How Advocates Can Help Stop President Trump’s $7 Billion Cut to HUD in Its Tracks

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Speakers

- Moderator: Elayne Weiss, National Low Income Housing Coalition
- Diane Yentel, National Low Income Housing Coalition
- Barbara Sard, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Trey Reffett, Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness
• Opening remarks from Diane Yentel
• Budget overview
• Opportunities for advocacy
• Closing remarks from Nan Roman
• Question and answers
Non-Defense Appropriations Would Fall Under Trump Plan

In billions of 2018 dollars

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*Funding level set in 2011 Budget Control Act, which establishes sequestration cuts.

Source: CBPP analysis of data from the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget
Advocacy Tips and Opportunities

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Advocacy Tips

• Crafting the narrative and tailoring the message:
  • Who is your audience? Local stories and data go a long way.

• Reaching out to your lawmakers:
  • Multiple points of entry: in-district meetings, site visits, media

• How to prepare for your meeting/visit:
  • When do you schedule? What other groups should you be connecting with? How can you elevate the profile of your meeting/visit?

• What to avoid
What you can do

Ask Congress and the Trump administration to work together to lift the spending caps for FY18, maintaining parity for defense and non-defense programs, and ensure housing and community development programs receive the highest level of funding possible.


• Individuals can email Members of Congress and urge them to protect critical resources for affordable housing: [http://bit.ly/2nszLGq](http://bit.ly/2nszLGq)

• Plan an in-district meeting with your lawmakers

• Invite your lawmakers to a site visit

• Write an op-ed
CHCDF has prepared a toolkit that advocates can use to urge lawmakers to increase investments in affordable housing and community development. The toolkit includes:

• CHCDF’s new report, *A Place to Call Home*, that discusses the positive impacts affordable housing has on low income households as well as the economy

• Talking points

• Sample op-eds

• Tweets

• How-to’s for setting up in-district meetings and site visits

You can find these resources at www.nlihc.org/partners/chcdf
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