update, Talking Points, Action Needed
- Questions

Federal Policy: Overview and Outlook

Hill Day Logistics

- Capitol Hill Day is **Wednesday, July 24!**
- Thank you State Captains for organizing Hill Day!
- Contact Jenny Lewis, (jlewis@naeh.org / 202-942-8295) for info about participating in congressional visits.
- *Conference “Advocacy Track” Agenda* can be found on the Capitol Hill Day Info Page – www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/capitol-hill-day-2013

Hill Day Logistics

- Check in: Advocacy Information Table (across from Registration)
 - Get your Capitol Hill Day packet and materials
 - Find out when your state's prep session is
- Meeting for all State Captains – 8 am Tuesday
- Congressional meetings mostly Wednesday afternoon

Capitol Hill Day Policy Agenda

- Reflects critical issues being considered
AS WE SPEAK
- Issues we can impact at the time of the conference
- Prioritize issues for each meeting → more progress
 - Alliance can help you decide which issue(s) to focus on with each Member of Congress

Policy Priority Updates

Appropriations: VA Programs

Provide \$1.4 billion for homeless veteran programs within VA, including:

- \$300 m for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF);
- \$250 m for Grant and Per Diem; and
- \$278 m for HUD-VASH case management.

Appropriations: VA

Latest Update:

- FY 2013 level: \$1.35 bill (exempt from March sequestration)
- Full House approved VA's proposal
- Senate Appropriations Committee approved VA's proposal

Talking Points:

- Need
- Continue progress
- Cost-effectiveness
- Community partnerships

Appropriations: McKinney

Provide \$2.381 billion for HUD's McKinney-Vento programs

Latest Update:

- Final, sequestered FY 2013 Level: \$1.929 billion
- Administration: Requested \$2.38 billion
- House Appropriations Committee: \$2.088 B
- Senate Appropriations Committee: \$2.26 B
 - Bill could be going to the Senate floor as soon as next week!

Appropriations: McKinney

What will these funding levels do?

- **\$2.088 billion – House**
 - No money for new projects
 - cover all FY 2013 renewals (*post-sequestration cuts*) but not return us to FY 2012 levels
 - At least \$200 million for ESG
- **\$2.226 billion – Senate**
 - No money for new projects
 - Likely return us to FY 2012 levels for renewals
 - \$336 million for ESG
 - Going to the floor SOON!

Appropriations: McKinney

Talking Points

- These programs work!
 - Focus on outcomes and impact on homelessness
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Re-Housing and Prevention
- Still seeing increased need
 - Particularly after ESG sequestration cuts
- Housing instead of homelessness for appx 213,000 people

RHYA Program

- **Update:**
 - President's Request: \$115 million for RHYA plus \$3 million for study
 - Senate Appropriations: \$116 million for RHYA, no funding for study
- **Request:**
 - Alliance and National Network for Youth Request: \$128 million for RHYA, including \$3 million for prevalence & incidence study

RHYA Appropriations

- **Action Steps:**
 - Let Members of Congress know about how homeless youth in your community are impacted by lack of targeted youth resources.
 - Request funding at \$128 million, including \$3 million for incidence and prevalence study

RHYA Appropriations

- **Talking Points:**

- Demand for Services Greatly Exceeds Supply
- RHYA Is An Effective Program
- Youth Without Services Are Highly Vulnerable
- RHYA can Help Youth Avoid Long-Term Homelessness, System Involvement, and Victimization
- Accurate Data from Incidence and Prevalence Study Required to Ensure Congress and Localities Right-Size Interventions to Meet Needs

Appropriations: Section 8

Renew existing Section 8 vouchers and replace those lost by sequestration and past cuts, and provide \$75 million for 10,000 new HUD-VASH vouchers

Latest Update

- FY 2013 post-sequestration level:
Administration: \$20 Billion
- Senate Appropriations Committee: \$19.5 B
- Full House: \$18.6 B
 - Underfunds Section 8 renewals
- ALL include \$75 m for HUD-VASH

Appropriations: Section 8

Talking Points

- Importance of affordable housing in your community
- Housing plus services is a proven model for ending homelessness for veterans
- Section 8 helps *prevent and end homelessness!*
 - Various indicators of homelessness are on the rise

United for Homes Campaign

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United for Homes- NHTF

- Campaign to fund the NHTF through a modernization of the mortgage interest deduction.
- Two changes:
 - Lower cap to \$500,000 from \$1 million
 - Convert deduction to 15% nonrefundable credit
- Would raise \$197 billion to go to NHTF over 10 years (if phased in over 5 years)

Legislative Asks

- House:

- Cosponsor the Common-Sense Housing Investment Act (H.R. 1213) introduced by Rep. Ellison. Includes U4H MID changes, most money to go to NHTF.

- Senate:

- Proposal should be included in any tax reform ask including the Senator's "blank slate" letter due to the Committee on Friday, July 26.



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Sequestration

- Sequestration cut effective and ineffective programs by the same amount
- For effective HUD homelessness programs, the actual cuts on the ground are greater than the cuts on paper
- For FY13, ESG cut 25%, CoC will be cut 7-8%

Sequestration

- Sequestration also cut other programs that are important to housing homeless people
- Turnover of Section 8 vouchers has stopped in many communities
- Sequestration plus long-term deficits in other HUD programs

Sequestration

Talking Point

Congress should bring homeless assistance back from its reduced levels. Overall, domestic discretionary spending is too low.

Within whatever limits are established on nondefense discretionary spending, Congress should prioritize programs like homeless assistance, that serve the most vulnerable people, have a proven record of effectiveness, and have a history of bipartisan support.

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