

## Support HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants in FY 2022

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in support of an appropriations of \$3.3 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG) programs for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22).

According to the most recent Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, released in December 2019, there are an estimated 567,715 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the United States. This includes 171,670 people in families (including children) and 96,141 chronically homeless individuals. It is believed that the number of people who experience homelessness in the United States over the course of one year is three times the number estimated to be homeless on a given night. Because of COVID-19, there will not be a traditional count in 2021 of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Unfortunately, a longstanding, nationwide shortage of affordable housing leaves millions of Americans at risk of homelessness and causes too many families and individuals to fall into homelessness. However, the HAG Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs are successfully used by state and local governments, as well as an extensive network of providers of shelter and housing services in hundreds of American communities, to reduce homelessness.

The CoC and ESG programs help to fund services to people experiencing and at risk of homelessness, whether by non-profits, community action programs, faith-based groups, government agencies, or other providers. Among the activities supported by the CoC and ESG programs are the development and operation of shelters, outreach efforts to identify unsheltered homeless families and individuals and to induce them to come inside, rapid re-housing (RRH), permanent supportive housing (PSH), and homelessness prevention. RRH emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless families and individuals (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing. PSH is housing assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability.

Therefore, please join us in requesting that the House Appropriations Committee fund HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants programs in the FY22 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill at \$3.3 billion. This number takes into account rising housing costs in order to ensure that all families, unaccompanied youth, and individuals who are facing homelessness in the United States will have a place to call home.

To sign onto the letter, please use this [form](#). If you have questions, please contact Maryah Thompson in the office of Congresswoman Gwen Moore at (202) 225-4572 or

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Sincerely,

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