

Short-term federal activities should include the following:



Housing

- Capitalize the new National Housing Trust Fund at \$10 billion for two years to rehabilitate or build 100,000 rental homes for the lowest income households using green standards.
- Fund 400,000 new Housing Vouchers at \$3.6 billion for two years to provide the lowest income households with rent assistance.
- Fund the homelessness prevention component of the Emergency Shelter Grant program at \$2 billion for two years to prevent low-income households from becoming homeless and to rapidly re-house those that do lose their homes; 400,000 households will be assisted.
- Set aside one-third of housing vouchers, National Housing Trust Fund resources, and other housing program resources for homeless families and families who are at risk of homelessness (50% of the Federal Poverty Level).
- Protect renters from sudden displacement and assure continuity of voucher assistance for tenants in rental properties in foreclosure.
- Keep homeowners stably housed by requiring banks and other mortgage holders to approve affordable loan modifications.



Education

- Fully fund Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431) at \$210 million to ensure that every homeless child can enroll in and attend school, and receive the services they need to succeed.



Supportive Services

- Adopt the proposed \$2 billion for the Emergency Shelter Grant and ensure that 30% (\$6 million) is dedicated to trauma-informed services for children and families.
- Invest \$3 billion into child care vouchers for children experiencing homelessness so that they can receive the early care and education they deserve, and so that their parents can engage in employment, job training, and other activities to lift their families out of homelessness.
- Allocate funds within all federally funded programs to support training, technical assistance, and the development of career ladders for service providers working with homeless children.
- Fully fund the Violence Prevention and Services Act at \$175 million and increase the Victims of Crime Act cap to \$717 million annually.



Income

- Expand the TANF contingency fund so that states are able to provide cash assistance to the increasing number of very poor families.¹⁴⁶



Hunger

- Provide a temporary increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, which states should implement within 30 to 60 days of enactment.¹⁴⁷



Planning & Data Collection

- Require the federal Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) to make child and family homelessness a high priority.
- Require all studies and programs supported by federal agencies and serving low-income people to collect data on the housing status of program beneficiaries.
- Coordinate Congressional committee activities on Homelessness with the Federal ICH.