

# Next Steps at the Federal Level

This webinar will focus on key federal policy issues affecting ending homelessness and creating affordable housing in New Jersey and next steps in advocating for funding.



# McKinney-Vento Funding Levels

	<b><u>Senate</u></b> (Appropriations Committee)	<b><u>House</u></b> (Appropriations Committee)	<b><u>President</u></b> (Budget Proposal)
McKinney (total)	\$2.26 billion	\$2.088 billion	\$2.381 billion
ESG (minimum)	\$336 million	\$200 million	\$346 million
CoC Renewals	Covered pre-sequestration; no new projects	Covered post-sequestration; no new projects	Covered pre-sequestration; new PSH projects

# Shutdown and the Deal

- October 1: Government fails to pass FY 2014 budget – government shuts down
  - Impact on McKinney minimal
- Government reopens October 17 after deal is struck
  - Suspends the nation's debt ceiling until February 7
    - Currently, the US does not technically have a debt ceiling
  - Funds the government at FY 2013 levels until January 15
  - Concurrent legislation creates a conference committee to deal with the FY 2014 top-line spending number and possibly address sequestration

# What's Next?

- FY 2013 NOFA coming out soon
  - WILL have cuts
- Communities will need to:
  - Know this isn't actually HUD's fault
  - Tell their Members of Congress that this isn't acceptable!
- Conference Committee could come up with topline number and real FY 2014 appropriations would happen
  - Or, they could fail, most likely leading to a full-year CR with sequestration cuts

# Impact on McKinney

- Full-Year CR: Could mean more cuts in the next NOFA
  - CR could include anomalies
- Removing sequestration: More money for HUD!
- Enhancing sequestration: Less money for HUD
- Actual FY 2014 budget: McKinney could fare well

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Call-In Week Materials

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/fy-2014-mckinney-campaign>

# Funding the National Housing Trust Fund

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**NATIONAL LOW INCOME  
HOUSING COALITION**

# United for Homes Campaign

- The National Housing Trust Fund was authorized by Congress in 2008 but remains unfunded.
- Can build, preserve, rehabilitate, operate rental housing that is affordable to extremely low income renter households.
- A block grant to states that prioritize how to use their fund– e.g. to create supportive housing to end homelessness, rehab vacant/foreclosed properties.
- For every \$5b allocated to the NHTF, New Jersey would get \$ 168,600,000



# There are Two Components to the Proposal

- Campaign to fund the National Housing Trust Fund through 2 changes to the Mortgage Interest Deduction.
  1. Lower cap on size of a mortgage eligible for tax break to \$500,000.
  2. Convert the deduction to a 15% Non-refundable credit.

# Changes Would Raise Revenue and Expand Benefits

- 16 million additional homeowners would get a tax break for interest paid on their mortgage. 99% of these have incomes under 100k.
- Phased in over five years, the two changes would raise \$197 billion over ten years.
  - This money should be applied to the National Housing Trust Fund.

# How Can You Help?

- Endorse the Campaign!
- Ask your congressional representative to Co-sponsor H.R. 1213, legislation.
  - Introduced by Keith Ellison (D-MN)
  - Includes United for Homes MID Changes
  - Applies majority of savings to National Housing Trust Fund!

# GSE Reform Is Another Path Forward

- Senate Banking Committee on Banking is working on housing finance reform—the original source of funding for the NHTF.
- Let Senator Menendez know you support strong funding for the NHTF in GSE reform.
- \*Funding for the NHTF in GSE reform is a good start, but not enough to solve the problem... need MID changes to fully close the gap.

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# The Solution

## **Achieving it together**

Home is the foundation. How do we ensure that every American has an affordable one? Watch the video to find out.

<http://nlihc.org/unitedforhomes/video>

<http://youtu.be/yAsIJ9hZJD8>

# Network Annual Conference & Membership Meeting



*"Leading for the Future"*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

- **National Conference Center at the Holiday Inn located at 399 Monmouth Street in East Windsor on Wednesday, December 11 from 9:00am-3:00pm.**

# PROPOSED AGENDA

*Among the items on the agenda will be Affinity Roundtables*

- **9:30am -- 10:30am Affinity Roundtables**
- *Meet other practitioners and individuals working on similar issues and share constituency concerns and solutions. Let us know how the Network can help the challenges your affinity group faces. We will have opportunities for the following groups to meet over breakfast: Habitat for Humanity chapters; **Homeless Providers & Advocates**; Housing Counselors; Tax Credit Developers; Young Community Development Professionals/Students; and Faith-Baseds CDCs.*



# Register for Meeting

- Registration is required.
- To register to attend the Membership meeting use this link:

<http://goo.gl/a1yc2Z>

# Lobby and Hill Day

- The Network and Monarch work together on two advocacy days in Washington.
- Lobby Day is at the end of the NLIHC conference. This year it will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Hill Day is on the last day of the NAEH Conference in July.

# Hill Day Photo



# Lobby Visits Make a Difference

The goals of the meetings are to:

- Establish/build relationships with your congressional offices;
- Educate your senators and representatives on your success and progress at home; and
- Encourage them to work in support of policy initiatives.

# Site Visits

Site visits have many benefits including that:

- Members of Congress rate site visits as one of the most valuable ways to collect constituent views and opinions;
- They make the connection between policy and implementation;
- Attract good publicity; and
- Build stronger relationships.

# NJ Site Visits

CPAC and the Homeless Network Planning Committee (HNPC) have worked with the Network and Monarch and have held two site visits with Congressman Andrews since October of 2012

## Congressman Andrews Tours Supportive Housing in Camden

- On October 23, 2012, Congressman Andrews toured a supportive housing site in Camden.
- Andrews had the opportunity to meet Sam Gonzalez, a tenant. Gonzalez, formerly homeless, experienced being turned away from shelters. But since he moved into his new apartment six months ago and now has a home, is back in school and has hope. Andrews spoke of the need to convince his colleagues that “Sam can be helped.”

# Andrews in Camden





# Sequester Town Hall

- After the Hill Day visit with Congressman Andrews in July 2013, he has returned twice to his district talk about sequestration
- On October 7, 2013, more than 75 people participated in a forum with Andrews on the impact of the sequester held at the Camden County Community College Conference

# Advocacy Matters

- Advocacy can be one of the most powerful ways to impact public policy.
- Through advocacy, we can work with policymakers to provide new and increased resources so that no man, woman, or child in the United States experiences homelessness.

# Partnerships

- The Network and Monarch Housing along with national partners can help with site visits, Lobby and Hill Days.
- With never ending budget battles in both Washington and Trenton, how is the time to be heard.

# What Can We Do?

- Join in Lobby/Hill Days
- Keep in touch via email and phone with housing staffers in the DC offices
- Share not only advocacy alerts but also keep staffers up to date on your programs and successes

*Communication can make a difference!*

# What Can I do?

- Sign up for the Network's weekly email updates
- Sign up for Monarch's email newsletter  
<http://goo.gl/lbzota>
- Share Action Alerts from the Network and Monarch with colleagues and allies

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