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TO END HOMELESSNESS



Policy Alert

House and Senate Committees Finalizing Allocations for Housing Programs in Reconciliation Bill

Last week, the [House approved the budget resolution](#) that created the opportunity for a \$3.5 trillion infrastructure and economic recovery package, including critical and unprecedented investments in affordable housing up to \$339 billion. Now, committees in both the House and Senate are working to make allocations and dividing the resources between housing and transportation programs.

We are hearing the committees are working through the weekend and are close to finalizing legislation soon. We expect the House Financial Services Committee to vote on the bill on September 13th before its included in a larger infrastructure and economic recovery package with a vote on the House floor at the end of the month. **It is critical that advocates do outreach now to secure the most investments possible to address affordable housing needs and end homelessness.**

Funders Together is advocating for robust federal resources to be allocated to housing and homelessness services and [stressing the necessity of these investments](#). Through the [National Coalition for Housing Justice](#), we are working with partners to secure community, organizational, and policymaker [sign-ons](#) to call for Congress to:

- Expand Rental Assistance: \$180B Increase in Housing Choice Vouchers
- Preserve Existing Public Housing: \$70B in Public Housing Infrastructure Investments
- Increase Affordable Housing Production and Preservation: \$45B in the National Housing Trust Fund

What Philanthropy Can Do

If you can engage in direct lobbying, [sign on to and share the HoUSed Sign-On Letter](#) that urges Congress to enact bold, long-term solutions for housing that is universal, stable, and affordable. Funders Together and our partners are working to secure as many community and organizational sign-ons as possible to show widespread support and need for these investments.

If you are unable to partake in direct lobbying activities, contact your federal policymakers to educate and inform them about what you are seeing and hearing from grantee partners around housing needs and housing instability in your area, especially among communities who have been historically marginalized or underserved.

Remember: Public and private foundations may educate legislators about a broad range of issues without referencing or providing views on specific legislation. Public and private foundations can also provide capacity for grantee partners to contact their Representatives and Senators on behalf of their community. Talking points from our partners at the National Low Income Housing Coalition [can be found here](#).

As always, we are here to answer your questions around this urgent request or what funders can do. Please reach out to me or [Amanda](#) at any time.

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