COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund
Housing and Homelessness Working Group

The Homelessness and Housing Working Group is focused on the needs of people experiencing homelessness and housing instability and the frontline nonprofit organizations and individuals who are providing essential services and advocacy. Our goals are to:

- Support advocacy and organizing efforts to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness or housing instability related to COVID-19.
- Support innovative programs and solutions that will help prevent people from losing stable housing and help people more rapidly access stable housing.
- Help increase capacity of nonprofit homeless service and housing providers to provide direct services to vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 crisis; and help fill critical funding gaps related to COVID-19 response efforts.

Funding Priorities

- **Infrastructure:** Support for efforts to create/grow the capacity of advocacy organizations/coalitions focused on homelessness and housing issues related to COVID-19 (e.g., strengthening relationships with policymakers/key stakeholders, increasing the size and diversity of coalition membership).
- **Campaigns:** Support for advocacy and organizing initiatives focused on specific systems reform and/or public policy goals related to the homeless services system/housing infrastructure (e.g., advocacy to increase or preserve public funding for homeless services system/housing; advocacy to strengthen public policy; or identifying barriers to and increasing access to resources).
- **Innovation:** Support for programs and solutions that will help prevent people from losing stable housing and help people more rapidly access stable housing.
- **Direct Services:** Support for nonprofit organizations actively providing direct service to the most vulnerable populations during COVID-19 crisis. Priority populations include people living in shelters or on the street, women, domestic violence survivors, youth (including LGBTQ youth), older individuals, chronically ill individuals, undocumented individuals, and returning citizens.

*Note: Grant funds will not be awarded for programs working with households currently housed with vouchers and other government resources. This includes PSH, RRH, and transitional housing.*