

Sign On to Increase McKinney Funding & Protect USICH

JFNA and AJFCA recently joined in efforts to support the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program, as well the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), which is being organized by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program represent the primary source of federal funding for programs serving people experiencing homelessness. Because of advocacy efforts in the House and Senate, the Fiscal Year 2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill in both chambers included increased funding for this program, but efforts must continue to ensure that this increased funding is passed into law, particularly at the \$2.487 billion level of funding in the House's bill. Moreover, the USICH, which works across federal government agencies and facilitates federal and local partnerships on homelessness programs, will disband in 2017 without Congressional action. Therefore, organizations are urging Congress to extend the sunset date for USICH from 2017 to 2020, while maintaining its current funding level of \$3.6 million. JFNA and AJFCA have joined as cosigners of a Senate ([HYPERLINK](#)) and House ([HYPERLINK](#)) letter to the Senate and House THUD Appropriations Subcommittees to urge support for these two asks. If you would like your agency to join these letters as a cosigner, you can do so by emailing the National Alliance to End Homelessness with your organization's name, city, and state at ecrew@naeh.org.