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TO END HOMELESSNESS



Policy Alert

Because of the fast nature of public policy, Funders Together to End Homelessness will now provide bi-weekly updates to keep you abreast of current and upcoming policy developments. These updates will provide details on current policy efforts, including actions for philanthropy, and how we can influence the long-term vision.

What's Happening: 4-night Sit-In Outside the Capitol, New Eviction Moratorium Through October 3rd

Following [Representative Cori Bush's four night sit-in](#) outside the Capitol, the CDC issued a new [eviction moratorium](#) after the expiration of the previous moratorium on July 31. The new moratorium runs through October 3rd and prohibits renters in communities with [high COVID-19 transmission rates](#) from being evicted for nonpayment of rent. It currently covers 90% of renters across the country and 80% of counties. The new moratorium also offers an opportunity for communities to disburse [emergency rental assistance to households at risk of homelessness](#).

However, this moratorium has limitations. Protections no longer apply once a community moves out of substantial or high level status of community transmission. In addition, the moratorium does not protect renters who have already been evicted from their homes, which are disproportionately individuals and families from BIPOC communities. This makes it critical that Emergency Rental Assistance is quickly distributed to rehouse folks and prevent them from experiencing homelessness.

Landlord associations are pushing back on this new moratorium and [it may face legal challenges](#), which makes the quick and equitable distribution of ERA funds all the more crucial. Funders Together is working with national partners to stay updated on the moratorium and understand how philanthropy can support communities in the midst of this new moratorium and the barriers it faces. Through upcoming policy updates, we will provide up-to-date information on the role you can play in supporting your community.

You can also review our [July 13 public policy call](#) with Ann Oliva, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Sarah Saadian, National Low Income Housing Coalition, to learn more about what funders can do to help communities plan and spend recent federal resources to help prevent evictions and homelessness, especially among communities who have been historically marginalized.

How Philanthropy Can Take Action

On **Thursday, August 12 from 3:30-5:30p ET/12:30-2:30p PT**, the Melville Charitable Trust is hosting a Philanthropy Eviction Prevention Strategy Session as a follow up to the [White House's Eviction Prevention Summit events](#) earlier this summer. This call is focused on creating concrete action steps for philanthropy from the [46 communities](#) that face the greatest eviction risk. Participants will hear from federal partners, learn from other funders about how philanthropy can support equitable distribution of Emergency Rental Assistance funds, and discuss additional funding opportunities to support eviction prevention.

If your [community is on this list](#) and you are interested in attending, please [contact Lauren Bennett](#) by EOD on Wednesday, August 11.

Focusing on the Long-Term Vision: Supporting Visionary House Bills

In partnership with other members in the [National Coalition for Housing Justice](#), Funders Together to End Homelessness signed on to support Representatives Maxine Waters (CA-43) and Cori Bush (MO-01) in their respective bills to address the urgency of the homelessness crisis and advance housing justice. In June, Rep. Waters introduced two bills: the [Ending Homelessness Act of 2021](#) and the [Housing is Infrastructure Act of 2021](#). The Ending Homelessness Act would transform the Housing Choice Voucher program into a federal entitlement while the Housing is Infrastructure Act would provide a federal investment of over \$600 billion in equitable, affordable, and accessible housing infrastructure.

In late July, Rep. Bush introduced a visionary and ambitious resolution - the [Unhoused Bill of Rights](#). The Unhoused Bill of Rights affirms the rights of people experiencing homelessness, calls on Congress to permanently end homelessness by 2025, and guarantee housing, health care, and livable wages for people experiencing homelessness.

We are currently working through the National Coalition for Housing Justice to secure co-sponsors and endorsements for these bills to show support for robust federal investments to address affordable housing and end homelessness.

Policy Resource Round-Up

- **Funders Together:**
 - [Opportunities to Invest in Housing Justice by Leveraging Federal Resources](#)
 - [Federal Resources, Local Impact: Q&A with National Policy Experts](#)
 - [The Partnership for Equitable and Resilient Communities Information Session](#)
- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities:**
 - [Tracking the COVID-19 Recession's Effects on Food, Housing, and Employment Hardships](#)
 - [Families Wait Years for Housing Vouchers Due to Inadequate Funding](#)
- **Domestic Policy Council:**
 - [Rental Assistance Call to Action](#)
- **National Low Income Housing Coalition:**
 - [CDC Announces Eviction Moratorium Through October 3](#)
 - [Direct-to-Tenant Payment Implementation: Increasing Flexibility and Equity in Emergency Rental Assistance Programs](#)
- **NPR:**
 - [Here's What You Need to Know About the New Eviction Ban](#)

Please note: Access to webinar and call recordings are only available to Full Members of Funders Together. If you are interested in joining to view these recordings as well as gain access to other Full Member benefits, contact Stephanie Chan, stephanie@funderstogether.org or visit our [Join Us page](#).

As always, we are here to answer your questions or provide insights on public policy developments and opportunities. [Please reach out to me](#) at any time.

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