



Executive Order 37

SUBJECT: Improving Federal Agency Coordination and Resource Management on the U.S. Homelessness Crisis

PREFACE. It is the policy of this Administration that VC Executive Orders 18, 29, and 31, constituting an earlier version of this Order drafted by myself, excluded key additions that further this Administration's objective of minimizing overlap of agency jurisdiction on this issue.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the Laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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; and
- (v) Regional Continuum of Care body recipients of federal subsidies.

Section 3: Definition. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall formally adopt the statutory definitions of "homelessness" operated by the Department of Education under Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and Title III of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, expanding services to formerly unprotected youth or *all* persons of nonpermanent residence, including (but not limited to) temporary stay with unofficial sponsors and/or long-term motel habitation.

Section 4: *Designation.* The Administration for Children and Families, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Human Services, shall assume all responsibilities involving the provision of recovery-oriented services and programs for homeless families.

Section 5. *Localization.* The U.S. Interagency Council on 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.

- a) The Council shall work with the Council of Economic Advisors to evaluate, supplement, and review research used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure the advancement of evidence-based measures aimed at reducing the proliferation of homelessness in the near- and long-term.

Section 6. *General Provisions.* This order shall be implemented assuming repeal of Executive Orders 18, 29 and 31, 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.

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Francis J. Vita, President of the United States