



OUR HOMES, OUR VOICES

THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG FY19 FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

THE ISSUE

Far too many families are struggling to keep a roof over their heads. Nationwide, more people are renting their homes than ever before, but our investments in affordable homes have not kept pace with demand. Overall, more than 11 million families now spend the majority of their income on rent, and family and young adult homelessness rates are rising in many communities. Rents are increasing across the nation, while housing infrastructure deteriorates. Every state and congressional district is impacted.

Last year, advocates and Congressional champions secured a 10% increase to federal investments in affordable housing! But threats remain. President Trump's budget proposes to slash affordable housing by \$11 billion compared to current levels - a move that could increase homelessness and housing poverty in our community. Lawmakers should ensure the highest level of funding possible for affordable housing in FY19.

THE FY19 BUDGET

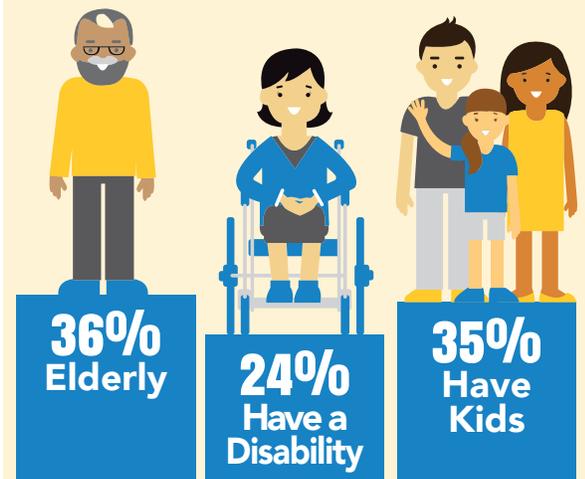
The Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF) urges lawmakers to reject President Trump's harmful budget proposal and to continue their commitment to affordable housing and community development. Congress should ensure these programs receive the highest allocation of funds possible.

ON A SINGLE NIGHT IN 2017, 553,742 PEOPLE WERE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING:

- 184,661** people in families with children
- 86,962** chronically homeless individuals
- 40,056** veterans
- 40,799** unaccompanied homeless youth

ONLY 1 IN 4 PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY FOR HUD ASSISTANCE ACTUALLY RECEIVES IT.

WHO ARE THE LUCKY 1 IN 4?





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WHY AFFORDABLE HOMES MATTER

Federal investments in affordable housing have widespread and significant benefits in communities across the country. From employment and economic mobility to health and education, all areas of life are improved when individuals and families have access to a decent and stable home.

Homelessness and Poverty Reduction

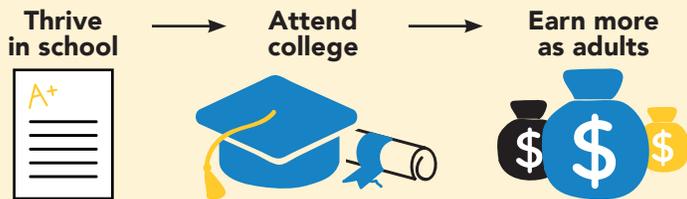
Rental assistance has demonstrably reduced homelessness for people with low incomes. It's also proven that providing housing benefits is one of the most effective ways to help families, children, and youth escape poverty.

**IN 2012 ALONE,
HOUSING ASSISTANCE LIFTED:
4 MILLION PEOPLE
OUT OF POVERTY, INCLUDING
1.5 MILLION CHILDREN**

Educational Success

A child's neighborhood and home life have a significant impact on their performance in school. For every additional year a child spends in a better neighborhood environment, their economic outcome as an adult improves, as indicated by measures such as income, likelihood of college attendance, and probability of avoiding teenage pregnancy

**LOW INCOME KIDS LIVING IN A STABLE,
AFFORDABLE HOME ARE MORE LIKELY TO:**



Strengthening the Economy

Investing in affordable housing infrastructure has numerous benefits for the economy—creating jobs, boosting families' incomes, and encouraging further development. The shortage of affordable housing in major metropolitan areas costs the U.S. economy about \$2 trillion a year in lower wages and productivity.

**BUILDING 100 AFFORDABLE
RENTAL HOMES GENERATES:**

\$11.7m in local income



161 local jobs in the 1st year alone



\$2.2m in revenue for local govt.



Physical and Mental Health

Safe, decent and affordable housing is critical to an individual's physical and mental health. When housing is affordable, quality medical care and healthier foods are more within reach for low-income families. Additionally, affordable housing provides a useful platform for delivering health services to vulnerable populations.

**PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN AFFORDABLE
HOME ARE ABLE TO SPEND:**

5X MORE
On Healthcare



3X MORE
On Nutritious Food



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