



# Funders Together

## TO END HOMELESSNESS



### Policy Alert

#### What's Happening: Federal FY23 Appropriations Advocacy

Negotiations for fiscal year 2023 appropriations are underway and offer an opportunity for Congress to provide the critical housing supports and homelessness services that our communities need to advance housing and racial justice.

Funders Together and its partners in the [National Coalition for Housing Justice](#) are advocating for Congress and the federal government to allocate:

- \$32.1 billion for the Housing Choice Voucher program
- \$3.6 billion for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants program
- \$5.125 billion for the Public Housing Capital Fund and \$5.06 billion for the Public Housing Operating Fund
- \$100 million for legal assistance to prevent evictions
- \$300 million for the competitive tribal housing program
- \$300 million for Runaway and Homeless Youth services
- \$250 million for Building Capacity of Public Health Systems
- \$107.5 million for the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program
- \$275 million for the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program (HCHV)
- \$500 million for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem
- \$75 million for the Healthcare for Reentry Veterans and Veterans Justice Outreach program
- \$795 million for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program
- \$594 million for the Case Management for the HUD-VASH Program

#### How Philanthropy Can Take Action

Now is the time for advocates to push their Representatives and Senators to prioritize targeted programs in FY23 spending bills to address the growing housing and homelessness crises in communities across the country.

If you are a public foundation or United Way and can engage in direct lobbying, call on members of Congress to weigh in directly with committee members and leadership [to support these investments in housing](#) and [sign your organization](#) on to this letter with the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding, supporting the highest level of funding possible for affordable housing, homelessness, and community development resources in FY23.

If you are a private foundation or unable to partake in direct lobbying activities, contact your federal policymakers to educate and inform them about what you are seeing in your community and hearing from grantee partners around affordable housing and housing instability. You can also encourage your trustees to advocate for these levels of federal investments in housing and homelessness services.

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. If you need assistance or talking points, please contact us or review the [HoUSed campaign toolkit](#) with talking points.

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## Focusing on the Long-Term Vision: Philanthropy's Role in Expanding Local Resources for Housing Justice

Many— if not most—of our communities have used the majority of the funds allocated through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA) in the first two years of the pandemic, despite significant unmet needs among people experiencing homelessness and low income renters and families. This program offered a new opportunity for communities to prioritize services for communities of color and [center racial equity](#).

While these time-limited resources are running low, state and local leaders have the opportunity to sustain funding by prioritizing housing justice in other federal programs. To do so, they may need the public support and accountability, which philanthropic partners are often well-suited to offer.

In addition to programs specifically dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness, [many federal funding streams](#) include rental assistance and/or supportive services as allowable expenditures. [In a recent brief](#), the National Low Income Housing Coalition highlighted three programs that are able to fill gaps that may be left behind once ERA funding is depleted: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP); and Community Development Block Grants-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) programs. The brief highlights several communities and states who are using these funding streams to create or expand support for highly vulnerable renters and people experiencing homelessness.

Funders Together encourages our members and partners to [reach out to state and local officials](#) to make known the needs in our communities and how to address those needs by prioritizing funding to meet the existing or impending gaps in support and address long-unmet needs.

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## Policy Resource Round-Up

- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities:** [Congress Shouldn't Prioritize Corporate Tax Interests Over Children and Low-Paid Workers](#)
- **Funders Together to End Homelessness:** [Leverage Public-Private Partnerships & Broker Relationships](#)
- **National Alliance to End Homelessness:** [The Next Three Opportunities in the Federal Budget](#)
- **National Low Income Housing Coalition:** [Leveraging Federal Resources to Extend ERA](#)
  - [New Report Analyzes Remaining ERA Funds, Reallocation, and Outstanding Need](#)
- **The New York Times:** [Discrimination Weakens Tool for Reducing N.Y. Homelessness, Lawsuit Says](#)
- **United States Interagency Council:** [Expiring Federal Provisions That May Impact Homelessness, Responding to the Growing Crisis of Unsheltered](#)
- **Urban Institute:** [Building Racial Equity into Emergency Rental Assistance Programs: An Equity Checklist for Program Administrators](#)

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

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