

# **Federal Strategic Plan to End** Homelessness

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#### USICH Listening Session: Lessons From the Field to Inform Implementation of the New Federal Strategic Plan

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- 1. To provide a high-level overview of what to expect in the next Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- 2. To gain insights from YOU that will help inform roll-out and implementation of the Plan



### What Is USICH?

#### **The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness:**

- Coordinates the federal response to homelessness
- Develops and implements the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Creates partnerships between national, state, local, and private stakeholders; and helps them use resources efficiently
- The *only* federal agency with the sole mission of preventing and ending homelessness



## **USICH Council**

#### **Council leaders:**

- Chair HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge
- Vice Chair VA Secretary Denis McDonough

#### **Council members represent 19 federal agencies:**





#### A New Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness



## What is a Federal Strategic Plan?

- Roadmap for Federal action to prevent and end homelessness
- Blueprint for state and local action
- Meant to be a living document with annual updates to reflect current conditions



#### How Did We Get Here?

- Listening to and learning from you
- Building upon what's working
- Addressing areas in need of greater attention





## Input Process: What did we ask?

- What should the federal government's top priorities be?
- What are the biggest barriers in your community?
- How can the federal government more effectively center racial equity and support equitable access and outcomes at the local level?
- What lessons have you learned during the COVID pandemic about how housing, health, and supportive services systems can best respond?
- Is there anything else you wish to add?



# Input Process: What did we hear?

- Lack of affordable housing
- Insufficient and mismatch of supports and services
- Need to focus on reducing inflow
- More guidance and flexibility
- Concern around false narratives and public perception, criminalization
- Impact of systemic racism, discrimination and caseworker bias
- More authentic and meaningful engagement



#### The Plan: What to Expect

- The Plan will be comprised of key pillars and strategies that will lay groundwork for implementation
  - Represents current and best thinking
  - Meant to be a living document





#### The Plan: What to Expect

- Equity, Evidence, and Collaboration as foundational elements
- Stronger focus on prevention
- Commitment to Housing First including scaling up housing AND services
- Strategies to bolster homelessness response systems



#### The Plan: What to Expect

- Following release of plan:
  - USICH will work with key stakeholders—including persons with lived expertise to develop tools and guidance
  - USICH Senior Regional Advisors will work with state and local leaders and organizations to support local and state adoption of the Plan
  - USICH will work with Federal partners to turn strategies into actions and will report on progress



# What strategies are working in your community to reduce homelessness?



# What strategies are working in your community to prevent homelessness?



How has your community been able to center racial equity in your work to reduce homelessness? How is your community working to reduce disparities?



What additional barriers and challenges is your community encountering that the Federal Government can help to resolve? How can we be a better partner?

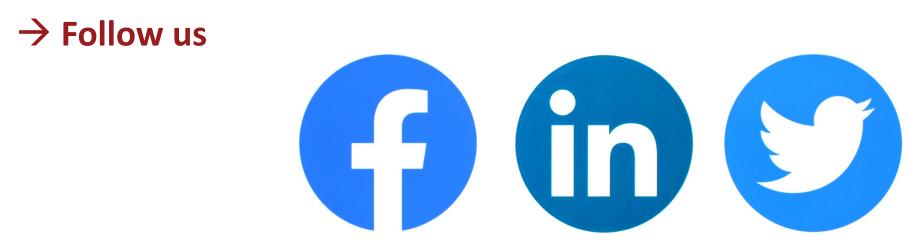


#### Any other comments or feedback?



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# Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness Questions?

Thank you for attending the panel!

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