

FY2026 Federal Budget:

HUD Homeless Assistance Grants Funding



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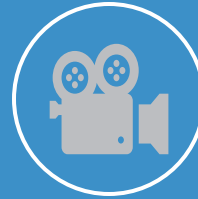
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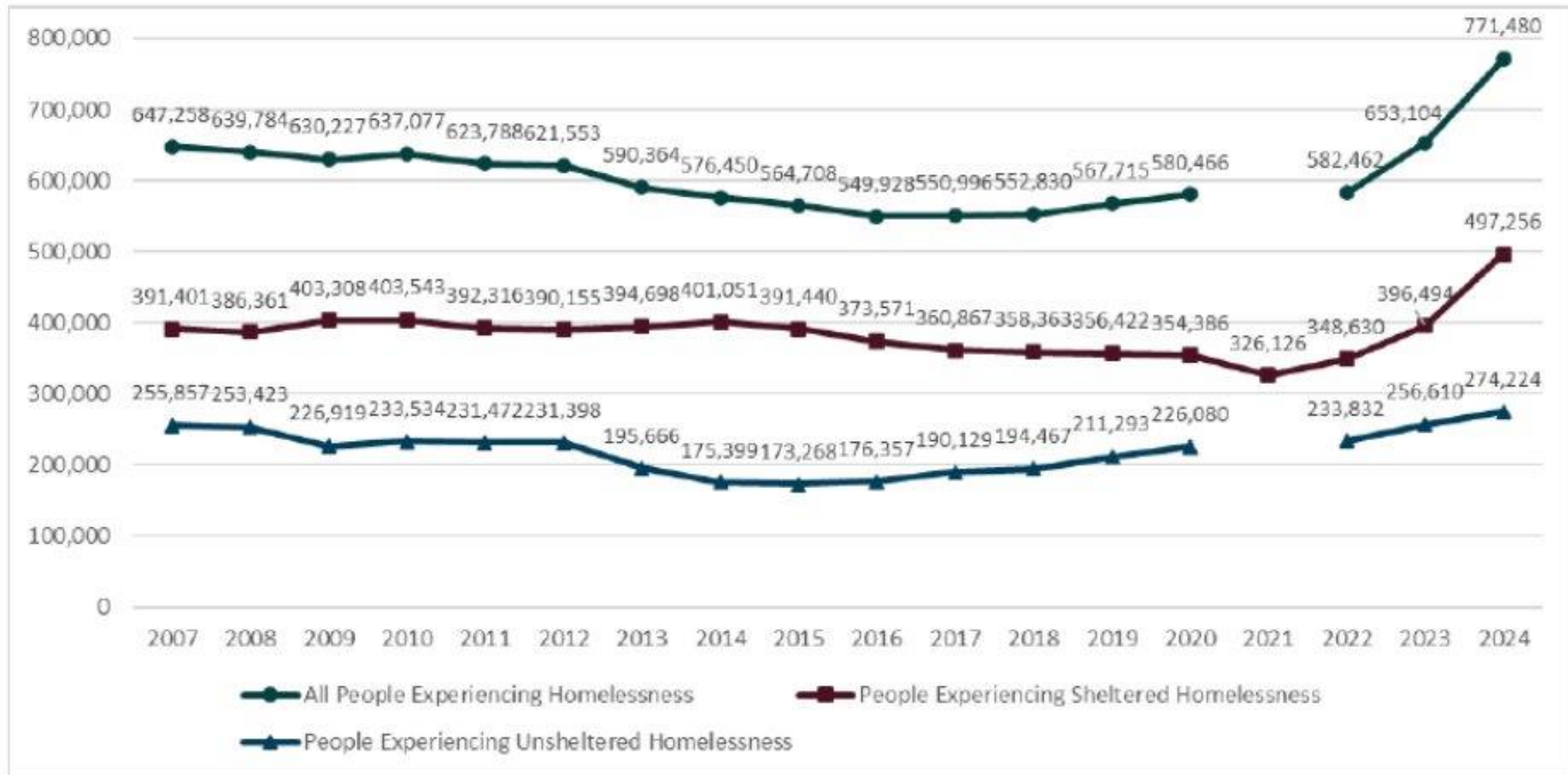


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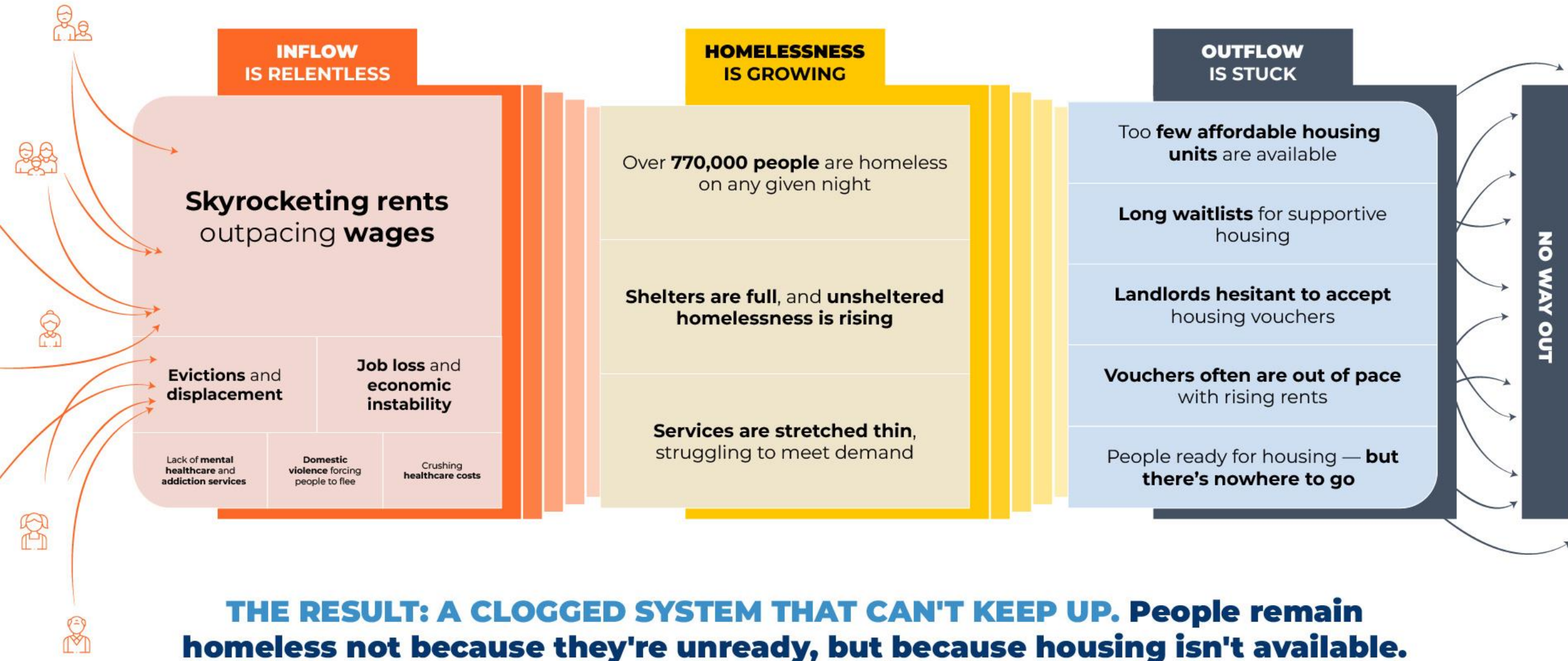
How many people experience homelessness and why?



Exhibit 1-1: PIT Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness by Sheltered Status, 2007-2024



Every year, **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS** — faster than the homeless service system can help them.



When housing is affordable, FEWER PEOPLE FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS IN THE FIRST PLACE.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS THE LEVER THAT LIFTS THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.
It's not the only solution — but it's the solution that makes all the others possible.

The President's FY2026 Budget Request



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PROPOSED CHANGES TO HUD HOMELESSNESS FUNDING

- **Reduction:** Proposes reduction in the overall amount of funding available for HUD's Special Needs Programs (including ESG, CoC and HOPWA) of \$532 million from FY25's amount.
- **Consolidation:** Proposes the consolidation of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program—along with Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)—into the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program.
- **Formulation:** It shifts the awarded funds from a competitive application to a formula allocation that does not account for renewal demand; would place thousands of projects and the hundreds of thousands of people they serve at risk.

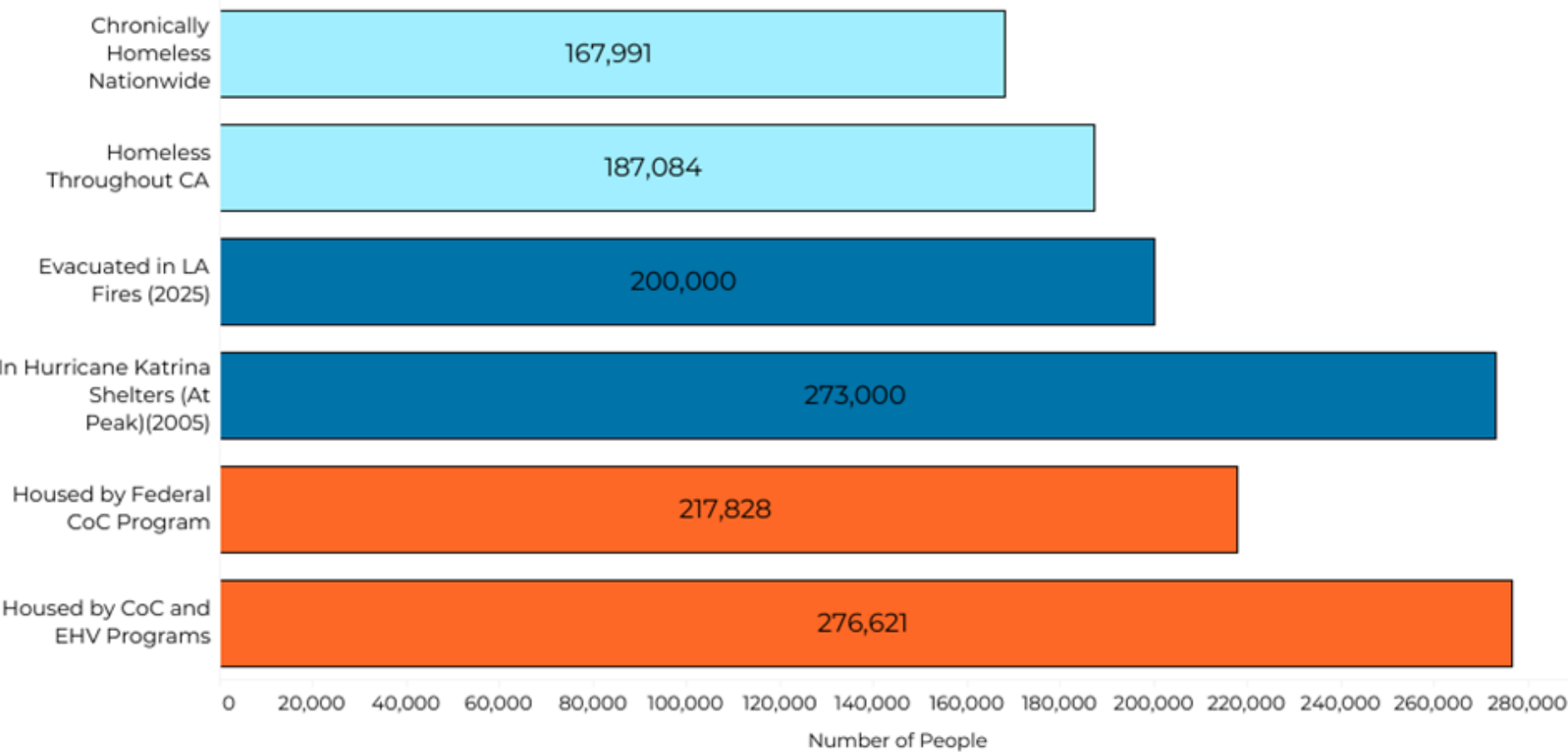
WHAT WE LOSE IN THIS SHIFT

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** 167,000 beds for people with disabling conditions
- **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program:** 8 rounds awarded to more than 120 communities
- **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS:** 46,000 Households lose housing/support
- **National Homelessness Data Analysis Project:** Produces the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress
- **Technical Assistance:** 150 Communities
- **Homelessness and Crisis Response Backbone**
 - CoC Planning
 - Data Collection/HMIS
 - Coordinated Entry
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers:** 60,000 Households

ELIMINATING THE FEDERAL Continuum of Care and Emergency Housing Voucher PROGRAMS ENDANGERS THE HOUSING OF OVER 275,000 PEOPLE

The Number Impacted Could Rival Those of Major Disasters and Significant Homeless Subpopulations

The Number of People Who Could Lose Their Housing is Greater Than the Number of People Who Are . . .



Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2024 AHAR: Part 1 Housing Inventory Count (Accessed December 2024)

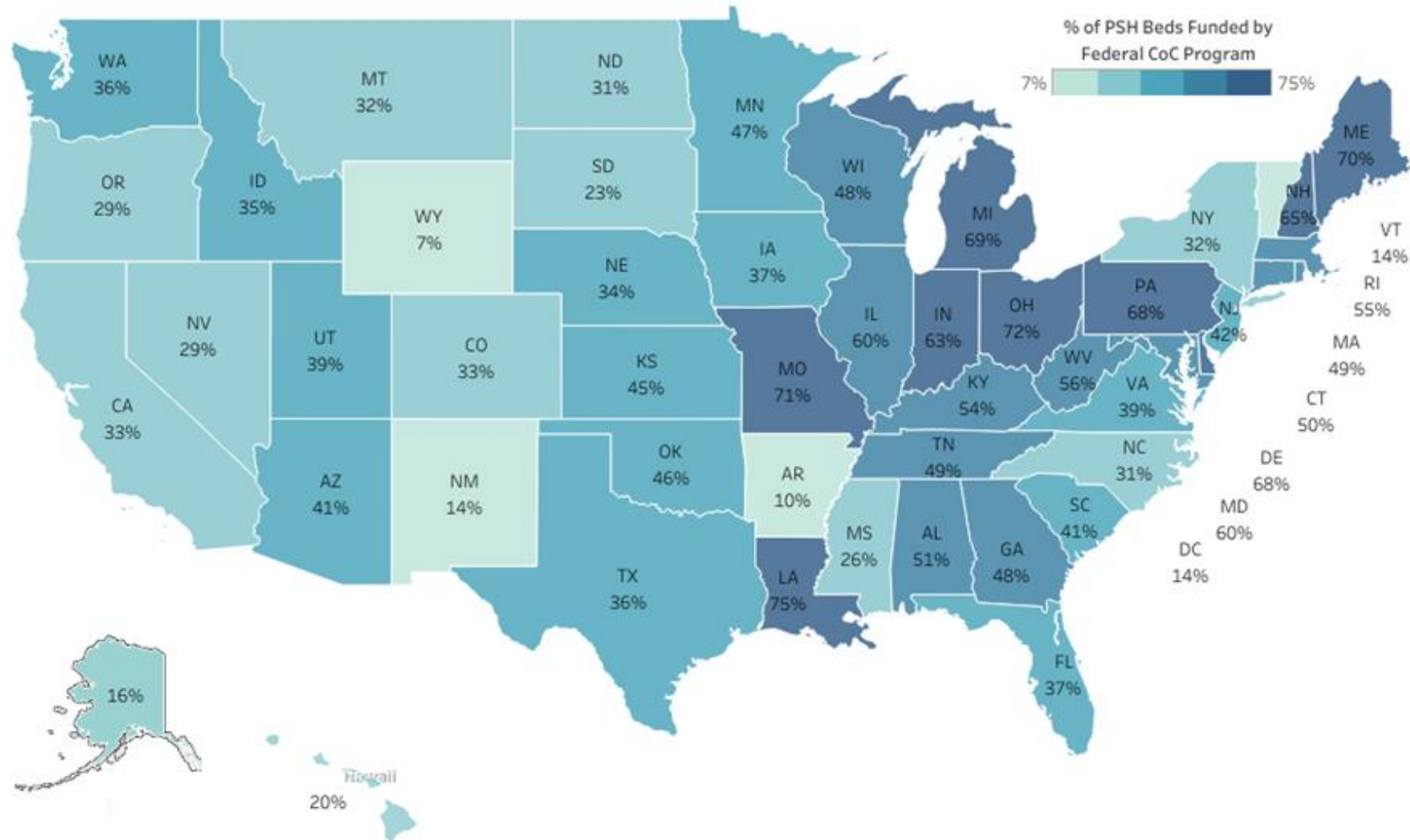
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*The CoC program houses people in Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, SROs, and Bridge Housing (Transitional to Rapid Rehousing).

The Pain of Ending CoC-Funded PSH Wouldn't Be Equally Felt

States like **Louisiana** and Communities like **Flint** are More Reliant on Federal Resources

(Hover your mouse over a state to see community-level data.)



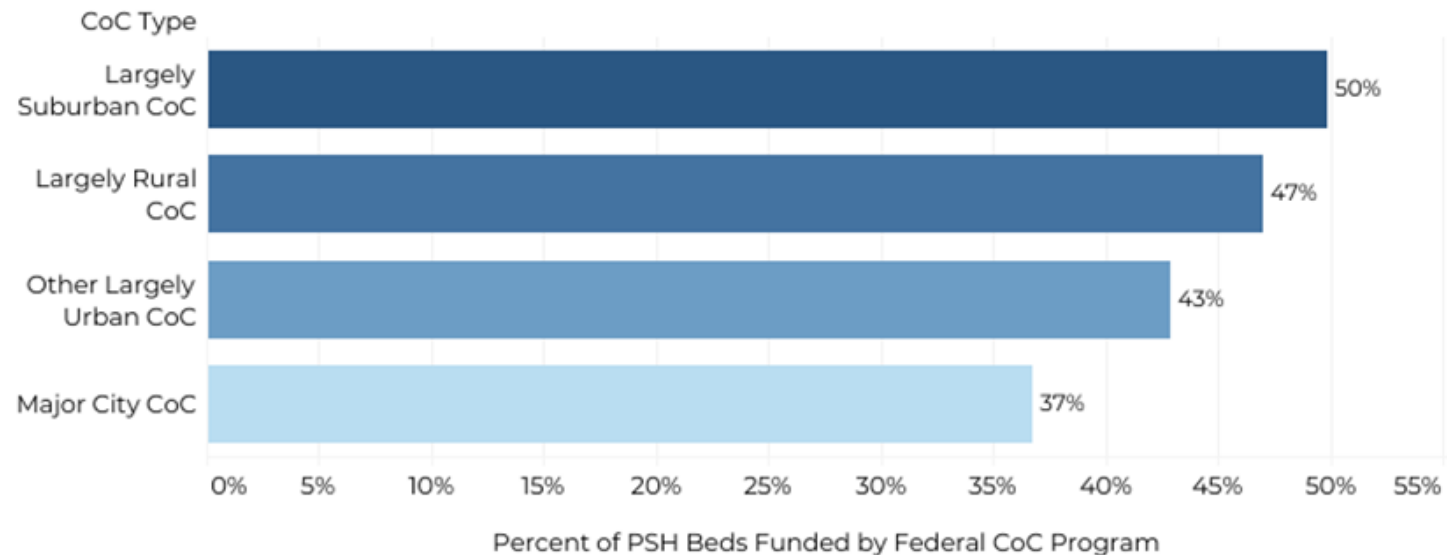
* PSH is Permanent Supportive Housing. It pairs housing with supportive services like mental health care and financial counseling. The federal government primarily funds PSH through the Continuum of Care program, which has been targeted for elimination in the President's FY 2026 budget.

** Some CoCs (or communities) don't have any recorded PSH beds (funded by the federal government or any other source). Their percentage of PSH beds funded by the fed.,

RURAL AND SUBURBAN AREAS WILL BE HARDEST HIT

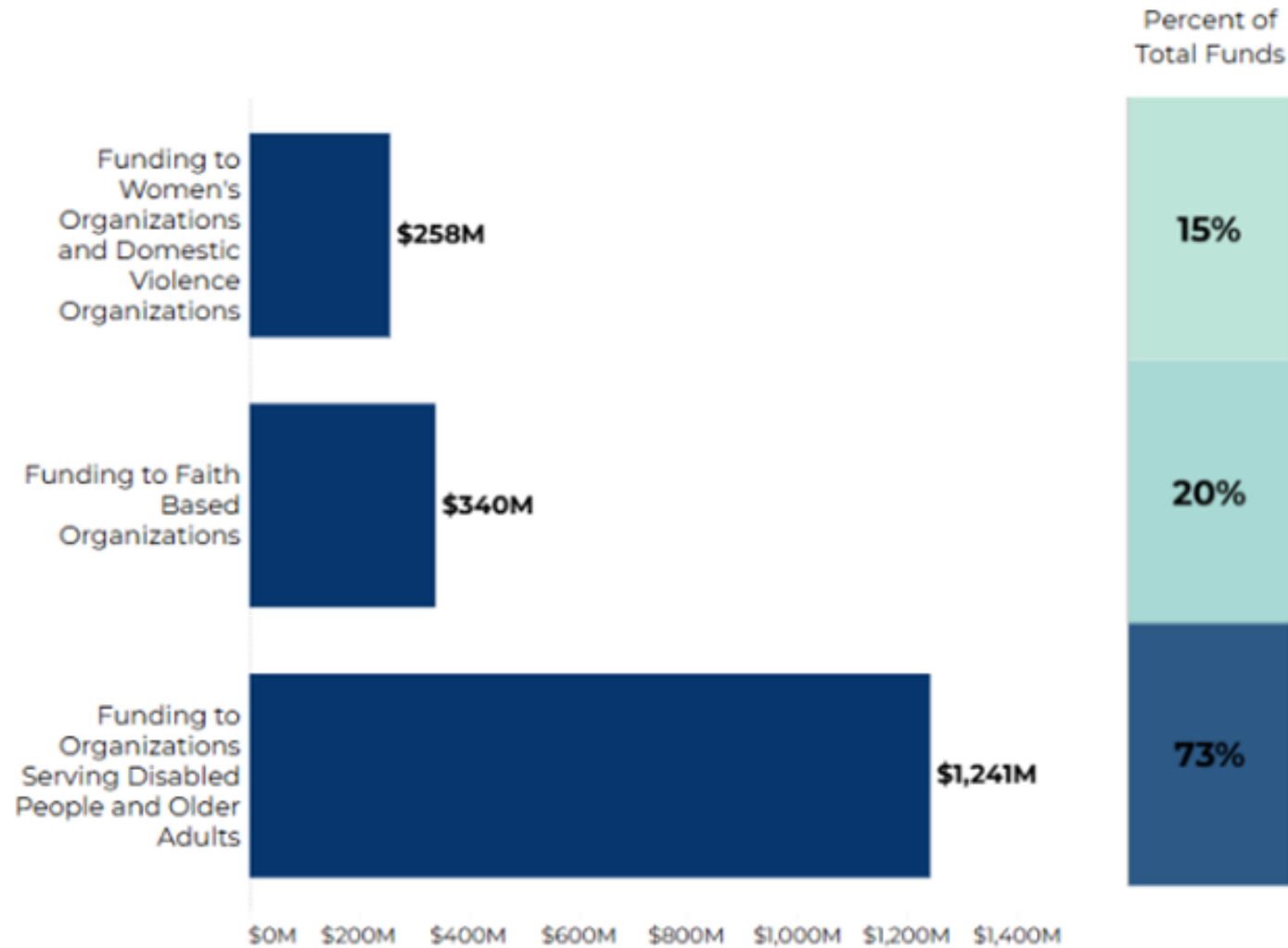
FEDERAL DOLLARS ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR PSH RESIDENTS NOT LIVING IN CITIES

If These Funds Disappear, Roughly Half Those Living in Rural and Suburban Areas Will Lose Their Homes



Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2024 AHAR: Part 1 Housing Inventory Count (Accessed December 2024)
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CUTS TO CONTINUUMS OF CARE WILL IMPACT FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER NON-PROFITS SERVING VULNERABLE GROUPS



Source: CoC Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIWs). Department of Housing and Urban Development (accessed December 2024).

*Some organizations are part of multiple categories. The percent will not add up to 100

*The Alliance analyzed data detailing all grants within a CoC's geographic area that were eligible for renewal funding in fiscal year 2025.



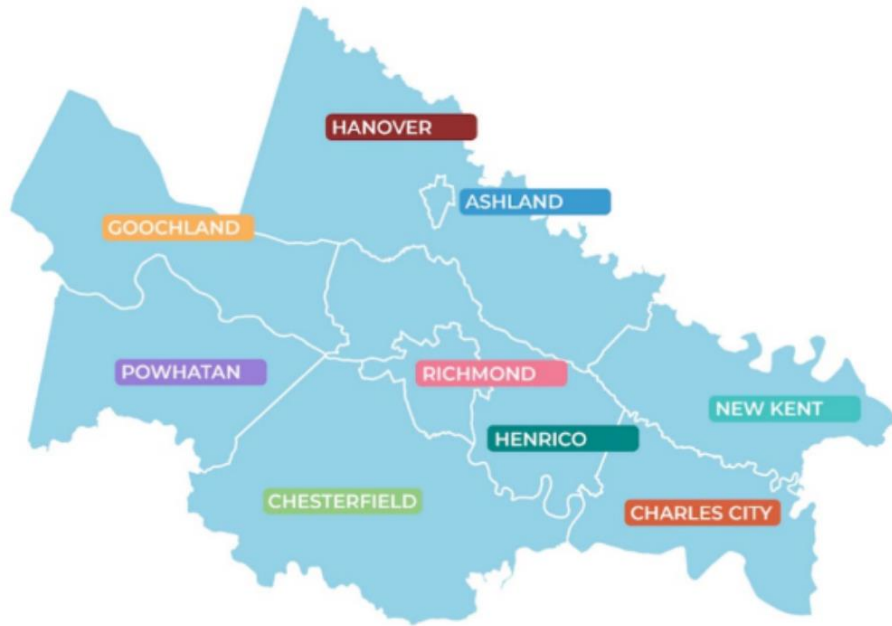
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Homeward & the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care

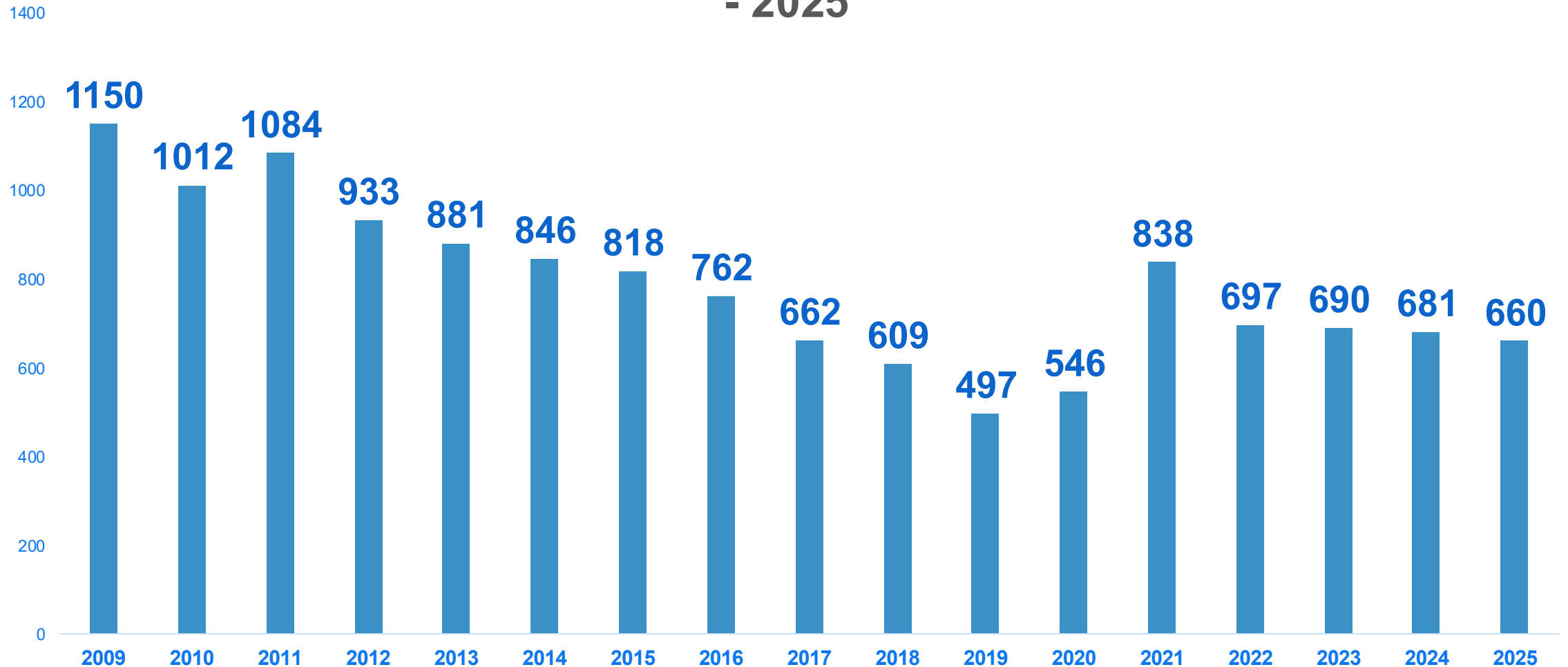


Homeward was created by community stakeholders in 1998 to serve as the planning and support agency to address homelessness in the Richmond region.

Homeward serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the GRCoC and provides person-centered data collection and service coordination.

The Greater Richmond Continuum of Care in Virginia includes the City of Richmond, and the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover (including the town of Ashland), Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan.

Single day winter day count of people in shelters or sleeping outside in the Greater Richmond, VA region, 2009 - 2025



Select milestones in our coordinated response to homelessness

2009:
HEARTH Act
passed

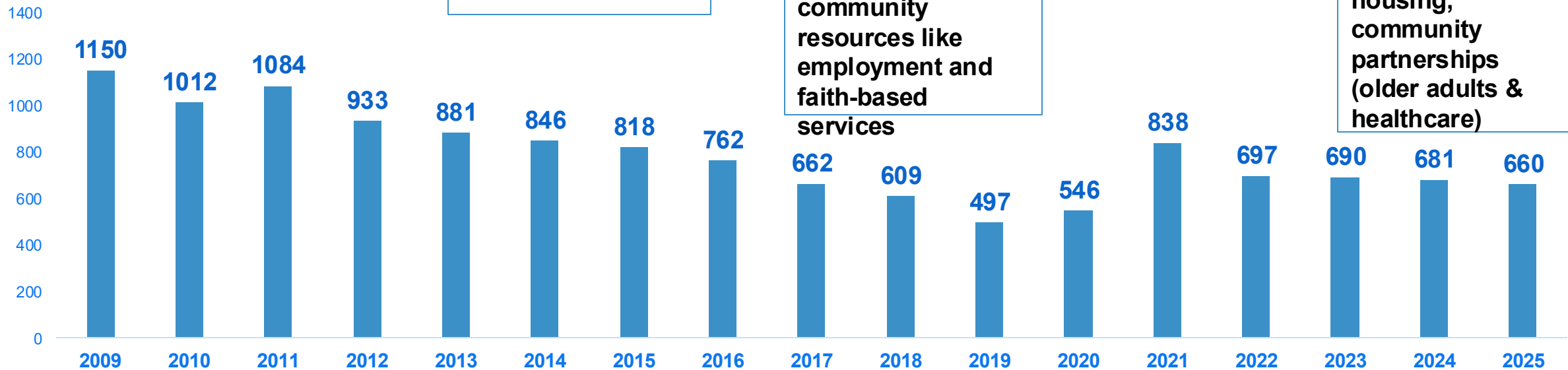
2010 – 12: Focus
on housing
programs (rapid
re-housing &
SSVF; targeted
PSH)

2013 – 14: Local
decision-making
strengthened
through CoC

2018 – 19: Targeted
assistance;
connections to
community
resources like
employment and
faith-based
services

2020 -21: COVID;
added safe
shelter with
limited ability to
rehouse families

2023 – 25: Return
to focus on
housing;
community
partnerships
(older adults &
healthcare)



Need and Capacity of the Homeless Assistance Network in the Greater Richmond, VA community: April 2025



601 people sought homeless assistance during the month of April



Emergency Shelter (ES): **452** served at some point during the month of April



149 people entered an ES program



137 people exited an ES program



Rapid re-housing (RRH); Limited rental assistance and housing-focused case management : **460** served in April



46 entered a RRH program



43 exited a RRH program



Permanent supportive housing; Long-term housing assistance and supportive services: **390** housed in April



6 entered in April; 64 in the previous 12 months



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THE PEOPLE SAID: I WANT TO BE TREATED WITH VALUE, DECENCY AND RESPECT

- The people believe in an equal society in which everyone has a home and access to services and freedom to choose.
- The people recognize that bias occurs in the housing system intentionally or unintentionally – and that we must act consistently and proactively to identify and remove it.
- The people value the voices, spaces and places of all communities, including those who have or are currently experiencing homelessness with the commitment to seek meaningfully inclusion in all housing.
- The people believe that sustainability in all endeavors enhances our lives across the board that create environments that capitalize on ways to promote and emphasize its value.

THE PEOPLE SAID: INCREASE THE % \$125,000,000 PLANNING GRANT FOR LIVED EXPERIENCE WORK

- Bigger Investment In The Work: That supports talent Lived Experience Leaders Experts and Advisors
- Strengthening Partnerships: 1000's of Members on Continuum of Care Boards Across USA
- Improved Systems: That Will Transform and Produce Innovations around the core principals for the 167,000 Lives In Supportive Housing and how we can safe keep affordable housing
- Better Best Practices: Engage In Performance Expectations to improve the Housing justice Model, in which lived experience leaders, experts and advisors provide a crucial impact in many focus areas
- Financial Support: Lived Experience Leaders, Advisors and Experts need this compensation, they rely it to survive, but they are actively participation in preventing and ending homelessness together with National Partners.

THE PEOPLE SAID: A MORE ACTIVE AND DELIBERATE HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

1. **Accountable** – Communication/Foster Trust/Adequate Resources
2. **Sustainable** – Economics/Environments/Social Justice
3. **Inclusive** – Values/Belonging/Transparency

HOW CAN CONGRESS HELP END HOMELESSNESS?

A Budget to Address the Need



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OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS

Phase 1: Congress sets overall spending levels

- President's budget is released with agency specific proposals—usually
- Budget Committees mark up a bill and pass a resolution agreement
- House and Senate set a conference agreement to reconcile their budgets and set overall discretionary spending levels

Phase 2: Congress sets HUD funding levels

- Full Appropriations Committee sets funding levels for House and Senates subcommittees on Transportation-Housing and Urban Development
- Subcommittees determine funding levels for programs

Phase 3: Congress Enacts Appropriations Package

- House and Senate mark-ups begin
- House and Senate work out differences for a final funding bill (“conference report”)

HOW CONGRESS CAN HELP SOLVE HOMELESSNESS

- The Alliance is recommending that Congress provide HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants account with a \$4.922 billion appropriation in Fy2026-- Increase of \$867 million over FY2025

CoC Program

+ \$652 million

- Account for FMR increases in FY25 and FY26
- Recover from FY25 funding loss
- Allow for cost-of-living adjustments for frontline staff
- Allocate new funding to create projects to serve priority populations based on CoC needs

ESG Program

+ 210 million

- Respond to national rise in unsheltered homelessness
- Respond to crushing inflow of people becoming homeless for the first time
- Ensure that emergency accommodations meet evolving needs

TAKE ACTION TO ADVANCE A SOLUTIONS-ORIENTED BUDGET

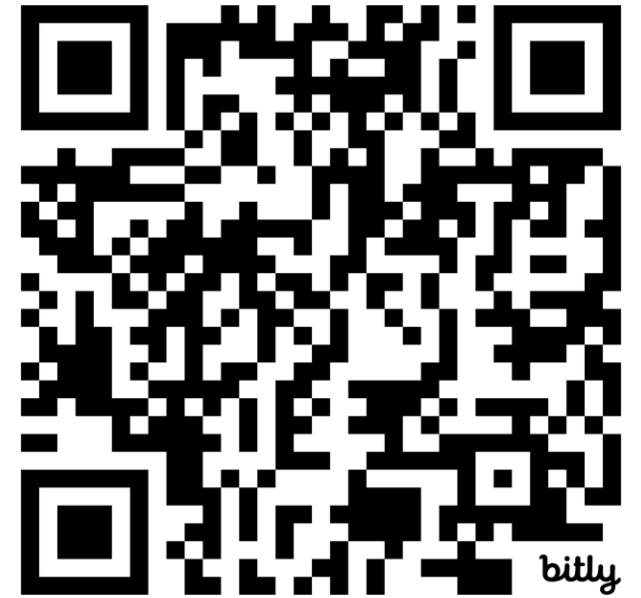
FY2026 Federal Budget Resource Series

Help the Alliance advocate for increased federal funding — and reject cuts to vital programs — using the resources below.

Alliance Resources

Budget Impact Spreadsheets

Take Action



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