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## FY16 Appropriations to Create Affordable Housing and End Homelessness

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**The State of Illinois has 8 dedicated funds to create affordable housing and end homelessness. These funds cannot be spent without appropriations authority.**

- Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Assistance to the Homeless Fund
- Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program Fund
- Foreclosure Prevention Graduated Program Fund
- Foreclosure Prevention Program Fund
- Health and Human Services Trust Fund (Portion Appropriated for Permanent Supportive Housing and DMH Bridge Subsidy Program)
- Rental Housing Support Program Fund

**These dedicated funds have their own revenue sources and are separate and apart from General Revenue Funds (GRF). Spending these dedicated funds would not increase the state budget deficit.**

Appropriations of \$274.7 million from these dedicated funds and \$35.3 million in GRF could:

- Serve approximately 73,000 low-income people through the following Illinois Department of Human Services Programs: Emergency and Transitional Housing, Homeless Prevention, Homeless Youth, Supportive Housing Services and the DMH Bridge Subsidy Program.
- Assist 100,000 people who are members of households in need of housing counseling to avoid foreclosure or to prepare to buy a home through the Foreclosure Prevention Program.
- Fund 14,640 affordable housing units for low-income households through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, federal HOME funds and the Rental Housing Support Program.

**Releasing these funds and a small amount of GRF will create the homes, jobs, local tax revenue and economic activity that our state desperately needs.**

- Currently \$26.5 million in contracted federal HOME funds are outstanding to 20 affordable rental housing developments and 12 home repair and homeownership programs. For the rental projects, without HOME funds an additional \$250 million in additional private and public sources committed for these projects are at-risk.
- In FY 2015, 3,957 households who received these funds in were able to retain their housing with an average grant of \$1,001. Because of the budget impasse, zero households have been assisted in FY 2016 due to lack of access to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and GRF. This has caused many families to become homeless, which makes it extremely difficult for adults to maintain employment and for children to attend school.



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