

The 18-Homeless Assistance Act

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Shall reinforce Executive Order 18, which states

Section 1. Declaration. A state of national emergency shall exist concerning the issue of homelessness, as defined under Section 11302 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and with the authority assumed under the National Emergencies and Stafford Acts.

Section 2. Reprogramming. The Federal Housing Administration is empowered to transfer funding from the following programs to the Title V Program on Federal Surplus Property for Use to Assist the Homeless and Low Income Housing Tax Credits:

- (i) The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services;
- (ii) The U.S. Agency for International Development;
- (iii) The Community Development Block Grant Program;
- (iv) Unused allocations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
- (v) Regional Continuum of Care body recipients of federal subsidies.

Section 3. Localization. The U.S. Interagency Council of Homelessness shall work with state and municipal housing agencies and non-governmental organizations on a “Housing-First” stability reassurance approach and shall no longer abide by existing federal vulnerability indexes.

Section 4. General Provisions. This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations, with nothing in this order construed to impair or otherwise affect (i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or (ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.