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FY25 NAHRO Talking Points – Call Congress Today!

HUD Programs Are a Vital Part of Solving the Affordable Housing Crisis!

- Public housing agencies (PHAs) and other affordable housing providers serve more than 4.5 million American households through the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), and Project-Based Rental assistance programs.
- In 2024, the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness rose by 18% - a direct result of the affordable housing crisis. The Housing Choice Voucher program and the Public Housing program both provide much needed affordable units to help prevent homelessness.
- Affordable housing providers across the country, including PHAs of all sizes, agree that funding cuts to HUD programs will NOT help them address the housing crisis in their communities.

HUD Staff Help Housers House People!

- Affordable housing providers need a fully-staffed HUD to ensure timely payments to landlords and vendors, inspect properties, work with landlords, and more.
- Less staff at HUD will result in longer housing waitlists, less efficient payment and procurement, and uncertainty for private landlords participating in the program.

HUD Programs Benefit Entire Communities!

- Fully funding HUD programs benefits the entire community and helps American youth develop the knowledge and skills they need to compete globally! Studies show that level funding for the HCV program and other rental assistance programs impacts children positively - it reduces school absences, improves test scores and leads to better long-term educational and economic outcomes.

Current Funding Proposals are Not Enough!

- The House FY25 THUD Appropriations bill includes a 7.5% decrease in public housing operations funding, while the Senate bill would decrease operations

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funding by 2%. This would make it more challenging to maintain and operate units to ensure they remain safe.

- The House bill includes a 5% reduction in the Public Housing Capital Fund which would result in PHAs being less able to provide modern and safe homes for their residents. Agencies use the Capital Fund to modernize and improve public housing units to ensure safe, quality housing for their residents.
- Funding levels in both the House and Senate proposals would put families at risk of losing their voucher assistance. Flat funding for voucher renewals would put 286,000 families at risk of losing their housing assistance.
- An 11% cut to the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, which has helped thousands of people achieve become homeowners and/or decreased/removed their reliance on housing assistance.

Congress Has the Power to Save HUD and Provide More Homes!

- Congress has the power to authorize and fund HUD programs that provide homes and opportunities to millions of American families, and that provide help to people experiencing homelessness.
- Congress must protect American families by funding HUD programs at levels that keep up with inflation and ensuring that no family loses their housing assistance.

Congress Must Protect American People and Institutions!

- Oversight into the efficacy of Congressionally authorized programs does not include access to the private data of Americans. This is especially true for personally identifiable information (PII) at HUD that includes names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and more. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) must follow existing privacy protocols.
- Federal agencies established by Congress cannot be ended by another branch of government, especially without approval from Congress. NAHRO urges you to push back on any attempts to encroach on Congress' authority and oversight.