Policy Priorities For Creating Homes Families Can Afford and Ending Homelessness in NJ

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants - Support a $217 million increase to $2.6 billion for Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program

Medicaid

- Oppose any replacement of the Affordable Care Act that eliminates Medicaid expansion
- Raise the important role Medicaid expansion plays in ensuring people experiencing homelessness receive critical healthcare services

HOME Investment Partnerships - Restore funding to $1.2 billion

Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – Protect and expand the voucher program to help connect families to areas of opportunity with access to good schools, well-paying jobs, healthcare, and transit. Ensure funding to renew all vouchers currently in use

National Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

- Ensure finding for the HTF by opposing any legislative or administrative attempts to prevent Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from providing funding for HTF or to prevent its further implementation
- Increase funding for HTF through housing finance reform, the budget process, investments in infrastructure, and other legislative opportunities.

Fair Housing – Increase funding to ensure effective fair housing enforcement and provide the necessary resources to assist jurisdictions comply with the Fair Housing Act, including their duty to affirmatively further fair housing.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit/LIHTC)

- Expand and strengthen the Housing Credit to increase the availability of safe and affordable housing and revitalize local economies
  - Support the Cantwell (D-Wash.)/ Hatch (R-Utah) bill in the Senate and the Representatives Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) and Richard Neal (D-MA) bill in the House (S.548/H.R. 1661 - *Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017*) to increase low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) authority by 50% phased in over 5 years.
  - Support the proposed Housing Credit changes that would make credits more useful for assisting lower-income households

Housing Counseling: Maintain the 2017 funding for Housing Counseling at $55 million,

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