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The Weekly Newsletter of the National Low Income Housing Coalition

NLIHC 2013 CONFERENCE Schedule of Workshops Now Available for NLIHC Housing Policy Conference

United for Action, the 2013 NLIHC Housing Policy Conference and Lobby Day, will include nearly 30 engaging and informative workshops and plenary sessions sure to improve your knowledge of the most pressing federal housing policy issues and inspire your advocacy all year long.

The schedule-at-a-glance is available at <http://bit.ly/VC4k5E>. This year's workshops include long-time favorites, like "Using Housing Data for Successful Advocacy," as well as innovative new workshops on topics like social media and public opinion. As promised, our special focus on the National Housing Trust Fund means many workshops that will help educate and prepare advocates for work on this year's most pressing housing policy issue.

This year's event will take place Sunday, March 17 through Wednesday, March 20 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. Early registration closes on Thursday, January 31 so be sure to take advantage of these reduced rates!

To register, go to www.nlihc.org/conference. The site includes detailed information that can help you plan your participation. Or, to download a registration form, go to <http://bit.ly/WrHPhK> (PDF). NLIHC members receive additional discounts on conference registration.

NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

Conference Call with Campaign Endorsers to be Held January 31

The National Housing Trust Fund campaign will brief campaign endorsers on the latest news on the efforts to secure permanent, dedicated sources of revenue for the National Housing Trust Fund in a nationwide conference call on Thursday, January 31, from 2:00 to 3:00pm EST.

NLIHC President Sheila Crowley will discuss the steps NLIHC is taking to ramp up the campaign to be prepared for opportunities to fund the National Housing Trust Fund that could emerge with federal tax reform legislation. Endorsers are encouraged to join the call with questions and comments to help guide the campaign.

To RSVP for the January 31 call, go to <http://bit.ly/X3FDx1>. You will receive detailed call-in information once you have registered.

Organizations can sign on now to NLIHC's proposal to become part of the campaign at <http://nlihc.org/issues/mid/support>.

NLIHC proposes to generate several billion dollars a year for the National Housing Trust Fund by making modest changes to the home mortgage interest deduction that would also make the mortgage interest tax break fairer and benefit many more low and moderate income homeowners than it does now. Please visit www.housingtaxreform.org for more details.

FEDERAL BUDGET

Advocates Urged to Sign Letter to Protect Housing Programs as House Vote Increases Threat of Deep Spending Cuts

With its January 23 passage of H.R. 325, the No Budget, No Pay Act of 2013, the U.S. House of Representatives has separated the issues of raising the debt ceiling and cutting spending. The bill would suspend the debt limit through May 18, providing Congress with an additional three months to negotiate a second increase to the debt limit in 2013.

The House bill also would require Congress to pass a concurrent budget resolution by April 15, the deadline by which, if Congress has not passed a budget resolution, the Committees on Appropriations are free to craft appropriations bills. If either House of Congress fails to pass a concurrent resolution, salaries of Members of Congress would be escrowed until such a resolution was passed. In the 112th Congress, House Republicans criticized the Senate for not passing a budget resolution, which the Senate contends it did through passage of the Budget Control Act of 2011.

The debt ceiling bill passed the House with bipartisan support. The Senate will now decide whether to take up H.R. 325.

Congress still must address the sequestering of discretionary funds scheduled for March 1 in order to avoid across-the-board cuts to federal agencies, including HUD and the USDA (see *Memo*, 1/18). Without the threat of fiscal collapse posed by reaching the debt ceiling, it may be difficult for lawmakers to negotiate a deal to prevent spending cuts while still attaining Congress's desired deficit reduction goals.

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Chair of the Senate Committee on the Budget, sent a letter and memorandum to Senate colleagues

on January 24 analyzing the “state of play” in the fiscal landscape. The letter marks the Senator’s first steps in crafting a budget resolution. Regarding the sequester and a broader deficit reduction deal, Senator Murray concludes, “we need to fight to make sure any budget deal we make is balanced, fair for the middle class, and calls on the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share.”

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) estimates that postponing sequester implementation from January 2 to March 1 would result in 5.1% cuts to non-defense discretionary programs for the remainder of 2013. Both HUD and USDA Rural Housing programs fall into the non-defense discretionary spending category.

The Non-Defense Discretionary (NDD) Funding Coalition is circulating a letter to Members of Congress, urging them to avert the sequester and take an “approach to deficit reduction that does not include further cuts to discretionary programs,” as “[a]dditional cuts in discretionary programs would put the health, education, safety, and security of all Americans at risk.” In July, the NDD coalition sent a similar letter to Members, signed by 3,000 organizations. NLIHC urges all national, state, and local organizations to sign this letter to show support for the protection of HUD and USDA Rural Housing programs.

While Members of Congress negotiate sequestration, they will also have to address final spending amounts for FY13. The six-month continuing resolution (CR) currently funding federal agencies at FY12 funding levels expire on March 27. Appropriators are reportedly prepared to finalize FY13 spending bills once other fiscal issues are addressed.

Even as FY13 remains undecided, Members of Congress began conversations about FY14 funding. Senators Claire McCaskill (D-MO) and Patrick Toomey (R-PA) announced plans to reintroduce a bill that would permanently ban earmarks, similar to their bill in the 112th Congress, which received support of nearly half the Senate.

View H.R. 325 at <http://1.usa.gov/XFqUsE>.

View Senator Murray’s letter at <http://bit.ly/XFqXVv>.

View CBPP’s estimates at <http://bit.ly/XFr5Ed>.

Sign onto the NDD letter at <http://bit.ly/XFr43a>.

MORE CONGRESS

Senate Votes to Change Filibuster Rules; Super Storm Sandy Aid Package Pending

The Senate voted on January 24 to change its filibuster rules in an attempt to allow legislation to move through the chamber more quickly. The inability of the Senate to reach unanimous consent on legislation resulted in many delays in recent years. In particular, it

has also caused a delay in the consideration of the House-passed Super Storm Sandy supplemental appropriations bill (see *Memo*, 1/18). While the filibuster changes were not as substantial as some Senators hoped, they passed easily with bipartisan support.

Key changes include:

- A cloture vote on a motion to proceed could occur one day after the motion is filed. The package would also prohibit any further debate after cloture is invoked, thereby allowing for an immediate vote on legislation or a nomination. These changes to the cloture rules were included in S. Res. 16, which passed the Senate by a vote of 86 to 9. The reforms made in S. Res. 16 are permanent.
- The right to filibuster a motion to proceed is eliminated if as many as four amendment votes are allowed by the Majority Leader. The minority party will be allowed to offer two amendments after a cloture motion has been filed. These changes were included in S. Res. 15, which passed the Senate by a vote of 78 to 16. These changes will expire at the end of the 113th Congress.

The package does not include the reinstatement of the “talking filibuster,” which was advocated by some Senators and advocacy groups, and would have required any filibustering Senator to actually remain on the Senate floor and debate the bill in order to delay a vote.

Now that filibuster changes have been approved, the Super Storm Sandy supplemental appropriations bill is scheduled to be considered by the Senate the week of January 28.

The text of S. Res. 15 is available at <http://bit.ly/YsoJ1A>.

The text of S. Res. 16 is available at <http://bit.ly/YsoMKM>.

House Organizational Meetings Held, Subcommittee Assignments Announced

The House Committee on Financial Services held its organizational meeting for the 113th Congress on January 23. The meeting was led by newly appointed Committee Chair Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) and Ranking Member Maxine Waters (D-CA). Ranking Member Waters said in her opening statement that Chair Hensarling has “bent over backwards to try to understand [the Minority’s] concerns,” and said that she looks forward to a good working relationship with the Majority even though the two sides may disagree.

The committee adopted a rules resolution by voice vote. The resolution, among other provisions:

- Names former Committee Chair Spencer Bachus (R-AL) Chairman Emeritus. Mr. Bachus no longer serves as Committee Chair due to House of Representatives term limit requirements for Chairmanship positions.

- Renames the former Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing, and Community Opportunity to the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance.

- Continues to require that at least three calendar days notice be given before a committee or subcommittee markup.

Assignments for all subcommittees were finalized at the meeting. Representative Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) was named Chair of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and Representative Blaine Leutkemeyer (R-MO) will be Vice Chair. Representative Michael Capuano (D-MA) is the new Ranking Member.

Other Republicans named to the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee are Representatives Ed Royce (CA), Gary Miller (CA), Shelley Moore Capito (WV), Scott Garrett (NJ), Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA), Sean Duffy (WI), James Renacci (OH), Robert Hurt (R-VA), and Steve Stivers (OH). Chairman Hensarling is ex officio and former Chairman is emeritus.

The Democratic Representatives assigned to the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance are Nydia Velasquez (NY), Emanuel Cleaver (MO), William Lacy Clay (MO), Brad Sherman (CA), Jim Himes (CT), Carolyn McCarthy (NY), Kyrsten Sinema (AZ), and Joyce Beatty (OH). Ms. Waters is ex officio. Ms. Sinema and Ms. Beatty are newly elected Members of the House.

The Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises will be chaired by Representative Scott Garrett (R-NJ) with Representative Robert Hurt (R-VA) as Vice Chair. Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) is the Ranking Member.

The Republican members of the Capital Markets and GSEs Subcommittee are Representatives Spencer Bachus (AL), Peter King (NY), Ed Royce (CA), Frank Lucas (OK), Randy Neugebauer (TX), Michele Bachmann (MN), Kevin McCarthy (CA), Lynn Westmoreland (GA), Bill Huizenga (MI), Michael Grimm (NY), Steve Stivers (OH), Stephen Fincher (TN), Mick Mulvaney (SC), Randy Hultgren (IL), Dennis Ross (FL), and Ann Wagner (MO), with Chairman Hensarling as ex officio. Ms. Wagner is new to Congress.

The Democrats assigned to the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and GSEs are Representatives Brad Sherman (CA), Rubén Hinojosa (TX), Stephen Lynch (MA), Gwen Moore (WI), Ed Perlmutter (CO), Jim Himes (CT), Gary Peters (MI), Keith Ellison (MN), Mel Watt (FL), Bill Foster (IL), John Carney (DE), Terri Sewell (AL), and Daniel Kildee (MI), with Ms. Waters as ex officio. Mr. Kildee is newly elected.

The House Committee on Appropriations also finalized Minority subcommittee assignments at an organizational meeting on January 23; Majority subcommittee assignments were announced on January 15.

Republican Representatives assigned to the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee are Chair Tom Latham (IA), Frank Wolf (VA), Charles Dent (PA), Kay Granger (TX), Tom Cole (OK),

Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA), and new Member of Congress David Joyce (OH).

Democratic Representatives assigned to the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee are Ranking Member Ed Pastor (AZ), David Price (NC), Mike Quigley (IL), and Tim Ryan (OH).

An archived webcast of the Financial Services Committee meeting is available at <http://1.usa.gov/Yspl7u>.

The Financial Services Committee rules resolution is available at <http://1.usa.gov/Yspnfy>.

A full list of Majority House Committee on Financial Services assignments is available at <http://1.usa.gov/pA5c9B>.

A full list of Minority House Committee on Financial Services assignments is available at <http://1.usa.gov/YspvM7>.

A full list of Majority House Committee on Appropriations assignments is available at <http://1.usa.gov/YspvHV>.

A full list of Minority House Committee on Appropriations assignments is available at <http://1.usa.gov/YspAiO>.

Housing Fairness Act Introduced

On January 15, Representative Al Green (D-TX) introduced H.R. 285, the Housing Fairness Act of 2013, which would authorize \$15 million to create a nationwide testing program to detect and document differences in the treatment of persons seeking housing, and measure the prevalence of discriminatory practices across the housing market.

This bill would authorize investigation or enforcement actions to remedy any discriminatory housing practice found as a result of testing. In addition, the measure authorizes \$42.5 million in funding for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, and amends Title V of the Housing and Community Development Act to ensure private nonprofit fair housing enforcement organizations are qualified. This bill also authorizes \$5 million to carry out a competitive matching grant program to study the causes and community effects of discrimination in the housing market, and implement pilot projects that test solutions.

This is a re-introduction of H.R. 284, introduced in the 112th Congress. H.R. 285 was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

New Bill Would Allow for Designation of Tax Dollars to Benefit Homeless Veterans

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced S. 62, the Check the Box for Homeless Veterans Act of 2013, on January 22.

The bill would amend the tax code to allow taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution, by checking a box on their federal income tax return, to a newly created Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund. Contributions would be used to support initiatives at the Department of Veterans Affairs, HUD, and the Department of Labor that support the Administration's goal of ending homelessness among veterans by 2015.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and has six cosponsors as of this writing.

The full text of S. 62 will be available at <http://1.usa.gov/WsmnNh>.

HUD

PHAs Offered Temporary Administrative Flexibility

A notice issued by HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) on January 22 outlines temporary provisions to lower some administrative requirements for public housing agencies (PHAs) that administer Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers. According to Notice PIH 2013-3, HUD recognizes that decreased Congressional appropriations have strained PHAs' ability to provide housing assistance, while the need for affordable housing has increased.

The notice offers PHAs four opportunities to lessen administrative tasks:

1. To determine annual income of program participants, the notice offers PHAs the option of using a household's income from the previous 12 months, instead of projecting income for the upcoming year.
2. To verify that a household has assets less than \$5,000, the notice offers PHAs the option of allowing the household to self-certify, instead of requiring the PHA to obtain documentation.
3. For elderly and disabled households with fixed incomes, instead of requiring PHAs to verify income and calculate rent each year, the notice offers PHAs the option of using a published cost of living adjustment to the household's previously verified income. Fixed income sources include Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Supplemental Security Disability Insurance, and pension plans.
4. For vouchers, if it is necessary to have a rent payment standard greater than 110% of the fair market rent (FMR) to provide a reasonable accommodation for a household that includes a person with a disability, the notice offers PHAs the option of using a rent payment standard of 120% without seeking HUD approval.

The provisions of Notice PIH 2013-3 expire after March 31, 2014. The notice states that HUD intends to pursue more permanent changes to provide PHAs greater administrative flexibility.

Versions of the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act, the Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act, and HUD's annual budget request to Congress have included language to authorize changes in each of the areas covered by this notice.

Groups, including NLIHC and the National Housing Trust, have inquired of HUD when flexibilities such as those provided by PIH Notice 2013-3 may be available to project-based Section 8 tenants and owners or agents.

Notice PIH 2013-3 is at <http://1.usa.gov/NUkh08>.

FROM THE FIELD

Vermont Governor Advances State's Commitment to End Homelessness

Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin's efforts to address homelessness in his state continued the week of January 7 when he signed legislation authorizing the Vermont Plan to End Homelessness. The plan strengthens Vermont's strategies to address affordable housing, under-employment, domestic violence, and mental health and substance abuse issues that have led to increased homelessness in recent years. During the first two years of his term, Governor Shumlin approved two new rental assistance programs, replenishing the federal Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing program with state funds, and increased funding for the state Housing and Conservation Trust Fund (see *Memo*, 6/8/12).

In January 2012, the Shumlin administration re-established the Vermont Council on Homelessness to develop and monitor the state's 10-year plan to end homelessness. The council reports annually on progress made toward accomplishing the plan's goals, and recommends resource, policy and regulatory changes needed to accomplish them. It is composed of state agency staff, entities engaged in preventing or addressing homelessness, persons experiencing homelessness and housing providers. Erhard Mahnke of the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition (VAHC), an NLIHC state coalition partner, worked intensively on the plan through a council subcommittee, which included VAHC members.

"Our focus on ending homelessness has been sharpened by a week of life-threatening sub-zero weather in northern New England," Mr. Mahnke said. "Governor Shumlin, his administration and legislative leaders deserve a lot of credit for committing additional scarce state resources to help bend the curve on homelessness as the federal government backs further away from its responsibility to help house our lowest income and most vulnerable citizens."

The plan outlines a procedure for developing a housing production strategy. Additionally, it clearly states the need for an increased number of units affordable to people who are extremely low income.

The council will consult supportive service agencies on how housing will be created and funded. It also will set goals for a multi-year housing strategy to increase housing for people who are homeless.

In its plan, the council suggests that policymakers improve the efficiency and effectiveness of existing programs, pointing to Vermont's reliance on motels and hotels to provide emergency temporary housing for people who are homeless. This program provides housing for 11% of the state's homeless population; state spending on the program has more than doubled over the last several years, from \$1.5 to \$3.5 million.

Although the program offers needed relief to homeless individuals and families, VAHC believes the funds could be used to keep people housed longer less expensively. According to advocates, the cost for a homeless family's maximum hotel stay of 84 days is almost equivalent to the cost of one Section 8 voucher. The plan includes provisions for the state to move further toward providing rental assistance for permanent affordable housing. The Shumlin administration is working with legislators and advocates to identify cost-effective alternatives to motel housing.

Other strategies for ending homelessness include enhancing case management services, developing an accountability system around discharge and relocation planning, expediting Supplemental Security and Disability Income applications, creating a short-term disability fund to keep people housed if they lose employment due to illness, enhancing services to General Assistance recipients to include education and employment assessments, and developing incentives for landlords to rent to households with significant barriers to housing.

For more information, contact Erhard Mahnke at erhardm@vtaffordablehousing.org.

EVENTS

Two Webinars Will Address Fiscal Challenges and Sequestration

The Coalition on Human Needs and the National Women's Law Center will host a webinar, "Fiscal Cliff Notes: What you need to know about what's happened so far, and what comes next," on January 28 from 1:30-2:30 pm ET. Joan Entmacher of the National Women's Law Center and Deborah Weinstein of the Coalition on Human Needs will discuss the multiple threats to needed services, the impact on low and moderate income people, the prospect of government default and shutdown, and what is being done to pull back from the cliff.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities will also host a webinar, "What does the next stage of the federal budget battle mean for low income housing and community development?" on January 29 from

3-4 pm ET (see *Memo*, 1/11). The webinar will help advocates and other stakeholders better understand the current state of play and what is at stake for low income housing and community development.

Register for the CHN webinar at <http://bit.ly/YsqId>.

Register for the CBPP webinar at <http://bit.ly/UHb111>.

NCRC to Host Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Trainings in Multiple Locations

The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) is offering two-day Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) trainings in seven cities. The trainings are approved by and funded with support from the Fair Housing Initiatives Program of HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

Participants will gain a working knowledge of how communities and agencies receiving funds can ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act and with the AFFH rules. In addition, participants will learn about model programs and innovative approaches, including collaborating with stakeholders to achieve housing opportunity. The trainings will provide an update on the status of current AFFH activity and preview HUD's new vision for AFFH.

To register,

- Los Angeles, CA – February 13 -14, 2013 (Beverly Garland Hotel), go to <http://affhlosangeles.eventbrite.com/>
- Orlando, FL – February 19 – 20, 2013 (Double Tree Orlando, Downtown), go to <http://e2.ma/click/yggbd/el6uuh/qgeev>.
- Washington, DC – March 20 – 21, 2013 (NCRC Annual Conference, Capital Hilton Hotel), go to <http://e2.ma/click/yggbd/el6uuh/6ifev>.
- White Plains, NY – May 22 – 23, 2013 (Crowne Plaza White Plains), go to <http://e2.ma/click/yggbd/el6uuh/mbgev>.
- Charleston, SC – September 10 – 11, 2013 (Marriott Downtown), go to <http://e2.ma/click/yggbd/el6uuh/23gev>.
- Chicago, IL – June 11 – 12, 2013 (John Marshall Law School), go to <http://e2.ma/click/yggbd/el6uuh/iwhev>.
- International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference – August 2013 (TBD), go to <http://affhiaohra2013.eventbrite.com/#>.

RESOURCES

New York City Housing Voucher Study on Work Rewards Show Benefits for Certain Households

MRDC, a social policy research institute, evaluated the Opportunity NYC-Work Rewards demonstration project, testing three different approaches aimed at improving employment outcomes of housing voucher holders between April 2008 and October 2010. Two of the approaches involved voucher holder participation in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, a HUD-funded program that provides enhanced services to tenant households with the goal of increased economic independence. The study tested outcomes of FSS alone, FSS coupled with work incentives, and work incentives alone. Work incentives consisted of monthly cash reward payments to encourage sustained work, education or training activities. Overall, no evidence suggests that FSS alone improves outcomes across the entire sample of participants, but FSS coupled with incentives may have an impact on subgroup populations.

For the study involving FSS alone and FSS with incentives, community organizations recruited 1,603 nonelderly and nondisabled tenants. The group was diverse, with varied work experience and education levels. After 18 months of participation, 29% of total participants in both the FSS-only and FSS with incentives groups had accumulated savings (\$1,112 and \$1,312, respectively). Throughout the program, more participants earned reward payments for sustaining employment (31%) than for completing an education or training activity (5%). However, participation in the FSS-only and FSS with incentives approach had little effect on overall employment rates or average earnings across the entire sample.

In the incentives-only study, a sample of 1,318 nonelderly and nondisabled tenants were assigned to either a group offered monetary incentives, or a control group without incentives. Neither group was offered FSS employment services. Of program participants, 47% earned a reward payment within the first 18 months. More participants earned reward payments for sustaining full-time employment (45%) as opposed to earning rewards for education or training activities (5%). Incentive-only program participants earned an average of \$1,452 more than the control group, and were slightly more likely (3.9 percentage points) than the control group to work over the period of the study.

Because outcomes vary by subgroup, programs may hold promise for certain households but not others. Those who were unemployed prior to the study saw gains in average total earnings (\$1,658 for FSS-only, \$3,102 for FSS with incentive, and \$1,375 for incentive-only). Earnings increased the most for the FSS with incentives group at 45% above the control group average. Tenants who were employed at the beginning of the study period actually saw decreases in earnings. This

could be due to the focus of FSS services on job searches and work-readiness rather than on employment advancement, and because these participants had multiple other priorities, making it difficult for them to concentrate on the FSS program components.

Additionally, food stamp recipients experienced average total earnings increase in all three programs (\$2,056 for FSS-only, \$1,261 for FSS with incentive, and \$2,711 for incentive only). In the incentives-only study, earnings increased by 19% of the control group average. This suggests that work-focused incentives may be more effective for food stamp recipients with vouchers. Because food stamp earnings are reduced as income increases, Work Rewards incentives compensate for food stamp reductions as participants increase their incomes.

Working Toward Self-Sufficiency: Early Findings from a Program for Housing Voucher Recipients in New York City can be found at <http://bit.ly/YsxRTY>.

NLIHC NEWS

Become a Pacesetting Donor to NLIHC Leadership Awards Reception

The 31st NLIHC Housing Leadership Awards Reception will be held Tuesday, March 19 at the Washington Court Hotel. To be a pacesetting donor, please make pledge or contribute by January 31.

NLIHC is honoring retired **Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)** with the Edward W. Brooke, III Housing Leadership Award and **Chester Hartman, Ph.D.** with the Cushing Niles Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award for their leadership in deliberate, practical policy that will end and prevent homelessness and assure housing stability for everyone in the U.S.

The Housing Leadership Awards Reception is the Coalition's only annual fundraising event. To demonstrate support for the work of NLIHC to assure socially just housing policy for the lowest income Americans, please consider sponsoring the event and **make a gift by January 31**. Pacesetting donors are listed in the formal event invitation that is mailed in early February.

The proceeds from the reception constitute a significant percentage of our annual operating budget. NLIHC is funded entirely by member dues, foundation and corporate grants, and donations. NLIHC does not seek or accept public funding.

To learn more about becoming a pacesetting donor, contact Kate Traynor, Development Coordinator, at kate@nlhc.org or by phone at 202.662.1530 x234.

To purchase a ticket to the Leadership Awards Reception, visit <http://bit.ly/14n3vBP>.

FACT OF THE WEEK

Increases in Earnings from FSS and Incentive-Based Programs Vary by Subgroup

Percent Change in Average Earnings of Voucher Holders over 30-Month Study Period

	FSS Only	FSS + Incentives	Incentives Only
Food stamp recipient at baseline	15.2%	9.3%	18.7%
Not receiving food stamp	-7.9	-2.6	-8.8
Working at baseline	-2.4	-6.5	3.6
Not working at baseline	24.3	45.4	17.1

Chart shows percent change between program and control groups within each investigation.

Source: Verna, N., Tessler, B., Miller, C., Riccio, J.A., Rucks, Z. and Yang, E. (2013). Working Toward Self-Sufficiency: Early Findings from a Program for Housing Voucher Recipients in New York City. Washington, D.C.: MDRC. Retrieved from: <http://www.mdrc.org/working-toward-self-sufficiency>.

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The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated solely to achieving equitable federal policy that assures affordable, accessible, and healthy homes for the people with the lowest incomes in the United States.

Established in 1974 by Cushing N. Dolbeare, NLIHC educates, organizes, and advocates to ensure decent, affordable housing within healthy neighborhoods for everyone.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

NLIHC membership is the best way to stay informed about affordable housing issues, keep in touch with advocates around the country, and support NLIHC's work.

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