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**Increase Resources to Affordable Housing Programs Serving Homeless Populations:**

- **Make Ending Chronic Homelessness a FY2015 priority.**  
Congress should provide an additional \$300 million for the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Grant programs.
  - An additional \$300 million would create enough new supportive housing units to end chronic homelessness by 2016.
  - Supportive housing is a proven cost-effective model that combines affordable housing with supportive services to help individuals and families remain stably housed while addressing their most acute needs.
- **Restore 40,000 vouchers lost to sequestration.**  
Congress should provide an additional \$320 million for special purpose vouchers to target homeless families and individuals, in addition to the amount necessary to renew all existing vouchers.
  - *Housing choice vouchers provide families with choice and housing stability.* In addition, they are a critical tool to develop and sustain supportive housing for families, persons with disabilities and elderly households.
  - *Special Purpose Vouchers* target certain vulnerable populations in order to ensure that their housing needs are being met and housing providers can create specific, targeted strategies to ensure long-term housing stability.
- **Ensure supportive services are adequately funded to help homeless populations.**  
The Mental Health and Substance Abuse programs in HHS provide supportive services for chronically homeless families and individuals. Congress should fund these programs at \$100 million in FY2015.
- **Encourage systems-integration and collaboration through Social Innovation Grants.**  
Creating effective supportive housing programs for targeted populations takes coordination of independent systems at the local, state and federal level. Grant programs like **Pay for Success** and **Social Innovation Fund** has helped develop cross-systems collaboration and encouraged public-private partnerships to develop innovative, cost-effective initiatives.
  - *Social Innovation Fund:* Provide \$80 million for the Social Innovation Fund in the Corporation for National and Community Service.
  - *Pay for Success:* Provide \$100 million for Pay for Success Initiatives to continue to encourage target populations to improve their lives by addressing multiple needs.