

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL VALLEY HOMELESS ROUNDTABLE

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- 9:00 a.m.      Gathering and Networking**
- 9:30            Welcome & Introductions**
- 10:00          Building the Next Generation of CoC Leadership: AmeriCorps VISTA**
- Cole Forstedt & Maihnialor Lee, United Way California Capital Region
  - Andrew Geurkink, Sacramento Steps Forward
- 10:45          Break**
- 11:00          Government Partnerships 101: Getting County and City Buy-In for your CoC**
- Howard Lawrence, Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT)
  - Kristen Schreder, Redding City Council
  - Ashley Hart McIntyre, Marin County Health & Human Services
- 11:45          ESG Update**
- Christina DiFrancesco, HCD
- 12:00          CoC Roll Call**
- 12:30          Lunch**
- 1:30            Announcements, Funding Roundtable**
- 1:35            HUD Updates**
- 1:45            Legislative and Budget Updates and Actions**
- Federal Updates: HomeBase
  - State Updates: HomeBase
- 2:15            Homeless Youth Demonstration Projects: Opportunities to Serve Rural Youth**
- Shahera Hyatt, California Homeless Youth Project
- 2:15            HMIS Breakout: Maintaining Data Quality in Times of Change**
- 3:00            Adjourn**

# The Northern/Central Valley Homeless Roundtable

## Roundtable Goal and History

**Goal:** The Northern/Central Valley Homeless Roundtable is led by delegates in homeless continuums of care in the California Northern and Central Valley communities. Its goal is to create regular opportunities for homeless continua participants to foster an exchange of information and to build community between continuum communities.

### History

(If no location is noted, the meeting was held in Sacramento/West Sacramento)

- **How to Develop Local Homeless Policy**, hosted by Placer Consortium on Homelessness and Affordable Housing (PCOH), in Roseville, CA, on April 29, 2004
- **The Housing First Model**, hosted by Yolo County Homeless Coalition, in Woodland, CA, on July 29, 2004
- **Discharge Planning to Prevent Homelessness**, hosted by Sacramento County & Cities Board on Homelessness, in Sacramento, CA, on Oct. 26, 2004
- **Local Corrections Systems**, hosted by HUD Sacramento Field Office and California HCD, in Sacramento, CA, on Feb. 24, 2005
- **Housing First Model, 10 Year Plans, Prop 63**, hosted by Greater Chico Homeless Task Force/Butte Continuum of Care, in Oroville, CA, on May 5, 2005
- **Homeless Counts; Engaging Law Enforcement**, Merced Continuum of Care Collaborative, in Merced, CA, on July 28, 2005
- **Interacting with Media, MHSA, Medical Care**, hosted by City of Redding & Shasta County Homeless Continuum of Care, in Redding CA, on Oct. 21, 2005
- **Advocacy Issues; Paul Boden & Megan Schatz**, hosted by Stanislaus Housing and Supportive Services Collaborative, in Modesto, CA, on Feb. 23, 2006
- **HMIS Best Practices & Input on 10 Year Plan**, hosted by San Joaquin Continuum of Care, in Stockton, CA, on July 27, 2006
- **Role & Enhancement of Roundtable Infrastructure**, Planning Committee Retreat, in Sacramento, CA, on Aug. 24, 2006
- **Housing Models & Their Application in Member CoC**, hosted by Kings/Tulare CoC, in Visalia, CA, on Oct. 19, 2006
- **10-Year Strategic Planning, Extreme Weather Preparedness**, hosted by Yolo County Homeless Coalition on Feb. 15, 2007
- **Continuum Improvement & Development**, hosted by Chico/Paradise/Butte Continuum of Care on May 17, 2007
- **Advocacy; Federal, State & Local Levels**, hosted by Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care on Aug. 16, 2007
- **Hospital Discharge Planning**, hosted by Redding/Shasta County Continuum of Care Council, in Redding, CA, on Nov. 15, 2007
- **SSI Advocacy**, hosted by HUD Sacramento Field Office, California HCD and HomeBase on Feb. 21, 2008
- **Housing Development 101: Focus on PSH**, hosted by Central Sierra (Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne) CoC, in Jackson, CA, on May, 22, 2008
- **RRH for Families, Housing Operations 101**, hosted by HUD Sacramento Field Office, via Conference Call, on Aug. 28, 2008
- **Project Homeless Connect, Homeless Count**, hosted by Sacramento CoC on Dec. 4, 2008
- **Homeless Programs: Surviving and Thriving**, hosted by Yolo County Housing and Poverty Action Coalition on Feb. 26, 2009
- **How Do We Capitalize on What's Happening Now?**, hosted by Fresno-Madera CoC, in Fresno, CA, on May 28, 2009
- **HMIS Data Standards**, hosted by Roundtable Planning Committee, via Conference Call, on Aug. 27, 2009.
- **Regional Coordination**, hosted by Placer County Continuum of Care, on Nov. 19, 2009
- **HEARTH and Foundation Funding** on Feb. 25, 2010
- **Roundtable Retreat** on March 16, 2010
- **HMIS as a Planning Tool** on May 27, 2010
- **Federal Strategic Plans and CoC Coordination with Federal Mainstream Systems of Care** on August 26, 2010
- **Community-wide Performance Measurements** on December 2, 2010
- **Connecting Homeless Persons to Employment** on February 24, 2011
- **Targeting- How do we best match need to service?** on May 26, 2011
- **Food Security, 100,000 Homes, Corrections Realignment, and Healthcare Reform** on August 11, 2011
- **Linking Homeless Veterans to Housing and Services** on November 4, 2011
- **Serving Homeless Youth; Innovations in SSI Advocacy** on February 23, 2012
- **Coordinated/Centralized Assessment; Working with PHAs** on May 24, 2012
- **Interim Continuum of Care Regulations** on August 23, 2012
- **Opening Doors Revisited; Bringing Law Enforcement to the Table** on December 6, 2012
- **Implementing 211, Coordinating with ESG** on February 28, 2013
- **Definition of Rural, RHSP regulations** on May 23, 2013
- **Federal agencies responding to Homelessness; Serving vehicularly housed** on August 22, 2013
- **Adapting Transitional Housing; Rural Data; Extreme Weather** on December 5, 2013
- **Emergency Shelters: Increased Use and Decreased Funding** on March 27, 2014
- **Using Medi-Cal for Services in Supportive Housing** on May 22, 2014
- **Then and Now: Homelessness in Our Communities from 2004-2014** on August 28, 2014
- **Homelessness Crisis Response System** on December 4, 2014
- **Promoting Landlord Partnerships to Overcome Housing Attainment Barriers** on February 26, 2015
- **Building Positive Relationships with Law Enforcement** on May 28, 2015

## Northern California/Central Valley Homeless Roundtable Acronym List

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
AB	Assembly Bill
ACA	Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
ADAP	AIDS Drug Assistance Program
AHAR	Annual Homeless Assessment Report
AI	Analysis of Impediments (to fair housing), a part of Consolidated Plans
AOD	Alcohol and Drug Dependency
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CA	Collaborative Applicant
CalFresh	California's SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) (formerly Food Stamps)
CalWORKs	California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids
CBO	Community Based Organization
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)
CDCR	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
CDVA	California Department of Veterans Affairs
CH	Chronically Homeless
CSBG	Community Services Block Grant (Federal program that flows from US Department of Health and Human Services to the California Department of Consumer Services and Development to California counties)
CHDO	Community and Housing Development Organization. Non-profit housing provider receiving minimum of 15% of HOME funds
CoC	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless
Continuum of Care	Federal grant program stressing permanent solutions to homelessness
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG and other CPD programs
CPD	Community Planning and Development (HUD Office)
CY	Calendar Year
Davis Bacon	Statutory requirement that persons working on Federal assisted projects be paid at least minimum prevailing wage rates.
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (State Office)
DV	Domestic Violence
EHAP	Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Operating Facility Grants (State program. Obsolete.)
EHAPCD	Emergency Housing and Assistance Program Capital Development (State program). Not open to new applications
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grants (CPD – federal program. Flows to entitlement jurisdictions and HCD)
e-SNAPS	Electronic grants application and management system for HUD Homeless Assistance Programs
FESG	Federal Emergency Shelter Grants (obsolete program – replaced by ESG)
FHEO	Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (HUD Office of)
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for many HUD housing programs)
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FTE	full-time equivalent (employee) (2080 hours of paid employment)
FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GA/GR	General Assistance/General Relief (county assistance)
HAP	Housing Assistance Payments

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
HAP	Housing Assistance Plan; Housing Plans required by CDBG
HCD	Housing and Community Development (California Department of)
HCV	Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance (formerly Section 8)
HEARTH Act	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, S. 896
HIC	Housing Inventory Chart (inventory of housing for the homeless conducted annually in January for same night as the PIT)
HPRP	Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (obsolete)
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program)
HPC	High Performing Community
HQS	Housing Quality Standards (required before move in for HUD programs)
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration (division of US HHS)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
HUD-VASH	HUD Vouchers through Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing
IDIS	Integrated Disbursement and Information System (CPD system)
IHSS	In-Home Supportive Services
LEA	Local Education Agency
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning
LOCCS	Line of Credit Control System
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAEH	National Alliance to End Homelessness
NAMI	National Alliance on Mental Illness
NIMBY	Not In My Back Yard
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
OneCPD	Resource Exchange and email notice system for HUD CDP
PHA/ HA	Public Housing Authority
PIT Count (PITC)	Point-In-Time Homeless Count (unsheltered count conducted biennially, every odd numbered year; sheltered count, every January)
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Quotations. Used to solicit price quotes under the simplified acquisition procurement method.
SA	Sexual Assault Or Substance Abuse
SB	Senate Bill
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
S + C	Shelter + Care (obsolete – replaced by CoC Program)
Section 8	Housing Assistance Payment Program (Housing and Community Development Act of 1974)
Section 202	Loans for construction/rehab of housing for the elderly or handicapped
Section 202/811	Programs for housing assistance to the elderly and people with disabilities
SHP	Supportive Housing Program (obsolete – replaced by CoC Program)
SMI	Serious Mental Illness or Seriously Mentally Ill
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
SNAPS	Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD Division that deals with homelessness)
SOAR	SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SSI/SSDI Application program)

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSO	Supportive Services Only (Type of CoC grant providing services only)
SSVF	Supportive Services for Veterans Families (but can serve single adults)
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TAY	Transition Age Youth
UFA	Unified Funding Agency
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

\*Thanks to Nevada/Placer CoC for use of their acronym list.



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a collection of funding opportunities that HomeBase has seen become available recently. These may not be appropriate for all applicants, and any summaries may not be fully accurate. Please refer to the original grant materials or original source for additional information.

## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO BENEFIT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS (CABHI)

**Agency:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to enhance and/or expand the infrastructure and mental health and substance use treatment services of states and territories, local governments, and other domestic public and private nonprofit entities, federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges, and community- and faith-based organizations.

CABHI grants will increase capacity to provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated, integrated, and evidence-based treatment services; permanent supportive housing; peer supports; and other critical services for:

- Individuals who experience chronic homelessness and have substance use disorders (SUDs), serious mental illness (SMI), serious emotional disturbance (SED), or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders (CODs); and/or
- Veterans who experience homelessness or chronic homelessness and have SUD, SMI, or COD; and/or
- Families who experience homelessness with one or more family members that have SUD, SMI, or COD; and/or
- Youth who experience homelessness and have SUD, SMI, SED, or COD.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are states and territories, local governments, and Communities, which includes other domestic public and private nonprofit entities (e.g. federally recognized AI/AN tribes and tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, public or private universities and colleges, and community- and faith-based organizations).

**Anticipated Total Available Funding:** \$19,576,000

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** Up to 30 awards

**Anticipated Award Amount:** Up to \$1,500,000

**Length of Project:** Up to 3 years

**Due:** March 15, 2016

**Link:** <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-16-007>

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## PUBLIC & INDIAN HOUSING FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM AND FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY DEMONSTRATION (FUP-FSS)

**Agency:** US Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Description:** A demonstration program where Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) have the opportunity to test the effectiveness of combining housing choice vouchers for eligible youth lacking adequate housing under the Family Unification Program (FUP) with assistance under the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program. The purpose is to increase opportunities for housing youth with support to achieve self-sufficiency. The demonstration extends the 18-month time limit to match the length of the FSS contract, typically five years.

**Eligibility:** Public Housing Authorities who currently administer both FUP and an FSS program

**Anticipated Total Available Funding:** not available

**Length of Project:** PHAs must continue to accept participants for the demonstration until notified by HUD.

**Due:** HUD must receive all requests to participate in the demonstration on or before Friday, July 15, 2016.

**Link:** <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=pih2016-01.pdf>.

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## COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING COUNSELING GRANT PROGRAM NOFA

**Agency:** US Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Description:** Provides funds to provide counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management/ and literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist program clients in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership. Funding provided under this NOFA is intended to support HUD-approved housing counseling agencies to respond flexibly to the needs of residents and neighborhoods, and deliver a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, renters, and the homeless. This NOFA plays an integral role in the continued stabilization of our nation's housing market by helping individuals and families obtain housing and stay in their homes through responsible homeownership or affordable rental housing. Traditionally underserved populations, such as minorities, the elderly, veterans, persons with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency and residents of rural areas, face unique housing and economic challenges. HUD's Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program funds housing agencies that provide expert, unbiased guidance and information to help families and individuals meet their housing needs and improve their financial situations. Moreover, HUD grant funding supports housing counseling agencies that act as an important safeguard in the prevention of housing scams and discrimination.

**Eligibility:** All housing counseling agencies (including LHCA, Intermediaries and MSOs) that are directly approved by HUD to participate in the HUD Housing Counseling Program prior to the NOFA issue date and SHFAs are eligible for this NOFA. Housing Counseling agencies that have not received HUD approval but meet the Housing Counseling Program approval criteria at 24 C.F.R. § 214.103 are encouraged to affiliate with a HUD-approved Intermediary or SHFA.

**Available Funds:** est \$40 million

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**Due:** April 4, 2016

**Link:** [https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa16/chcgp](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa16/chcgp)

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## HOPE VI MAIN STREET PROGRAM

**Agency:** US Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Description:** Provides grants to small communities to assist in the renovation of an historic or traditional central business district or “Main Street” area by replacing unused, obsolete, commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. The obsolete building space property may be publicly or privately owned. Note, however, that the local government whose jurisdiction includes the Main Street area is the only entity that is eligible to receive an award. Applications from other entities, e.g., the private property owner, are not eligible for award.

The objectives of the program are to:

1. Redevelop central business districts (Main Street areas);
2. Preserve Historic or traditional Main Street area properties by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units;
3. Enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas; and
4. Provide affordable housing in Main Street areas.

Main Street grant funds can be used to build new affordable housing or reconfigure obsolete or surplus commercial space (or extremely substandard, vacant housing) into affordable housing units.

**Eligibility:** County governments, City or township governments, Special district governments

**Total Program Funding:** \$500,000

**Due:** April 12, 2016

**Link:** <https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2016HOPEVINOFA.pdf>

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## HOUSING COUNSELING TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

**Agency:** US Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Description:** Continues investing in the creation and maintenance of a professional and effective housing counseling industry that is able to meaningfully assist consumers by providing them with the information they need to make informed housing choices, and maximizes the impact of Federal funding appropriated for HUD's Housing Counseling Program. HUD recognizes six (6) Core Topics in which housing counselors need to be competent. These are:

1. Financial Management;
2. Property Maintenance;
3. Homeownership and Tenancy;

4. Fair Housing and other Civil Rights Laws and Requirements
5. Housing Affordability;
6. Avoidance of, and responses to, rental and mortgage delinquency and avoidance of eviction and mortgage default.

Supports the provision of both basic housing counseling training and specialized topics of training to help meet these perceived needs. This financial support will assist housing counseling agencies to increase the use of partnerships with local and state-wide organizations to provide additional place based training on state and local issues. In addition, this support should result in an increased number of training scholarships.

**Eligibility:** State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Available Funds:** \$2 million

**Due:** April 4, 2016

**Link:** <https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2016hctnofa.pdf>

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## HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

**Agency:** US Department of Labor

**Description:** The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), announces the availability of approximately \$13 million in grant funds authorized under Title 38 of United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 2021 and 2023. Consistent with the Opening Doors national campaign directed by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), the purpose of these funds is to conduct programs to provide job training, counseling, placement, and related services to expedite the reintegration of homeless and incarcerated veterans (eligible veterans) into the labor force. As the applicant, you are encouraged to design programs that address the employment challenges faced by eligible veterans in consultation with industry, employers and employer associations to identify the skills needed for in-demand jobs and careers.

**Eligibility:** State and Local Workforce Development Boards (SWDBs/LWDBs) established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) • States or general purpose political subdivisions of a State that have the power to levy taxes and spend funds, such as a city or a county. Additionally, public agencies of such States or general purpose political subdivisions. • Federally-recognized Indian and Native American tribes; tribal organizations, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b; Alaskan Native-controlled organizations; and Native Hawaiian controlled organizations. • For-profit/commercial entities. • Non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. Non-profit entities incorporated under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c)(4) are ineligible.

**Available Funds:** \$13 million

**Award Ceiling:** \$300,000

**Award Floor:** \$100,000

**Due:** March 23, 2016

**Link:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=281708>

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## SECOND CHANCE ACT REENTRY PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL DISORDERS

**Agency:** US Department of Justice

**Description:** The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. There are currently over 2.2 million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through tribal and local jails every year. Ninety-five percent of all people incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. The Second Chance Act helps to ensure that the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is successful and promotes public safety.

The Second Chance Act Programs are designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry and recidivism reduction. The reentry process includes screening and assessment in a pre-release setting, the delivery of evidence-based programming in a pre-release setting, and the delivery of a variety of evidence-based programming for every program participant in a post-release setting designed to ensure that the transition from prison or jail to the community is safe and successful.

**Eligibility:** City, County, State, and Tribal Governments

**Available Funds:** \$7 million

**Award Ceiling:** \$650,000

**Award Floor:** \$0

**Due:** March 30, 2016

**Link:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=281473>

# FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## FEDERAL BUDGET

On February 9, 2016, President Obama released his Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request. The budget request includes nearly \$6 billion in targeted homelessness assistance across federal agencies, an 11% increase over last year's budget, along with an additional \$11 billion over 10 years in mandatory funding targeted for homeless families.

The \$11 billion in mandatory funding would fund short- and long-term rental assistance for 550,000 families with children over the next ten years. On the discretionary side of the budget, the President requested \$414 million in CoC/ESG funds, which would fund 25,500 permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless households, and also includes \$24 million in rapid re-housing for youth and \$25 million to expand the youth homelessness demonstration program started in FY 2016. The discretionary funds also include a \$6 million increase over the FY 2016 enacted level in HHS' Runaway and Homeless Youth program for tailored housing and services interventions for youth, including over \$2 million in prevention pilots. The discretionary budget as proposed would continue to support HUD-VASH and SSVF at current levels, and includes a \$12 million increase in funding to the Department of Labor's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program.

## LEGISLATION

### **H.R. 3700 Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015**

H.R. 3700, a bipartisan bill that would reform certain administrative and other requirements of HUD rental assistance programs, was introduced in October 2015 and passed the House on February 2, 2016. The bill aims to lessen administrative requirements of the Section 8 program, protect Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) residents from displacement due to fluctuation in Fair Market Rent, and allow the contract terms of the HCV program to be extended from 15 to 20 years.

The bill also proposes to alter calculations of tenant income and rent; specifically, decreasing the amount of child care expenses and medical expenses that can be deducted for elderly and disabled families, and increasing the amount that can be deducted for dependents. It would also disqualify from assistance any family with more than \$100,000 in assets.

### RESOURCES FROM HUD

HUD has recently released several resources, tools, and guidance documents to help Homeless Assistance Programs:

*Defining ‘Chronically Homelessness’ Final Rule:* HUD recently posted the recording and accompanying materials from the Defining “Chronically Homeless” Final Rule webinars. These webinars introduced communities and stakeholders to the [Final Rule on Defining “Chronically Homeless”](#), including the history of the definition of chronically homeless and the rationale for the changes implemented in the Final Rule, a highlight of the major changes, and the associated recordkeeping requirements for the documentation of chronic homelessness.

See more at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/training-events/courses/defining-chronically-homeless-final-rule-webinar/>

*Housing + Employment Works Webinar Series:* HUD, in partnership with the Department of Labor and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, is offering a series of webinars on strategies for effective partnerships between CoCs and local workforce organizations, including utilizing Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act resources, assessing consumers’ employment-related needs and abilities in coordinated entry, and using systems performance measures to evaluate progress around employment and income. Four webinars will be held on a bimonthly schedule, beginning in late February.

See more at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/housing-employment-works-webinar-series/>

### RESOURCES FROM FEDERAL PARTNERS

*Community Policing Dispatch:* In December 2015, the Department of Justice partnered with HUD, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty to produce an issue of its Community Oriented Policing Services monthly newsletter devoted to breaking the cycle of homelessness. The issue focuses on local efforts to involve law enforcement in community planning to end homelessness and alternatives to criminalization.

See more at: <http://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/12-2015/index.asp>

*Ending Veteran Homelessness Updated Resources:* The Federal Partners recently released updated resources to assist communities with meeting the Federal Criteria and Benchmarks for Ending Homelessness among Veterans, including the

Federal Criteria and Benchmarks Review Tool and the Master List Template and Benchmark Generation Tool. These tools are meant for assisting communities to understand their current status relative to Federal benchmarks and to generate by-name lists and associated resources. A webinar on how to best use the tools was also recently published.

The tools and additional information can be found at:

[https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/veteran\\_information/mayors\\_challenge/mayors\\_and\\_staff](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/veteran_information/mayors_challenge/mayors_and_staff)

*Rapid Re-Housing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards:* The National Alliance to End Homelessness released new guidelines for effective implementation of rapid re-housing, established by the Alliance, HUD, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. The guidance includes performance benchmarks that would qualify a program as effective; accompanying qualitative program standards for each of the rapid re-housing core components that are likely to help a program meet the performance benchmarks; and program philosophy and design standards that provide more guidance on the broader role a rapid re-housing program should play in ending homelessness.

The guide and additional information can be found at:

[http://www.endhomelessness.org/page/-/files/Rapid Re-Housing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards 2016.pdf](http://www.endhomelessness.org/page/-/files/Rapid%20Re-Housing%20Performance%20Benchmarks%20and%20Program%20Standards%202016.pdf)

# HOMELESS YOUTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS: OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE RURAL YOUTH

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2016, passed in December, Congress provided thirty-three million dollars in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for demonstration projects for homeless youth. Specifically, the Act read:

[U]p to \$33,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be to implement projects to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under, in up to 10 communities, including at least four rural communities, can dramatically reduce youth homelessness

These projects, which will be renewable under the Continuum of Care program, provide an opportunity for providers, particularly rural providers, to receive significant resources for ending youth homelessness. While the details of this grant have not yet been released, there are a number of likely factors communities can consider to begin to plan an application.

## A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

The budget bill stresses the need for a “comprehensive” approach to serving homeless youth that will “dramatically reduce” youth homelessness. In this context, “comprehensive” likely means “integrated” – HUD will be looking for projects that involve not just housing authorities, but also the child welfare office, TANF, the school system (not just McKinney-Vento liaisons but also individual schools), the juvenile justice system, property managers, and supportive service providers. Applicants will need to propose a system that can identify youth within a short time of them entering homelessness and then provide an appropriate suite of services as quickly as possible.

Some of the specific ways of demonstrating “integration” could be to have a functional coordinated entry system, open HMIS, and detailed service agreements spelling out which services will be provided by which agencies.

## OTHER YOUTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

The Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth (P3) was a funding opportunity set out in the 2015 Appropriations Act. P3 provided \$7.1 million to fund ten public-private partnerships to improve outcomes for disconnected youth by offering flexibility in using and coordinating existing funding streams, assuming the agencies in charge of those funding

streams agreed. HUD officials have expressed excitement over the advantages they have already seen from this flexibility. It would not be surprising to see similar flexibilities in HUD's upcoming homeless youth demonstration projects.

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANSION

HUD Secretary Julián Castro spoke about the budget, suggesting that the \$33 million in FY16 demonstration funding is meant to kick off youth homelessness initiatives in 10 different CoCs, with future funding being available to spread the project out to additional CoCs. Therefore, even a CoC that does not feel ready to apply for these funds in 2016 can begin to prepare for a similar funding opportunity in the future.



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**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO RESPOND! THANK YOU!!!**

**What was the best part about today?**

**What can we improve for next time?**

**Topics you'd like on the agenda for upcoming Roundtables:**

**Other comments/suggestions about this meeting:**