Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities  
FY 2017 Appropriations

HUD’s Section 811 program is an essential source of funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) for non-elderly adults with significant disabilities. The President’s budget proposes a total of $154 million for Section 811 in FY 2017 to renew existing Project-Based Rental Assistance Contracts.

CCD’s Housing Task Force recommends that Congress provide $25 million for new PSH units under the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) program – for a total appropriation of approximately $179 million. An appropriation of $179 million will help address the critical need for community-based, affordable PSH for persons with significant disabilities and build on HUD’s successful implementation of the new PRA model. Funds would be used to develop PSH units under the new and highly cost-effective Section 811 PRA program authorized by Congress in the bipartisan Frank Melville Support Housing Investment Act of 2010.

HUD Section 811 PRA Program – A Record of Enormous Innovation and Success

In February 2013, HUD awarded $98 million in Section 811 PRA grant awards to 13 states to create over 3,000 new integrated units of PSH. In March 2015, HUD announced the award of another $150 million to 24 states plus the District of Columbia. Of the 43 states that have applied for Section 811 PRA program funding, 29 (or 57% of states and the District of Columbia) will now be administering the program, with over 7,500 units total anticipated. These statistics demonstrate both the extraordinary demand for PSH for people living in costly institutional settings and people experiencing chronic homelessness as well as the effectiveness of the new PRA approach.

FY 2017 Appropriation Needed for Integrated PSH

Across the U.S., approximately 2,800,000 non-elderly adults with disabilities live in institutional, segregated Group Quarters – including Skilled Nursing Facilities, segregated Group Homes/Board and Care facilities, shelters and transitional housing for people who are homeless, and Residential Treatment Facilities – rather than in integrated community-based PSH which can be created by Section 811 PRA funding.

To help address these urgent needs, Congress should provide FY 2017 program funding of at least $25 million to create as many as 765 Section 811 PRA units – for a total appropriation of approximately $179 million.

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