

Funding & Advocacy Updates



HUD Grant Programs

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

encourages local communities to address housing needs for anyone experiencing homelessness in their area through a two coordinated and comprehensive **grant programs**:



- **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program:** Assists clients in quickly regaining stability after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.
 - Continuum of Care (CoC) Program: leverage community-based solutions to rehouse homeless individuals and families while attempting to minimize trauma & dislocation, promoting access to mainstream programs, and optimizing clients' self-sufficiency.

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How HUD Projects Are Funded

ESG

- Emergency ShelterStreet Outreach
- Rapid Rehousing
 - HomelessnessPrevention

CoC

- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional
 Housing-Rapid Rehousing
- Coordinated Entry Lead
 - HMIS Lead
 - Coc Lead Agency
- Permanent Supportive Housing



President's Proposed Budget

ESG

- Emergency Shelter
 Street Outreach
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - HomelessnessPrevention

CoC-Consolidate to ESG/Eliminate

- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing
- Coordinated Entry Lead
 - HMIS Lead
 - Coc Lead Agency
- Permanent Supportive Housing



Brass Tax

Hundreds of people in our community would likely lose their housing if PSH is eliminated.

These programs save lives.

Without PSH, people like:

- A neighbor with a traumatic brain injury who forgets to pay rent
- An older adult who can't manage medical appointments or finances after losing a spouse
- A mom trying to care for her child with disabilities while working minimum wage

would be at serious risk of homelessness.



We need your help!

Creating the U.S. federal budget

The budget planning begins a year before the budget is to go into effect.

- Federal agencies create budget requests and submit them to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- OMB refers to the agencies' requests as it develops the budget proposal for the president.
- The president submits the budget proposal to Congress early the next year.

We are here

- Proposed funding is divided among 12 subcommittees, which hold hearings. Each is responsible for funding for different government functions such as defense spending or energy and water.
- The House and Senate create their own budget resolutions, which must be negotiated and merged. Both houses must pass a single version of each funding bill.
- Congress sends the approved funding bills to the president to sign or veto.

Advocacy Actions!

Over the next four weeks, we will be sending you advocacy actions including:

- Which Congressional Representative to contact, with contact information
- A copy and paste message to send via email (or use as a phone script)
 - Some messages may have highlighted text to insert a short, personal anecdote
- Will come with the subject: Advocacy Action Alert!
- Participation is voluntary BUT volume matters!
- Sent out via our ListServ be sure to be subscribed!



Every Action Matters

- Times are tough and these developments are unnerving.
- It is our professional duty to speak up and fight for the vulnerable clients that we work with and for.
- However the chips may fall, we can say with integrity, "Our community did everything we could".
- You are not alone in this fight!

