



How County Leaders Can Address Homelessness (And How the Federal Government Can Help)

Homelessness is deadly but **solvable and preventable**.
 Homelessness is the **failure of systems**—not people.
 Homelessness is a **policy choice** that you can help end.

Read *All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* at [usich.gov/all-in](https://www.usich.gov/all-in)



NEW: 19 Strategies to Address Encampments

EQUITY	CRISIS RESPONSE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engage Encampment Residents in Efforts to Develop Solutions Address Unique Needs of People With Chronic and Acute Health Conditions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Address Basic Needs and Provide Health Care Conduct Comprehensive, Coordinated, and Ongoing Housing-Focused Outreach Provide Storage
COLLABORATION	HOUSING & SUPPORT
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response Empower Outreach Teams and Health Providers to Lead the Effort Prioritize Closure Based on Health and Safety Factors Engage Neighboring Residents and Businesses 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Access to Housing and Services Ensure Interim Strategies Promote Dignity, Respect, and Pathways to Permanent Housing Develop Pathways to Permanent Housing and Support Ensure Encampments Are Closed Humanely
DATA & EVIDENCE	PREVENTION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collect and Share Qualitative and Quantitative Data Track Shelter and Housing Availability Track Status of People Housed and Yet to Be Housed 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Expand Affordable Housing Interrupt Pipelines Into Homelessness Build and Strengthen Safety Nets

Read the full guidance at [usich.gov/encampments](https://www.usich.gov/encampments).

President’s Budget Request for FY 2025

Invests more than \$10 billion to help people already experiencing homelessness—an **11% increase overall** from 2023 and a significant increase for several programs: **40% more for Health Care for the Homeless**, 16% more for HUD-VA Supportive Housing, 12% more for Homeless Assistance Grants, and 10% more for Transitional Housing Assistance Grants to Victims of Sexual Assault.

Agency	Targeted Program	2023 Enacted (Millions)	2024 Annualized CR (Millions)	2025 Budget (Millions)
DOJ	Transitional Housing Assistance Grants to Victims of Sexual Assault	50	50	55
DOL	Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program	66	66	66
ED	Education for Homeless Children and Youths	129	129	129
FEMA	Emergency Food and Shelter ¹	130	130	130
HHS	HRSA: Health Care for the Homeless	501	501	703
HHS	SAMHSA Projects for Assistance in Transition From Homelessness (PATH)	67	67	67
HHS	SAMHSA Mental Health Programs of Reg/National Significance (PRNS) ²	36	36	36
HHS	SAMHSA Substance Abuse Programs of Reg/National Significance (PRNS) ³	37	37	37
HHS	ACF: Runaway and Homeless Youth	146	146	146
HHS	ACF: Head Start	766	766	802
HUD	Homeless Assistance Grants	3,633	3,633	4,060
HUD	New HUD-VASH Vouchers ⁴	50	50	-
USDA	USDA/FNS: The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	538	538	570
USICH	United States Interagency Council on Homelessness	4.0	4.0	4.3
VA	Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)	229	229	283
VA	Domiciliary Care	232	232	259
VA	Comp. Work Therapy/TR	193	193	232
VA	HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	958	958	1,107
VA	Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program	276	276	320
VA	Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)	73	73	105
VA	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	740	740	659
VA	Other	170	170	245
Total		9,024	9,024	10,015

Other budget highlights include:

- \$32.8 billion for Housing Choice Voucher Program, **expanding voucher to 20,000 households**
- \$9 billion to guarantee housing vouchers for youth aging out of foster care
- \$13 billion to guarantee rental assistance for every extremely low-income veteran
- \$258 billion to **build or preserve more than 2 million affordable homes**, including \$1.3 billion for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program to build and expand affordable rental housing
- \$37 billion to **expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit** Program
- \$7.5 billion for new Project-Based Rental Assistance contracts to incentivize climate-resilient affordable housing
- \$20 billion for a **new Innovation Fund** for Housing Expansion

Federal Regulatory Relief to Address Homelessness and Health

Homelessness is not simply a housing crisis. Poor health can be both a cause and effect of homelessness. Like air, water, and food, affordable and accessible housing is a basic human need necessary for the health of people and communities. Homelessness, by contrast, is a public health crisis that should be treated with the same urgency as a tornado, wildfire, or pandemic.

One way to address the health and housing needs of people experiencing homelessness is Medicaid 1115 waivers, which let states **use Medicaid to cover the short-term cost of housing** to facilitate mental health and substance use treatment for people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness after transitioning from a hospital or health facility. 1115 waivers also make it easier for health providers to treat people experiencing homelessness where they are—in shelters, tents, and streets.

1115 waivers are innovative—and common sense. People are healthier when they have a roof over their head, and people with health problems (especially mental health and substance use disorders) are more likely to recover when they don't have to endure the trauma of homelessness. The following states have a 1115 waiver: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Washington

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ALL IN IMPLEMENTATION

Progress Is Happening Every Day

- ▶ **\$3.1 BILLION:** The Biden-Harris Administration's 2023 investment in local homelessness response systems represents **more than any other year in U.S. history.**
- ▶ Roughly **1 million Americans** move out of homelessness and into  every year.

Building on the Success of the American Rescue Plan

- ▶ This is **the largest single-year investment in U.S. history** and it prevented a surge in homelessness during the worst years of the pandemic, proving we can make progress—even under difficult circumstances.
- ▶ **900+ governments are using \$17+ billion** in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for 2,700+ projects to develop/preserve housing and provide emergency housing/rental assistance. 

- ▶ 12+ million emergency rental assistance payments **prevented millions of evictions.**

- ▶  approved plans to build **20,000 affordable and supportive housing units.**

- ▶  created **70,000 emergency housing vouchers**—the first specifically for people experiencing homelessness.

- ▶ **\$800 million** has been distributed by  across every state for homeless children and youth.

Helping More People Move Off the Streets and Into Homes

- ▶ \$531 million: HUD deployed the **first federal funding specifically for unsheltered and rural homelessness** to 62 communities.
- ▶  HUD, and USICH worked with **100+ communities to rehouse more than 140,000 in 2022.**
- ▶ The White House and USICH **launched the ALL INside Initiative** in May 2023 to cut red tape and lower barriers to housing, health care, and support in Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix Metro, Seattle, Los Angeles, and the state of California.
- ▶ Since 2021,  has granted multiple states the **flexibility to use Medicaid** funds to pay for housing supports and other wraparound services for people experiencing homelessness.

Guiding New Research

- ▶ USICH released the **first federal agenda in more than a decade**, shaping federal and private investment in understanding what works to prevent and end homelessness.