Since 2009, chronic homelessness in DC has decreased by 22%. By investing in proven solutions, we have shown tremendous progress.

Yet, on any given night, approximately 1,500 individuals and 40 families continue to experience long-term homelessness in our city. This vulnerable population is at risk of dying of diseases that are both preventable and manageable. This is why, despite great strides, our work to end chronic homelessness is not done.

Now, more than ever, we must support our most vulnerable residents and capitalize on the District’s historic investments in programs such as Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

We urge Mayor Bowser to invest $17.4 million to house over 1,300 vulnerable individuals:

- $8.5 million to house 535 individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing
- $5.2 million to house 425 individuals in Targeted Affordable Housing
- $3.7 million to house 343 individuals in Rapid Re-Housing

1) Invest $8.5 in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for 535 individuals
Research and experience show that Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that uses the Housing First approach is one of the BEST ways to end chronic homelessness. In the District, programs like the DHS Permanent Supportive Housing Program help residents who have experienced homeless for years to achieve and maintain housing stability and to improve their health. For FY18, it is estimated that approximately 535 units of PSH are needed for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Our recommendation is that DC fully funds this need in FY18.

2) Invest at least $5.2 million for Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH) for 425 individuals
Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH) is a program that is designed to meet the needs of individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness, but who either no longer need the services offered by PSH or need longer term assistance than Rapid Re-housing offers. Funding this strategic intervention now will help us ensure that we are targeting our resources effectively and ensuring that individuals can move quickly through the homeless services system. We recommend funding 425 units of TAH in FY18, which will address roughly half of the need for this intervention.

3) Invest at least $3.7 million in Rapid Re-housing (RRH) for 343 individuals
Rapid Re-housing helps individuals to find housing, pay for housing (through short-term financial and rental assistance), and stay in housing (through support like case management). At minimum, we recommend that DC invest in 343 units of RRH in FY18.

4) End Chronic Homelessness for Families
On a given night, approximately 40 families experience chronic homelessness in DC. We recommend that Mayor Bowser invest the full resources necessary to connect these families to housing in FY18.

LEAVE A LEGACY:
End chronic homelessness in D.C.

Ms. Agnes, who was housed after nearly 20 years of homelessness, now has a place to call home.