



COMMIT TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN ILLINOIS

Families across Illinois are struggling with unemployment, foreclosure, and high rent burdens. Modest investments in housing and homeless services save the state money by preventing more costly social outcomes. In difficult economic times this funding is even more important – for families and for our state.

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund is the state's dedicated resource to create and preserve affordable housing. It is critical to protect this resource and fund housing and homelessness line items from GRF.

FUND HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES IN FY 2015

INCREASE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES FUNDING TO \$30.1 MILLION, A \$2.3 MILLION INCREASE FROM FY 2014.

This program funds services for highly vulnerable populations residing in affordable housing including primary and mental healthcare, substance abuse services, and employment and life skills counseling. Supportive Housing Services support over 13,000 people each year and save the state a total of \$31.2 million annually.

RESTORE HOMELESS PREVENTION FUNDING TO \$6 MILLION, A \$2 MILLION INCREASE FROM FY 2014.

This program provides one-time rental and utility assistance, which has allowed 101,830 families to remain in their homes. This funding prevents families from entering the more costly emergency shelter system. Restoring Prevention funding to \$6 million will prevent homelessness for more than 5,700 households. Eighty-eight percent of households stay housed after using homeless prevention funds.

RESTORE HOMELESS EDUCATION FUNDING TO \$3 MILLION AS FUNDED IN FY 2009.

Restoring \$3 million in homeless education funding would ensure the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless students by funding services including transportation, tutoring, outreach, and social services. This past school year, a record 51,638 Illinois students were identified as homeless, a 93% increase since the program was last funded.

MAINTAIN FUNDING OF HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS AT \$4.6 MILLION AS FUNDED IN FY 2014.

Homeless youth programs provide outreach services, emergency shelter, and longer-term housing for unaccompanied homeless youth. 87% of unaccompanied youth served by this program in Illinois moved into safe, stable housing.

MAINTAIN FUNDING OF EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AT \$9.3 MILLION AS FUNDED IN FY 2014.

This vital program provides comprehensive shelter services to more than 40,000 adults and children per year, with more than 54% exiting into permanent or transitional housing. Even at this funding level, Illinoisans are turned away more than 45,000 times a year due to insufficient resources.

A FAIR TAX SYSTEM

WOULD CREATE NEEDED REVENUE

REVENUE SOURCES

TO FUND THE STATE'S PRIORITIES

FAIR-INCOME TAX

Illinois could raise at least \$2.4 billion dollars of needed revenue if higher-income taxpayers paid a higher tax rate and lower income taxpayers paid a lower rate.

EXTEND TEMPORARY INCOME TAX INCREASE

Avoid a \$7 billion combined revenue loss for FY 2015 and FY 2016 that will result in devastating cuts to critical safety net programs.

CLOSE CORPORATE LOOPHOLES

Half a billion dollars of wasteful loopholes for tax-dodging corporations could be spent on life-saving housing programs.



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