

FY26 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET ANALYSIS

Overview of Targeted & Mainstream Cuts Impacting Homelessness

The President's Budget threatens to cut nearly \$40 billion from programs that play a key role in local efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

Agency	Program	Change from FY25 (in billions)	% Change Relative to FY24 Funding Levels
DHS	Emergency Food and Shelter	-\$0.650	-100%
HHS	Low Income Home Energy Assistance	-\$4.025	-100%
HHS	Community Services Block Grant	-\$0.770	-100%
HHS	SAMHSA eliminations	-\$1.065	-19%
HUD	Continuum of Care; Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS	-\$0.532	-13%
HUD	Fair Housing Initiatives	-\$0.006	-100%
HUD	Rental Assistance	-\$26.718	-43%
HUD	Community Development Block Grant	-\$3.3	-100%
HUD	HOME Investment Partnerships	-\$1.25	-100%
HUD	Native American Programs and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	-\$0.479	-100%
USDA	Rental Assistance	+0.074	Unclear
USDA	Rural Development	-\$0.721	Unclear
USICH	U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness	-\$0.004	-100%
VA	Medical Care (Veteran Homelessness)	+1.1	+35%
		-\$38.346	

Topline Policy Concerns

- The President's Budget would not only end assistance for hundreds of thousands of people, placing them at risk of losing their housing, but it would also decimate the resources currently available to states and local governments to address homelessness.
- Consolidation of the CoC Program—along with the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program—into a “more targeted” ESG program that would cap rental assistance at two years.
- Folding Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Public Housing, Project-Based Rental Assistance, Housing for the Elderly, and Housing for Persons with Disabilities into one block grant.
- Instituting a two-year cap on rental assistance for able bodied adults regardless of income level, employment status, and availability of affordable housing.
- Proposing to fully defund and eliminate: all harm reduction efforts, USICH, FEMA's EFSG Program, the Native American Programs and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant, LIHEAP, CDBG, and CSBG.
- Increases the VA budget by \$3.309 billion for increased healthcare services which includes a \$1.1 billion increase for initiatives aimed at Veteran homelessness. Appears to move rental assistance for HUD-VASH to the VA from HUD.