

# Funders Together

FOR HOUSING JUSTICE



## Policy & Advocacy Post

### **What's Happening: Militarized City Takeovers Continue | Possible Government Shutdown**

The Trump Administration has continued its attacks on unhoused people and immigrants in D.C. Here's what you need to know:

- The National Guard is still present in Washington, D.C. while organizers, service providers, and mutual aid groups continue critical work to support unhoused neighbors who are at risk of encampment raids. There are many questions and concerns around what happens once the public safety emergency expires after the allotted 30 days on September 10.
- President Trump has indicated the Administration aims to replicate similar takeovers and targeting of unhoused people in other cities, like Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, and others.
- Most recently, [New Orleans was named as a target city](#) as President Trump signaled a shift in focus on "blue cities" in Republican-leaning states with governors who support the President's agenda. However, this [reinforces anti-Black actions by the Administration](#) as it focuses on cities with Black mayors and diverse populations.
- A [federal judge ruled it was illegal for the Administration to deploy the National Guard in Los Angeles](#) in response to the protests over ICE raids. While this ruling only impacts California, it may set the stage for future action to prevent government militarized takeovers in other cities and states.

*Other federal policy developments to know:*

- Congress must pass another continuing resolution or full FY25 budget to prevent a partial government shutdown October 1. A government shutdown or anything short of [fully funding vital housing and homelessness services](#) will result in direct harm to millions of people who depend on these life-saving programs, particularly people who have been marginalized by our systems including Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, disable folks, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ neighbors.
  - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has notified employees that it will [discontinue translation services for programs and other materials](#), which will impact millions of people who depend on housing or homelessness services.
  - Both [House](#) and [Senate Republicans](#) have introduced legislation that seek to codify the Administration's Executive Order on criminalizing homelessness in the District, reinforcing the harmful agenda that targets our neighbors at the sharpest intersections of oppression.
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## **What Philanthropy Can Do Now**

In response to the Administration's targeted efforts to disappear unhoused people across the country, Funders Together for Housing Justice has [created guidance for philanthropy](#) based on the experience of D.C. homelessness advocates resisting and responding to the takeover, including what they're learning and what they wish had been in place beforehand. [This resource](#) provides practical actions philanthropy can take now to prepare for possible government action in local communities in order to support and protect people experiencing homelessness.

You can access the [Actions for Philanthropy: Protecting Unhoused Persons in Cities Targeted by the Federal Government](#) resource [here](#). Below are examples of actions from the resource:

- Convene funders (if you don't already have a housing/homelessness funder table) to understand what they are hearing from their grantee partners what the needs are and coordinate where funding needs to go now and what needs to be addressed in the mid- and long-term. Funders Together for Housing Justice can assist in helping to coordinate local philanthropy. [Contact Michael Durham](#), Director of Networks for assistance.
- Identify and provide emergency funding to trusted mutual aid networks in your community and connect them to unhoused people.

- Identify and invest in community coordination roles early in the process to help manage relationships and act as a dedicated point of contact for each area of work, (i.e. faith communities contact, communication/media efforts contact, outreach contact, and legal partners contact).
- Create or contribute to an existing fund to pay fines or bail for unhoused folks who are impacted by law enforcement action or advocates who have been targeted for assisting unhoused people.
- Streamline pathways for unhoused people to access identification in preparation for “check points”; those without identification may be detained or arrested.

**Join Funders Together and Fund for Housing and Opportunity for our [next policy call on Wednesday, September 10 at 2:00pm ET / 11:00am PT](#)** as we continue our discussion around criminalization of unhoused people, its related implications for housing justice efforts and intersecting issues like disability and immigrant rights, and what philanthropy needs to do in this moment.

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## **Policy & Advocacy Resources**

### **Funders Together for Housing Justice:**

- [Actions for Philanthropy: Protecting Unhoused Persons in Cities Targeted by the Federal Government](#)
- [Federal Administration Action Resources for Philanthropy](#)
- [Learning Recap: Rapid Response Funder Call: White House Executive Order on Forced Treatment and Incarceration to Address Homelessness](#)

### **California Health Care Foundation:**

- [Building Systems of Care: Jamboree’s Use of CalAIM to Advance Housing and Health](#)

### **Greater Washington Community Foundation:**

- [Stand with DC: Defending Our Community's Right to Self-Governance](#)
- [The Partnership to End Homelessness](#)

## **National Health Care for the Homeless Council:**

- [One Big Beautiful Bill Act: State-Level Advocacy Actions for the HCH Community](#)

## **National Immigration Law Center:**

- [Trump Administration's Attempts to Dismantle Language Access Do Not Erase Civil Rights Law](#)

## **National Low Income Housing Coalition:**

- [Even Average Renter Wages Are Unable to Afford a Modest One Bedroom Rental Home](#)

## **In the News:**

- [Judge rules Trump administration broke law in deploying National Guard soldiers to LA this summer](#) (AP News)
- [Trump Wants to Axe an Affordable Housing Grant That's a Lifeline for Many Rural Communities](#) (Chronicle of Philanthropy)

We are always here to answer questions or provide additional thought-partnership as it relates to current policy and advocacy developments and opportunities. Please feel free to reach out at any time.

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