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Projected Impact of the Sequestration on Homeless and Housing Services for FY 2013

- ❖ \$2 billion cuts from housing assistance and community-development programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- ❖ The funding for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) could fall to \$190 million which is 34% below the amount provided in 2012. This program helps support emergency shelters and temporary financial and other types of assistance for at-risk people to avert homelessness or enable them to move from shelters into permanent housing.
- ❖ Cut the number of low-income families using the Housing Choice Vouchers to afford housing by roughly 140,000
- ❖ Only one out of four eligible households will receive a housing voucher or some other type of federal rental assistance, and there are long waiting lists for assistance in nearly every community around the Country
- ❖ Reduce funding for Housing Choice Voucher program by \$938 million in calendar year 2013:
 - a. Housing Agencies' funding will be cut by 6% and cannot maintain services at present levels
 - b. Families on waiting lists cannot access housing vouchers
 - c. Agencies are withdrawing vouchers from families that have recently received them



This is in addition to the \$3.7 billion which was cut from HUD's 2012 budget!

Statistic from the Nation Magazine regarding poverty in the United States (May 10, 2013)

- US poverty (less than \$17,916 for a family of three): 46.2 million people, 15.1 percent.
- Children in poverty: 16.1 million, [22 percent](#) of all children, including 39 percent of African-American children and 34 percent of Latino children. Poorest age group in country.
- Deep poverty (less than \$11,510 for a family of four): 20.4 million people, 1 in 15 Americans, including more than 15 million women and children.
- People who would have been in poverty if not for Social Security, 2011: [67.6 million](#) (program kept 21.4 million people out of poverty).
- People in the US experiencing poverty by age 65: [Roughly half](#).
- Gender gap, 2011: Women [34 percent](#) more likely to be poor than men.
- Gender gap, 2010: Women [29 percent](#) more likely to be poor than men.
- Twice the poverty level (less than \$46,042 for a family of four): 106 million people, more than 1 in 3 Americans.
- Jobs in the US paying less than \$34,000 a year: [50 percent](#).
- Jobs in the US paying below the poverty line for a family of four, less than \$23,000 annually: [25 percent](#).
- Poverty-level wages, 2011: [28 percent](#) of workers.
- Percentage of individuals and family members in poverty who either worked or lived with a working family member, 2011: [57 percent](#).
- Low-income families that were working in 2011: More than [70 percent](#).
- Families receiving cash assistance, 1996: [68](#) for every 100 families living in poverty.
- Families receiving cash assistance, 2010: [27](#) for every 100 families living in poverty.
- Impact of public policy, 2010: without government assistance, [poverty would have been twice as high](#)—nearly 30 percent of population.
- Percentage of entitlement benefits going to elderly, disabled, or working households: [over 90 percent](#).
- Food stamp recipients with no other cash income: [6.5 million](#) people.
- Number of homeless children in US public schools: [1,065,794](#).
- Annual cost of child poverty nationwide: [\\$550 billion](#).
- Mothers who are homeless as a direct result of domestic violence: 1 in 4.
- Homeless mothers who will experience domestic violence at some point: over 90 percent.
- Federal expenditures on home ownership mortgage deductions, 2012: [\\$131 billion](#).
- Federal funding for low-income housing assistance programs, 2012: [less than \\$50 billion](#).

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/174273/week-poverty-12-things-you-can-do-fight-poverty-now#>