



Coalition on Homelessness
and Housing in Ohio
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HUD CUTS FACT SHEET

What's Up?

Congress is faced with a lot of left over business from the previous Congress. Most critical is to pass a budget for FY 2006 (which started 5 months ago!).

The leadership in the House of Representatives has decided to put all of the left over appropriations bills into a Joint Funding Resolution that will fund the government thru 9/30/07 at the 2006 levels. This approach is necessary for two reasons:

1. Congress should be focused on FY 2007 appropriations, not cleaning up the left over work of the previous Congress, and
2. The current Continuing Resolution expires on 2/15/06 and so time is of the essence.

HERE'S THE PROBLEM:

The housing needs of current HUD programs is way short of what is needed. For example:

Section 8 Scattered Site

Communities will lose Section 8 vouchers because the FY06 funding level is \$487 million less than the amount needed to maintain existing vouchers.

Section 8 Project Based

An additional \$636 million is needed to renew project-based Section 8 contracts which will expire before Sept 30, 2006. Without additional funding, some project based contracts that expire this summer cannot be renewed.

Public Housing

Public Housing funding of \$4.5 billion for operating subsidies and \$3.5 billion for capital subsidies are needed to ensure local public housing authorities can keep affordable homes open for the lowest income. The public housing operating and capital funds have decreased by \$1 billion since FY01.

Homeless Programs

Unless funding is increased by \$185 million, 14,000 homeless people will be consigned to another year of homelessness.

Housing for Persons with AIDS

In FY07, 3500 fewer people with AIDS (and their families) will receive housing assistance.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The House Appropriations Committee can act to increase HUD funding levels to cover these shortfalls if we can show the need to prevent these losses of housing and services.

Representative Marcy Kaptur is on the House Appropriations Committee. Ohio advocates can have the most impact by calling Rep. Kaptur or her housing staff person, Julia Andrews, to emphasize how devastating the consequences of underfunding would be in your local community. Ms. Andrews can be reached at 202.225.4146.

For more information: http://nlihc.org/detail/article.cfm?article_id=3753&id=61