



COMMIT TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN ILLINOIS

Homeless services cannot be adequately funded without maintaining current state revenue. Without adequate revenue, homeless service programs, already cut by nearly \$10 million, would be cut by at least an additional \$7 million.

Hold the line on revenue to fund needed homeless services.

FUND HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES

RESTORE HOMELESS PREVENTION FUNDING TO \$6 MILLION, A \$2 MILLION INCREASE FROM FY 2015.

This program provides one-time rental and utility assistance, which has allowed 101,830 families to remain in their homes. This funding prevents families from entering the more costly emergency shelter system. Restoring Prevention funding to \$6 million will prevent homelessness for more than 5,700 households. Eighty-eight percent of households stay housed after using homeless prevention funds.

RESTORE HOMELESS EDUCATION FUNDING TO \$3 MILLION AS FUNDED IN FY 2009.

Restoring \$3 million in homeless education funding would ensure the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless students by funding services including transportation, tutoring, outreach, and social services. This past school year, a record 59,112 Illinois students were identified as homeless, a 121% increase since the program was last funded.

MAINTAIN FUNDING OF HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS AT \$5.6 MILLION AS FUNDED IN FY 2015.

Homeless youth programs provide outreach services, emergency shelter, and longer-term housing for unaccompanied homeless youth.

82% of unaccompanied youth served by this program in Illinois moved into safe, stable housing.

MAINTAIN FUNDING OF EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AT \$9.4 MILLION AS FUNDED IN FY 2015.

In FY 13 over 100 agencies provided comprehensive shelter services to 42,411 people across the state. Even at this funding level, Illinoisans were turned away 55,422 times during the same fiscal year due to insufficient resources.

MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AT \$30.5 MILLION.

Over 12,000 people live in supportive housing in the state.

Supportive housing addresses the state's consent decrees and provides individuals at risk of homelessness with a stable environment and an opportunity for health improvement and reduced medical expenses.

ILLINOIS CAN'T AFFORD TO GO BACKWARD: HOLDING THE LINE ON REVENUE IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR FUTURE

FACT: ILLINOIS IS A LOW SPENDING STATE.

Nearly three-quarters of states spent MORE in 2012 as a percentage of residents' total income.

Without adequate revenue, Illinois cannot afford to provide housing and homeless services for the thousands of Illinois children and families who need them.

- **Services for homeless youth are at risk.** At least 418 homeless youth would lose housing and supportive services.
- **Services for homeless families are at risk.** At least 233 families at-risk of homelessness would lose emergency grants to keep them in their homes.
- **Housing for people with disabilities is at risk.** At least 2,200 people with disabilities would lose access to permanent supportive housing.

Illinois has cut spending for years on services that families depend on. Between FY09 and FY15:

- **K-12 funding** was cut by almost 17%, adjusting for inflation.
- **Higher Ed funding** was cut by 18% adjusting for inflation.
- **MAP scholarship funds** were cut by 12% adjusting for inflation.
- **Preschool for All** was cut by \$80 million (30% after adjusting for inflation).
- **Community Mental Health** was cut by \$56 million (26% adjusting for inflation).

FACT: IF WE TURN AWAY REVENUE, ILLINOIS WILL SUFFER.

Without adequate revenue, key programs will face painful cuts in the remainder of FY15. Balancing the FY16 budget will require massive, unprecedented cuts from human services, to schools, to public safety – Illinois families and communities will suffer.



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