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## **Homeless Assistance for Families Could Top \$10 Billion** *Proposed FY 2017 Budget Request Focused on Ending Family Homelessness*

WASHINGTON, DC – [The National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) says [President Barack Obama's request for \\$10.967 billion](#) to help homeless families and children in his proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget, to be presented Tuesday, Feb. 9, will help reach and maintain the goal of ending family homelessness by 2020.

"The Administration's Homeless Assistance for Families proposal, if enacted by Congress, would give communities exactly what they need to end homelessness for families with children, once and for all," said Nan Roman, CEO and President of the National Alliance to End Homelessness (Alliance). "It would provide funding over the next ten years for housing interventions proven to end homelessness but never funded adequately and connection to services in the community aimed at helping to stabilize families."

More than 64,000 families experienced homelessness on a given night in January 2015. "That's more than 200,000 people, nearly 130,000 of which are children under the age of 18," Roman said. "There's urgency here and a need for greater resources if we hope to reach this goal."

Roman also pointed to the undeniable benefit this proposal would have for children experiencing homelessness.

"This level of funding would allow children to quickly escape the trauma of homelessness and all of its detrimental, long-term effects," she said. "It would also give parents a stable home so that they can work and support their families."

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development projects that if enacted, this proposal would provide rapid re-housing and Housing Choice Vouchers to an estimated 550,000 families with children over the course of ten years. This would solve the problem for families that are homeless today, and those that might become homeless during that time.

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