

ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN ARIZONA

Rep. Gallego believes every Arizonan deserves a safe place to sleep at night and that every family and business should feel safe in their neighborhood. In Congress, he's fighting to bring home federal resources to reduce unsheltered homelessness and help people transition to permanent housing.

The Problem

The rising cost of living and shortage of affordable housing have resulted in uncertainty for too many Arizona families.

In August 2022, the Phoenix metro area recorded the fourth-highest number of evictions in the U.S.,¹ and more than 300 Arizona households apply for rent and utility assistance each day.²

In 2022, the Arizona Department of Economic Security estimated there were over 13,500 people experiencing homelessness across the state.³ Unfortunately, due to a supply shortage, **there were 18 new people experiencing homelessness for every 10 people finding housing.**⁴



The Solution

Rep. Gallego is fighting for robust federal funding to lower costs and increase access to affordable housing for Arizonans. During his time in Congress, **Rep. Gallego has secured over \$600 million in funding for Phoenix through the Department of Housing and Urban Development,** including over \$200 million in Community Development Block Grants. This includes funding for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program to help Arizonans regain stability





Rep. Gallego participates in the groundbreaking of Garfield II, an affordable housing complex for seniors. Rep. Gallego has fought for funding for Garfield II in Congress.

in permanent housing; the Home Investments Partnership Program to build, buy, and rehabilitate affordable housing; the Housing Trust Fund to produce and preserve affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households; the Continuum of Care Program to provide community-based solutions for ending homelessness;

and the Public Housing Capital Fund to modernize and develop public housing.

Rep. Gallego is also fighting to make the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program fair for Arizona

by allocating additional vouchers specifically to fast-growing cities historically underserved by the program. He also sent a letter to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in December 2023 urging them to redistribute unused vouchers from other cities to rapidly growing, underserved cities such as Phoenix.



Endnotes

- 1 <https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/dl/2022-Homelessness-Annual-Report.pdf?time=1691606062005>
- 2 <https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/dl/2022-Homelessness-Annual-Report.pdf?time=1691606062005>
- 3 <https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/dl/2022-Homelessness-Annual-Report.pdf?time=1691606062005>
- 4 <https://azmag.gov/Programs/Homelessness/Data/Homelessness-Trends#:~:text=Top%20Takeaways%20from%20the%20Homelessness%20Trends%20Report%2C%20Q3%202023&text=From%20October%202022%20E2%80%93%20September%202023,emergency%20shelter%2C%20and%20transitional%20housing.>