

**COALITION OF HOUSING AND HOMELESS ORGANIZATIONS
(COHHO)**

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FY2013 BUDGET PRIORITIES—PLEASE SUPPORT ALL 3

- **Keep \$7M for Homeless Services as Priority # 1 on the Priority List.**
 - Enable DC DHS to continue to provide shelter, food, job training, and street outreach for homeless men and women 7 months of the year.
 - Prevent having **1,200** homeless men and women on the streets of our City without services and with no place to go.
 - The 2012 Point in Time homelessness survey shows modest success in reducing the number of homeless men and women in DC after years of effort; the loss of the \$7M could undo this success.
 - This item is already in the Mayor’s Proposed BSA, “Title X, “Additional Revenue Contingency List, Subtitle A. Revised Revenue Estimate Contingency Priority.” Funding would be from local revenue that exceeds the annual revenue estimate in the 3 remaining 2012 revenue estimates.

- **Add \$6M for the Local Rent Supplement Program as Priority # 6 or higher on the Priority List.**
 - Enable DCHA and DHS to move **250** homeless families and individuals from motels, shelters and streets into stable housing. Enable DCHA to fund development of permanent housing for **200** homeless households.
 - Reduce pressures on the homeless services system documented in the 2012 Homeless Enumeration Report that came out on May 9. Family homelessness in the District rose 18.6% in one year, and there aren’t enough shelter spaces. Reduce expenses because permanent supportive housing costs about \$40 a day while motels cost about \$130 a day. *Avert having the same crisis year after year.*
 - The Committee on Housing & Workforce Development recommends adding this as Priority # 6 in the BSA, “Title X, “Additional Revenue Contingency List, Subtitle A. Revised Revenue Estimate Contingency Priority.” Funding would be from local revenue that exceeds the annual revenue estimate in the 3 remaining 2012 revenue estimates.

- **Keep restoration of \$19.9M to the Housing Production Trust Fund as Priority # 4 or higher.**
 - These funds are being used for the second year in a row, essentially to balance the budget.
 - They are needed, however, for capital expenses of purchasing, renovating and preserving housing for a range of low-income residents including homeless persons.

- These funds could leverage private dollars to develop permanent housing for **400** households and further reduce the extreme strains on the homeless services and Housing Authority systems. Moreover, the housing would be available for low-income and homeless populations for up to 40 years, thus helping the City for decades.
- Not restoring these funds will result in the virtual elimination of the Trust Fund. There would be only \$1.8M remaining in the Fund in 2016.
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