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Dear All –sending as an FYI.

Thanks,

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OBAMA ADMINISTRATION RENEWS CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR NEARLY 7,100 LOCAL HOMELESS PROGRAMS ACROSS THE U.S.

Donovan urges full funding from Congress to meet national goals

WASHINGTON – U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan today announced nearly \$1.6 billion in grants to renew support for 7,100 local homeless housing and service programs across the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands (see attached chart). Provided through HUD's *Continuum of Care Program*, the funding announced today will ensure these local projects remain operating in the coming year, providing critically needed housing and support services to those persons and families experiencing homelessness.

These grants support a variety of programs including street outreach, client assessment, and direct housing assistance to individuals and families with children who are experiencing homelessness. HUD will award additional grant funding to support hundreds of other local programs in the coming weeks. [View a complete list of all the state and local homeless projects awarded funding.](#)

“Whether it’s helping to rapidly re-house families with young children or finding a permanent home for an individual with serious health conditions, HUD is working with our local partners to end homelessness as we know it,” said Donovan. “Over the last few years we have changed the trajectory of homelessness in America, but we need bipartisan support from Congress to fully fund proven strategies that have created this downward trend. The evidence is clear that the cost of doing nothing far exceeds the cost of finding real housing solutions for those who might otherwise be living on our streets.”

“In the face of budget cuts from sequestration, Continuums of Care and grantees were forced to make difficult choices and do as much as possible to advance their local efforts to end homelessness with fewer resources,” said Laura Zeilinger, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. “Communities are making the smart choice, investing HUD funds in evidence-based, cost-effective programs. Now we need help from Congress to fully fund these programs and provide communities with exactly what they need to reach the goals of Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.”

HUD funding will allow local providers to continue offering permanent and transitional housing to homeless persons as well as services including job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. HUD is continuing to challenge local communities to reexamine their response to homelessness and give greater weight to proven strategies, from promoting “Housing First” to providing ‘rapid re-housing’ for homeless families with children and permanent supportive housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness.

Continuum of Care grants are awarded competitively to local projects to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in their community. The grants fund a wide variety of programs from street outreach and assessment to transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and families. HUD funds are a critical part of the Obama Administration’s strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness

In 2010, President Obama and 19 federal agencies and offices that form the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) launched the nation’s first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. [*Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*](#) puts the country on a path to end veterans and chronic homelessness as well as to end homelessness among children, family, and youth. The Fiscal Year 2013 grants awarded today were reduced in part due to last year’s automatic across-the-board budget cuts under sequestration.

Donovan said, “Like last year’s sequestration, any reduction to HUD’s homeless assistance programs has a negative impact on local communities’ ability to reduce the number of persons living in our shelters and on our streets. It is my hope that Congress will consider the President’s 2015 budget request to fully fund these local programs so we can meet our nation’s goals of ending homelessness as we know it.”

The President’s 2015 Budget seeks \$2.4 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, \$480 million above the 2012 enacted level. This level of funding maintains the approximately 224,000 HUD-funded beds that assist the homeless nationwide and expands rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing.

HUD recently announced its 2013 estimate of the number of homeless persons in America. Approximately 3,000 cities and counties reported 610,000 homeless persons on a single night in January of 2013, down 6.1% since 2010. During the same time, HUD found significant declines among the long-term or chronic homeless population (15.7%) and veterans experiencing homelessness (24.2%).

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HUD’s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at www.hud.gov and <http://espanol.hud.gov>. You can also follow HUD on twitter @HUDgov, on facebook at www.facebook.com/HUD, or sign up for news alerts on [HUD’s News Listserv](#).

State	# of Local Homeless Programs Funded	Total Funding
Alaska	23	\$3,488,964
Alabama	67	\$15,543,892
Arkansas	24	\$4,268,720

Arizona	97	\$35,566,585
California	815	\$253,615,450
Colorado	81	\$19,913,628
Connecticut	159	\$32,212,898
District of Columbia	63	\$19,684,951
Delaware	19	\$4,916,774
Florida	327	\$72,724,924
Georgia	159	\$32,228,925
Guam	8	\$1,098,185
Hawaii	38	\$10,741,720
Iowa	51	\$7,932,103
Idaho	36	\$3,558,843
Illinois	388	\$88,961,572
Indiana	95	\$13,583,506
Kansas	47	\$7,641,575
Kentucky	93	\$17,575,991
Louisiana	155	\$28,377,225
Massachusetts	297	\$63,475,716
Maryland	205	\$45,989,102
Maine	26	\$9,499,704
Michigan	276	\$56,503,543
Minnesota	177	\$23,506,190
Missouri	113	\$26,026,991
Mississippi	35	\$5,198,267
Montana	19	\$2,426,828
North Carolina	147	\$18,138,981
North Dakota	22	\$2,011,427
Nebraska	39	\$6,888,144
New Hampshire	54	\$5,766,845
New Jersey	201	\$27,766,189
New Mexico	47	\$8,106,338
Nevada	31	\$10,053,266
New York	615	\$169,358,487
Ohio	294	\$79,155,222
Oklahoma	55	\$6,686,385
Oregon	118	\$21,705,989
Pennsylvania	488	\$82,789,068
Puerto Rico	62	\$17,268,058
Rhode Island	36	\$4,121,454
South Carolina	58	\$9,203,200
South Dakota	7	\$1,264,664
Tennessee	140	\$18,117,733
Texas	228	\$68,782,891
Utah	51	\$7,262,907
Virginia	133	\$21,690,375

Virgin Island	2	\$132,512
Vermont	20	\$3,295,216
Washington	205	\$39,279,599
Wisconsin	90	\$20,101,835
West Virginia	54	\$6,032,017
Wyoming	4	\$323,774
TOTAL	7094	\$1,561,565,348