
42 U.S. Code § 1437

Declaration of policy and public housing agency organization

(a) Declaration of policy

It is the policy of the United States—

- (1) to promote the general welfare of the Nation by employing the funds and credit of the Nation, as provided in this chapter—
 - (A) to assist States and political subdivisions of States to remedy the unsafe housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent and safe dwellings for low-income families;
 - (B) to assist States and political subdivisions of States to address the shortage of housing affordable to low-income families; and
 - (C) consistent with the objectives of this subchapter, to vest in public housing agencies that perform well, the maximum amount of responsibility and flexibility in program administration, with appropriate accountability to public housing residents, localities, and the general public;
- (2) that the Federal Government cannot through its direct action alone provide for the housing of every American citizen, or even a majority of its citizens, but it is the responsibility of the Government to promote and protect the independent and collective actions of private citizens to develop housing and strengthen their own neighborhoods;

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