



Housing Advocacy: Illinois Delegation Agenda

Housing Action Illinois:

Support funding for affordable housing in [reconciliation](#) and FY23 appropriations:

- **Expand rental assistance to every eligible household by investing \$25 billion.** Rental assistance is a critical tool for helping the lowest-income people afford decent, stable, accessible housing, with a proven track record of reducing homelessness and housing poverty.
- **Invest \$65 billion to repair public housing.** Public housing is critical to ensuring people with the greatest needs have a safe, decent, affordable, and accessible place to call home, and the preservation of this community asset must be included to ensure housing is a human right.
- **Invest \$15 billion in the national Housing Trust Fund.** The National Housing Trust Fund is the first new federal housing resource in a generation exclusively targeted to build and preserve rental homes affordable to people with the lowest incomes. It is the only federal housing production program targeted to address the market failure that is an underlying cause of the housing crisis
- **FY 23 Appropriations provides the opportunity to increase affordable housing resources targeted to households with the lowest incomes.** Increased funding will 1) expand housing vouchers to an additional 200,000 households which help get/keep people housed, 2) provide robust resources to address homelessness through Homeless Assistance Grants 3) and at least \$100 million for legal assistance to prevent evictions.

Support and Co-sponsor:

Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act (S. 1991) – Senators Van Hollen (D-MD) and Young (R-IN). Provides 500,000 new housing vouchers and counseling services to help families with children move to areas of opportunity. See [factsheet](#).

Eviction Crisis Act (S. 2182) – Senator Bennet (D-CO), Portman (R-OH), Brown (D-OH) and Young (R-IN), and Rep. Torres (D-NY). Bill establishes a permanent Emergency Rental Assistance program, (\$3 billion annually), to help families facing a financial shock avoid eviction. See [Opportunity Starts at Home campaign NLIHC's factsheet](#).

Our Homes, Our Votes Act (H.R.2215) – Reps. Garcia (D-IL) and Scanlon (D-PA). Bill facilitates voter registration for residents of federally subsidized housing by allowing them to register to vote as they sign their lease and by adding federally subsidized housing to the national Motor Voter law.

Community Experts in Housing Priority Issues by Sector:

1. INCIL: Housing challenges and needs for those living with disabilities in Illinois
2. RAN: Housing challenges and needs for refugees in Illinois
3. ICAAP: Housing Challenges and Needs for families with Children in Illinois
4. Working Family Solidarity- Housing challenges and needs for low-wage, underemployed and unemployed workers in Illinois