



ACT FOR OLDER ADULTS

COVID-19 Relief

HUD-Assisted Affordable Senior Housing

More than 700,000 older adults, with average annual household incomes below \$14,000, call HUD's Section 202 and Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance programs home.

Congress must do much more to ensure the residents and staff of the more than 10,000 Section 202 and apartment communities have the resources they need to practice effective infection control, remain fully staffed, combat social isolation, and ensure HUD-assisted seniors stay healthy.

Support H.R. 6873 and S. 4177, The Emergency Housing Assistance for Older Adults Act of 2020

The identical bills would provide a total of \$1.2 billion to help HUD Section 202 Housing for the Elderly and Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance senior housing with COVID-19 related costs:

- \$845 million to cover a COVID-19 costs in affordable senior housing communities, including staffing, cleaning and disinfecting, PPE, services, security, etc.
- \$300 million for Service Coordinators. These dollars would be to get Service Coordinators in HUD senior buildings that do not have one. Half of HUD senior communities do not have a Service Coordinator.
- \$50 million for wireless internet installation and service fees for HUD assisted resident apartments. HUD currently does not pay for internet installation or service fees in apartments and therefore most residents do not have it. They miss out on efforts to combat social isolation, telehealth, and connection to community services.
- \$7 million to extend HUD's Integrated Wellness in Supportive Housing demonstration, set to sunset on 9/30/20, for one year.

Ask Your Members of Congress to:

- Act for Older Adults and include the relief provided by H.R. 6873 and S. 4177 into the next COVID-19 relief bill.