



**U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness
Fiscal Year 2022
Congressional Budget Justification**



I am pleased to present the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' (USICH) FY 2022 Congressional Budget Justification.

USICH is implementing a comprehensive national approach to realize the Administration's goal of ending homelessness in the United States through coordinating a whole of government approach, and creating national, state, and local partnerships. USICH's role in coordinating this interagency, and multisector response to homelessness, navigating silos that reduces fragmentation and identifying evidence based and cost-effective solutions is key to achieving the objectives of preventing and ending homelessness in the United States.

The reported accomplishments and planned activities herein reflect USICH's role in coordinating the federal government's response to homelessness and leading the implementation of the Administration's priorities to end homelessness. In addition to coordination and building partnerships, USICH uses several communications tools to disseminate information and best practices to federal, state, and local decision makers. The USICH website serves as a resource for communities and federal partners to stay up to date on solutions and tools that are helping men, women and children exit homelessness. USICH and federal partners publish resources on the site, and webinars are hosted by both USICH staff and experts in the field on topics relevant to USICH's federal and non-federal partners.

I am confident that our work will produce many more accomplishments that get us closer to ending homelessness. We remain committed to this goal and look forward to the day that every American has a safe, stable, and permanent place to call home.

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Fiscal Year 2022 Summary Statement

	2020 Enacted	2021 Enacted	2022 Request
Budget Authority	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$4,000,000

Comparisons by Budget Object Classification: 2020 - 2022

	2020 Actuals*	2021 Enacted	2022 Request
11.0: Personnel	\$2,119,179	\$2,290,565	\$2,342,675
<i>FTE</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>18</i>
12.0: Civilian Personnel Benefits	690,378	778,791	734,565
21.0: Travel and Transportation of Persons	145,217	191,198	180,000
22.0: Transportation of Things	1,765	960	960
23.0: Communications, Utilities, and Misc.	68,183	70,000	90,000
24.0: Printing and Reproduction	0	0	0
25.0: Services	595,608	446,486	631,800
26.0: Supplies and Materials	21,488	22,000	20,000
Total Obligations, Actual/Estimate	3,641,818	3,800,000	4,000,000
Total Outlays, Actual/Estimate	3,497,596	3,800,000	4,000,000

*For FY 2020, USICH experienced delays in filling positions. USICH is currently in process of filling these jobs, to fully staff up going forward. Of the amounts appropriated in FY 2020, \$158,181 carried over into FY 2021, and will be added to the amounts allocated for BOC 25.0 Services.

I. Executive Summary

USICH was originally authorized by Congress through Title II of the landmark Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (PL 100-77) to serve as an “independent establishment” within the

executive branch. We were charged with coordinating the federal response to homelessness and creating a national partnership at every level of government and with the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation while maximizing the effectiveness of the federal government in contributing to the end of homelessness.

In accomplishing our mission, we coordinate and catalyze the federal response to homelessness, working in close partnership across our 19 federal member agencies. The 19-agency council coordinates response measures that address homelessness as a public health issue and guides resource allocations to address the causes and effects of homelessness.

Further, USICH organizes and supports leaders such as Governors, Mayors, Continuum of Care leaders, and other local officials. With these partners, we drive action to achieve the goals of the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness.

To support our continued work and focus on preventing and ending homelessness, USICH presents its FY 2022 Budget Request. **The total funding level is \$4,000,000, a 5.3% increase over our enacted FY 2021 budget and includes 18 FTEs and necessary operational costs.** This increase reflects an increase to the personnel and benefits categories to include a 1% COLA, an increase to the personnel category to account for possible and allowable employee awards and expected increases in the costs of rent and shared-services operational support. Additionally, our entire office building, GSA's 7th and D street, SW location, is scheduled to go through redesign and renovation, and our share of those costs are included in this year's Request.

II. Our Request

OC 11.0 Personnel - \$2,342,675

USICH can drive federal policy through a small number of dedicated staff. Our employees work nimbly and efficiently across the federal government, in close partnership with state and local governments, and with the non-profit and private sectors to end homelessness and foster housing stability throughout the country. Staff coordinate the work of federal partners across HHS, HUD, VA, and other Council member agencies to better align their investments and achieve maximum impact and return on investment of taxpayer dollars.

USICH uses its OPM-approved performance management system to sustain and encourage continued high performance among our staff. This tool helps support the ability to recruit and maintain our staff to carry out the Agency's mission.

For Fiscal Year 2021, USICH requests funding for 18 FTE. These staff carry out our policy work, work with our federal partners and national, state, and local stakeholders, carry out our internal mission support functions, communications work, and other areas – all in support of the mission of the Agency.

OC 12.0 Civilian Personnel Benefits - \$734,565

These costs reflect agency-provided and OPM-approved benefits for all applicable employees.

OC 21.0 Travel and Transportation of Persons - \$180,000

Headquarters and regional staff to work directly alongside state and local stakeholders to provide guidance and develop cross-sector partnerships and solutions. Travel costs are necessary to support USICH's ability to directly engage with partners and further progress towards ending homelessness in states and communities.

USICH continues to utilize new technologies as much as practicable to preserve and maintain our local partnerships virtually, while also recognizing that working directly with our partners on the ground allows us to leverage those relationships into local actions and policy changes through in-person engagement.

USICH continues to combine as much stakeholder work into each trip as possible, ensuring travel funds are used in the most cost-effective manner.

OC 22.0 Transportation of Things - \$960

Estimated costs are for mailings and deliveries.

OC 23.0 Communications, Utilities, and Miscellaneous - \$90,000

These costs cover office and cellular phones, internet connectivity, postage, and package delivery costs.

OC 25.0 Services - \$631,800

This category includes agency-leased office space, as well as operations assistance and infrastructure support from USDA and GSA in finance, payroll, human resources processing, outside auditors for compliance with the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act, information technology desktop and network support and other operational support items. Additionally, costs included here support our communications work in support of the agency's strategic plan, as well as our website management and webinars hosted by USICH. Expected increases in rent, USICH's shared costs of our building's renovation of \$90,000, along with rises in the costs in our financial and HR shared services support have increased this category above the prior year's requested line item for Services.

OC 26.0 Supplies and Materials - \$20,000

This category covers necessary supplies and materials to support the work of USICH.