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**Webinar on State and
Federal Budget Proposals**

February 23, 2012

Agenda

- State Budget
- Federal Budget
- What You Can Do

State Budget

- Overall Summary
 - <http://www2.illinois.gov/budget>
 - Click on Budget Books
- Department of Human Services Budget
 - FY 12 GRF Funding: \$3,387,141.3
 - FY 13 GRF Proposal: \$3,384,911.6

Homeless Prevention Program

- Provides a small grant to families at risk of eviction or foreclosure – keeping them in their home is better for the family and more cost-effective for the state.
- FY 12 Funding: \$1.485 million (87% less than \$11 million funded in FY 08)
- FY13 Advocacy Goal: \$5 million
- FY 13 Proposal: \$1.485 million

Emergency and Transitional Housing

- Provides temporary housing and critical supportive services to get adults back on their feet and help prevent future instability.
- FY 12 Funding: \$9.1 million (after restoration of 52% budget cut)
- FY 13 Goal: \$9.1 million
- FY 13 Proposal: \$4.384 million (52% cut)

Supportive Housing Services

- Pays for services in supportive housing for people who are chronically homeless and/or have disabilities.
- FY 12 Funding: \$20.565 million for Mental Health Supportive Housing and \$3.360 million for Supportive Housing Grants
- FY 13 Proposal: Flat Funding
- More information: Supportive Housing Providers Association

Homeless Youth

- Ensures that unaccompanied homeless youth have a safe place to turn to and a means to prevent their homelessness as adults.
- FY 12 Funding: \$3.228 million (32% less than \$4.7 million funded in FY 08)
- FY13 Goal: \$4.7 million
- FY 13 Proposal: \$3.228 million
- More information: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Housing Production Programs

- Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund
 - Freeze on Trust Fund has been lifted
- Rental Housing Support Program Fund
 - Funds borrowed during FY 11 should be paid back and used for assisting new households
- Capital Budget Funding
 - Remaining funds should be prioritized for rental housing for extremely low-income households

State Budget Process

- House and Senate Appropriations Committees will be holding hearings on budget.
- Budget must be passed by May 31.

Federal Budget

- On February 14, President Obama released his FY 13 budget proposal.
- Lives within the annual caps for appropriations set by the deficit reducing Budget Control Act of 2011, but does not assume that even deeper automatic cuts (“sequestration”) will take effect starting January 2013, as the law now requires.
- Budget proposes \$640 billion in savings in programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, farm subsidies, and federal worker pensions and raises revenues by \$1.5 trillion over the next decade (with the spending cuts mostly implemented starting in FY 2014 and beyond). The President would replace the automatic cuts in appropriations with this combination of new revenues and savings from mandatory programs. Congress will have to change the law for this to happen.
- “Non-security” appropriations drop from \$373.6 billion in FY 2012 to \$356.8 billion (a 4.5% cut, not counting inflation). These include education, labor, health, housing, transportation, the environment, and many other areas.
- “Security” spending, including the Pentagon, international funding, and veterans’ services, goes from \$684 billion in FY 12 to \$686 billion in FY 13.
- More info at <http://www.chn.org/humanneeds/120221.html>

HUD Budget

- Overall, the FY 13 proposal increases gross budget authority for the Department of Housing and Urban Development by 3% over FY 12 actual funding levels.
- However, the FY 12 funding level represents a decline in funding compared to FY11 because the Budget Control Act of 2011.

National Housing Trust Fund

- For the fourth consecutive year, President Obama's proposed budget includes \$1 billion at the initial capitalization for the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) from the mandatory side of the federal budget, which means it is not part of regular HUD appropriations. Administration officials have pledged to work with Congress and the NHTF Campaign to find an offset that Congress will approve this year.

HUD's Major Programs

- Tenant-based rental assistance (e.g., Housing Choice Vouchers) got small budget increase but relies on underfunding by implementing revenue-generating measures to ensure that all currently assisted households can keep their housing.
- One of these proposals is to increase, the minimum monthly rent HUD-assisted households must pay to \$75. This is strongly opposed by the National Low Income Housing Coalition and others.
- Public housing funding received a small increase, but the budget proposal does not rectify historical underfunding of operating subsidies and the huge backlog of capital needs.
- Project-based rental assistance, was cut through a proposal to enter into partial year contracts with building owners. Entering in contracts only through the end of the fiscal year will require the remaining funding needed for 12-month contracts to be supplied in the next fiscal year.

Other HUD Programs

- Funding increases were recommended for a few programs.
 - McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants: 17% increase or \$2.231 billion
 - Section 202 Housing for the Elderly: \$475 million (compared to \$375 in FY 12 but down from \$825 million in FY 10)
 - Housing Counseling: \$55 million (compared to \$45 in FY 12 but down from \$87.5 million in FY 10)
- The HOME Investment Partnership Program and CDBG were level funded.
- Other programs, such as Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811) and Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, received small cuts.

McKinney Vento Funding

- Proposed funding level of \$2.231 billion would include:
 - \$286 million for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program;
 - \$5 million for the Rural Housing Stability Assistance program; and
 - \$1.94 billion for the Continuum of Care program, including:
 - Renewing existing projects;
 - \$8 million for HMIS; and
 - \$22 million for new projects and CoC planning.

Federal Budget Process

- NOW – Congress is already holding hearings on the Budget Proposal.
- March 20 – Representatives have until this date to submit their official list of FY 2013 funding priorities (called a “programmatic request”) to the Appropriations Committee. Senators have until March 23 – just a few extra days. Some offices set internal deadlines earlier than the official deadline, so the earlier you can send letters, the better.
- April and May – the HUD Appropriations Committee will begin drafting its FY 2013 HUD funding bills, based largely on the priorities requested by Members of Congress in March.
- May or June – the House HUD Appropriations Committee may release and vote on its FY 2013 HUD funding bill much earlier than usual, and the Senate isn’t expected to be far behind.

More information

- National Low Income Housing Coalition
 - <http://www.nlihc.org>
- National Alliance to End Homelessness
 - <http://www.endhomelessness.org>
- Housing Assistance Council
 - <http://www.ruralhome.org>

What You Can Do

- Identify Your Key Issue(s)
- Communicate with Other People in Your Networks
- Meet with Your Legislators
- Affordable Housing Month
- Stories in Your Local Media
- Join HousingMatters.net

Identify Your Key Issue(s)

- Housing Action's Priorities:
 - State Budget: Emergency and Transitional Housing and Homeless Prevention
 - Rental Housing Support Program and Other Housing Production Programs
 - Federal Budget: McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Grants and Housing Counseling

Communicate with Other People in Your Networks

- Determine the Impacts on Your Agency and Your Community
- Get the Word Out!
 - Continuum of Care Networks
 - Staff Meetings
 - Boards and Committees
 - Churches
 - Civic Organizations

Meet with Your Legislators: Illinois House

Appropriations-Human Services Committee - Members

97th General Assembly

Members	Notice of Hearing	Bills
Role	Representative	Party
Chairperson :	Sara Feigenholtz	D
Vice-Chairperson :	Robyn Gabel	D
Republican Spokesperson :	Rosemary Mulligan	R
Member:	Patricia R. Bellock	R
Member:	Kimberly du Buclet	D
Member:	Lisa M. Dugan	D
Member:	Paul Evans	R
Member:	Keith Farnham	D
Member:	Chad Hays	R
Member:	Elizabeth Hernandez	D
Member:	David R. Leitch	R
Member:	Camille Y Lilly	D
Member:	Rita Mayfield	D
Member:	Michelle Mussman	D
Member:	Pam Roth	R
Member:	Darlene J. Senger	R

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Meet with Your Legislators: Illinois Senate

Appropriations I - Members

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Member:	William Delgado	D
Member:	Mattie Hunter	D
Member:	Mike Jacobs	D
Member:	Jeffrey M. Schoenberg	D
Member:	Donne E. Trotter	D
Minority Spokesperson :	Matt Murphy	R
Member:	Dan Duffy	R
Member:	Chris Lauzen	R
Member:	Ron Sandack	R
Member:	Dave Syverson	R

Federal Legislators with Committee Assignments Related to Budget

- Senator Richard Durbin
- Senator Mark Kirk
- Representative Judy Biggert
- Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr.

Meeting with Your Legislators

- March and April are key months to meet with your state legislators.
- State legislators should be able to available to meet with you in-district on non-session days.
- Housing Action will be holding a call on Monday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. on holding meetings with state legislators. Dial-In Number: 1-213-406-8520. Access Code: 354-5316.
- Federal legislators are often easier to schedule around some sort of public event and/or if the meeting is with a small or medium-sized delegation.
- Each federal legislator has a staff person in DC who works on HUD budget you can reach out to.

Affordable Housing Month is March 2012

- Focused on Public Education and Advocacy
- Sample 2012 Activities:
 - Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs getting local AHM proclamations
 - DuPage Housing Action Coalition meeting with state legislators and doing media outreach
 - Ezra Multiservice Center is screening Neighbor by Neighbor, a documentary on organizing for affordable housing
 - Decatur/Macon County Continuum of Care Community Breakfast on 3/22
- More information at <http://www.housingactionil.org/organizing/pages1-5/index01.html>

Stories in Your Local Media

- Letter to the Editor
- Press Release
- Reach out to a reporter
- Your website
- Blogs
- Like Housing Action Illinois on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter: @housingactionIL

Join HousingMatters.net

- HousingMatters.net mobilizes individuals who support quality, fair, accessible and affordable housing for people in Illinois and the organizations actively working toward such goals. The action alerts that you will receive will help you stay informed on the most critical housing issues facing our state and give you powerful tools to directly contact decision makers quickly and effectively.
- In 2011, HousingMatters.net membership continued to grow and we now have more than 1,800 members throughout Illinois.
- Join at <http://www.housingmatters.net>

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