



Investing in the End of Homelessness: The President's 2017 Budget

President Obama's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget reflects the need to act with urgency to end homelessness in America once and for all. It shows an unwavering commitment to the vision of *Opening Doors*, the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness – that every woman, man, young person, and child in America deserves a safe, stable place to call home. We call on Congress to partner with the administration and further strengthen its support of communities across the country by funding these critical requests.

The President requests 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 to reach and maintain the goal of ending homelessness for all families by 2020. Coupled with federal mainstream programs, these historic investments in proven, cost-effective solutions will drive us toward realizing the goal of ending homelessness in America.

Fully Funding the Housing Resources to End Family Homelessness

As HUD's recent Family Options Study confirms, access to stable, permanent housing is a proven solution to homelessness among families with children. Focused on investing in solutions that work, the President's Budget requests an investment in housing assistance at a scale that will end homelessness among American families once and for all. Specifically, the Budget requests \$11 billion in mandatory funding to fund short- and long-term rental assistance for 550,000 families with children over the next 10 years, along with a discretionary spending increase in HUD's budget that will expand rapid re-housing and targeted Housing Choice vouchers for families experiencing homelessness in the near term. Together, these investments will make it possible for communities to achieve and sustain the end of homelessness among families with children.

Finishing the Job of Ending Chronic Homelessness

Permanent supportive housing is a proven solution to chronic homelessness – long-term homelessness among individuals with disabilities and complex health conditions. The President's Budget adds 25,500 units of permanent supportive housing to the nation's inventory through HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants – enough to bring an end to chronic homelessness in all communities once and for all. This request is aligned with sustained investments in key programs at SAMHSA and an expansion of a joint DOJ-HUD permanent supportive housing demonstration. These investments in permanent supportive housing also advance other critical national priorities including: strengthening our country's response to mental health and addiction crises; reforming the criminal justice system and breaking the cycle of poverty, criminality, and incarceration; and scaling up cost-effective solutions that address social determinants of health among people with complex care needs.

Strengthening Communities' Capacity to End Youth Homelessness

In FY 2016, Congress provided investments that will increase communities' capacity to assist youth experiencing homelessness, build the evidence base for effective programs, and deepen our understanding of the scope and dynamics of homelessness among unaccompanied youth and young adults. The President's 2017 Budget provides additional investments to further expand our capacity, knowledge, and momentum to end homelessness among youth. Specifically, the Budget provides a \$25 million increase for this purpose in HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants. It also includes 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.

Achieving and Sustaining an End to Veteran Homelessness

States and communities across the country are ending Veteran homelessness by creating effective and enduring systems that prevent Veterans from falling into homelessness, or if that crisis cannot be prevented, help Veterans and their families to quickly obtain stable, permanent housing. The President's 2017 Budget sustains investments in targeted housing, social services, and employment assistance that will enable communities to end Veteran homelessness, and prevent its future reoccurrence. Specifically, the Budget continues to support the HUD-VA Supportive Housing program, VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, and other targeted programs, and a \$12 million increase for DOL's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program.

Setting a Path to End All Types of Homelessness

The Budget expands or sustains funding for targeted health care, early childhood, and educational supports that help all adults and children experiencing homelessness to achieve stability. In addition, the Budget requests continued funding for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness in FY 2017, as well as an extension of the agency's sunset date through at least FY 2020, to support the continued federal, intergovernmental, and cross-sector collaboration that will be necessary to achieve an end to homelessness for all Americans.

U.S. Targeted Homelessness Assistance (discretionary budget authority in millions of dollars)

Agency	Program	2015 Enacted	2016 Enacted	2017 Budget
USICH	Opening Doors – Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness	3.6	3.6	3.6
HUD	Homeless Assistance – Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant programs	2,135	2,250	2,664
HUD	New HUD-VASH Vouchers	75	60	--
HUD	New Vouchers Targeted to Homeless Families with Children	--	--	88
HHS	HRSA: Health Care for the Homeless program	410	440	440
HHS	SAMHSA: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	65	65	65
HHS	SAMHSA: Homeless Prevention and Housing programs	33	33	33
HHS	SAMHSA: Treatment Systems for Homelessness	41	41	36
HHS	ACF: Runaway and Homeless Youth; Service Connections for Youth	114	119	126
HHS	ACF: Head Start program	358	365	371
VA	Health Care for Homeless Veterans program	158	155	161
VA	Compensated Work Therapy program	61	62	57
VA	HUD-VA Supportive Housing program	374	TBD	TBD
VA	Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem program	250	206	248
VA	Justice Outreach, Homelessness Prevention Initiative	38	37	40
VA	Supportive Services for Veteran Families	300	300	300
VA	Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans program	183	194	180
ED	Education for Homeless Children and Youth program	65	70	85
Justice	Transitional Housing Assistance Grants to Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking program	26	30	30
Justice	Bureau of Justice Assistance: Pay for Success Supportive Housing Demonstration	5	5	10
Labor	Homeless Veterans' Reintegration program	38	38	50
FEMA	Emergency Food and Shelter program	120	120	100
USDA	The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	376	372	388

U.S. Targeted Homelessness Assistance (mandatory outlays in millions of dollars)

Agency	Program	2015 Enacted	2016 Enacted	2017-26
HUD	Homeless Assistance for Families	--	--	10,967