

Resolution Number: 18

Submitted by: The Honorable Mayor Martin J. Walsh, City of Boston

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HUD'S HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs -- the Continuum of Care Program (CoC) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program -- provide critical resources to State and local governments to deliver services and housing to homeless people including emergency shelter, street outreach, essential services, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, communities have unique needs and require flexible resources to meet the challenges facing homeless people; and

WHEREAS, both programs enable local communities to shape and implement comprehensive, flexible, and coordinated approaches to address the multiple causes of homelessness and various homeless sub-populations; and

WHEREAS, we support the Administration's following recommended legislative changes to the programs: (1) allow CoC grantees to receive one-year transition grants to maintain service to program participants as those projects transition from one CoC program component to another; (2) allow CoC grant recipients to count program income toward meeting the match requirement; and (3) allow recipients greater flexibility when estimating costs for rental assistance projects; and

WHEREAS, these programs are critical to serving the neediest members of our communities and we urge HUD to ensure that all CoC projects are renewed to avoid causing lapses in housing and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the United States Conference of Mayors urges Congress to provide at least \$2.53 billion for HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs in FY2019.