



Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding

Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development.

CHCDF Call-In Script for FY24 National Day of Action

The Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF) urges Congress to approve and the President to sign full-year Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 spending bills that provide increased funding for the Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Agriculture (USDA). With the country continuing to navigate the economic fallout from the pandemic – including steep increases in the cost of rent and delays in the construction of affordable housing – the importance of enacting comprehensive spending bills that provide increased funding for vital affordable housing, homelessness, and community development programs cannot be overstated.

Call, email, and Tweet your members of Congress on Friday, June 16 and tell them to provide the highest possible funding in FY24 for HUD and USDA affordable housing, community development, and homelessness assistance programs!

Use the script below to help create your message to Congress:

My name is **[First Name, Last Name]**, and I'm a constituent of **[member of Congress]**.

As your constituent, I'm writing to urge you not to impose spending cuts that will reduce the number of people served by vital federal affordable housing and homelessness assistance programs, and to instead work to ensure affordable housing, homelessness, and community development programs receive the highest allocation of discretionary funds possible in fiscal year (FY) 2024. Specifically, I ask that you:

- 1) Implement full funding for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program to renew all existing contracts.
- 2) Provide full funding for public housing operations and repairs.
- 3) Fully fund homelessness assistance grants.
- 4) Provide \$100 million for legal assistance to prevent evictions.
- 5) Fund a permanent Emergency Rental Assistance program.
- 6) Maintain funding for competitive tribal housing grants for tribes with the greatest needs.

Federal investments are critical to creating more equitable communities and enabling families to thrive. **[If you are writing/calling on behalf of an organization, talk about how your priorities impact communities, families, households, and individuals. If you are writing/calling for yourself, talk about how these funds benefit you, your neighbors, and your communities. You can use NLIHC's data from [The Gap](#) and [Out of Reach](#), but personal stories make a big impact too! Facing writers block? Check out NLIHC's resource, "[Storytelling Tips and Tricks](#)," for inspiration].**

Housing costs continue to rise faster than wages, our nation's affordable housing stock is deteriorating, supply has not kept up with demand, and key federal resources to address these issues have been underfunded for decades. Flat funding for affordable housing and homelessness assistance programs acts as a cut and reduces the number of people served, and any attempts to cut housing assistance must be rejected. Proposals to slash federal housing benefits would leave even more low-income people without a stable home, undermining housing stability, increasing evictions, and in worst cases, leading to increased homelessness.

I ask that you work with your colleagues to enact a FY24 spending bill that funds housing vouchers, public housing, Homeless Assistance Grants, eviction prevention, emergency rental assistance, and tribal housing at the numbers outlined above or higher. Thank you for your time.

You can also take action with CHCDF and NLIHC using the resources below:

- Federal, state, tribal, and local organizations can join almost 2,000 other organizations on [CHCDF's annual 302\(b\) letter](#), calling on Congress to provide the highest possible funding for HUD and USDA affordable housing, homelessness, and community development programs.
- Use [NLIHC's Legislative Action Center](#) to send a message to send a personalized email to Congress highlighting NLIHC's priorities in the FY24 budget.
- Check out NLIHC's advocacy toolkit, "[Oppose Dramatic Cuts to Federal Investments in Affordable Housing](#)," for talking points, sample social media messages, and more.

Thank you for your advocacy!