

2026 U.S. Poverty Laser Talk

Please invest in housing assistance in the FY27 budget

Engage: Housing affordability and homelessness are urgent challenges. Working families across the country are doing everything right and still can't afford a place to live.

Problem: Nearly half of all renters spend over 30 percent of their income on housing ("rent-burdened" households).

Inform: Rising costs of rent, food, health care, and other essentials are pushing too many families toward housing instability and homelessness. But this crisis is solvable. Housing Choice Vouchers currently help 2.4 million households stay stably housed and move toward economic security. The program provides flexible supports like rental assistance, landlord incentives, and help with move-in costs. However, chronic underfunding means only one in four eligible households receive assistance.

Call to Action: Congress can strengthen housing stability nationwide. Will you urge appropriators to increase funding for Housing Choice Vouchers to fully renew current vouchers and add 250,000 new vouchers in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27)?

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