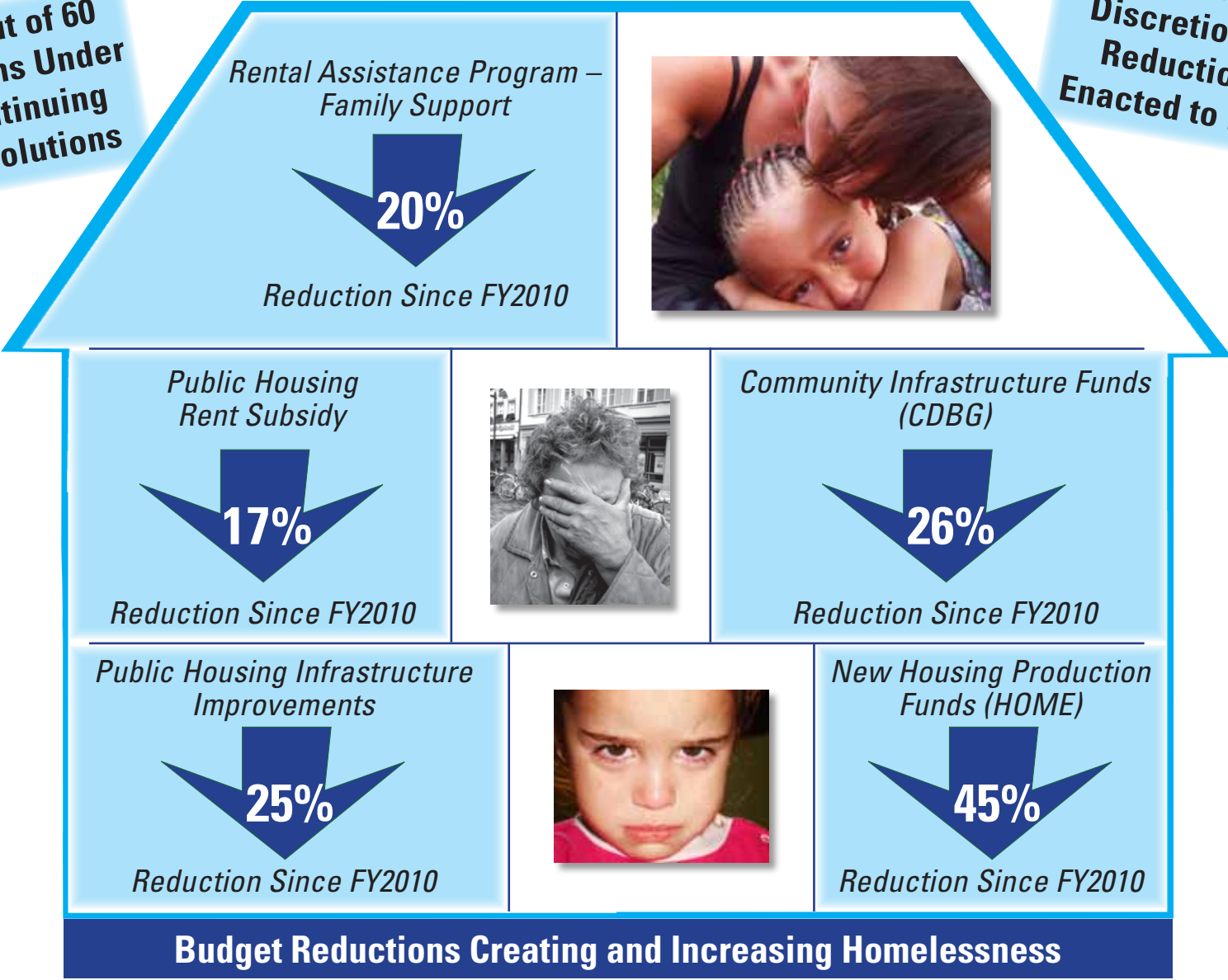


A Public Policy *Crisis*

What Matters Most?

38 out of 60
Months Under
Continuing
Resolutions

\$1.5 Trillion
in Domestic
Discretionary
Reductions
Enacted to Date



4 Consecutive Years of Funding Reductions

What's At Risk?



Preservation of Program Intent & Integrity

Continued reductions in Housing and Community Development programs means that limited resources will now be focused on *those with the fewest needs* or those who need little help in becoming *self-sufficient*. Additional impacts include:

- Reduced capacity to help the most vulnerable gain access to housing.
- Increased risk of homelessness for these most vulnerable Americans.
- Perpetuation of the cycle of poverty because only households with good skills will exit poverty without professional support.
- Decreased capacity for fraud detection in our means-tested programs.
- Decreased ability to comply with regulations required for program integrity.
- Decreased investment in communities' infrastructure.
- Reduced capacity of non-profit organizations to enhance quality of life in our cities.

**THIS IS NO WAY TO
MANAGE A SAFETY NET!**

ACTION:

Pass voucher reform and small agency deregulation bills, previously known as AHSSIA and SHARP.



Sound Business Operations

Annual appropriations that are fluctuating and untimely force an atmosphere of *short-term business thinking*. Is this how we want to manage these essential programs?

- The Mountain Plains region contributes more than \$500 million annually in Federal dollars into our local economies.
- 38 out of 60 months have been managed in a Continuing Resolution environment.
- 63% of the last five fiscal years have had substantial uncertainty.
- Housing and CD agencies manage with tremendous unknowns, which forces conservative spending, which shrinks the customer base, which shrinks subsequent year funding.
- Future appropriations depend on how fully we utilize previous year's funding, and since funding notices are usually late and erratic, there is no way to get ahead.
- Strategic and fiscal planning are impossible in this environment.

**THIS IS NO WAY TO
RUN A BUSINESS!**

ACTION:

Pass a 2013 budget now and a 2014 budget prior to the start of the fiscal year.

Urge HUD to make permanent the deregulation notices issued in 2013.



Human Potential

We know that housing is the essential ingredient in helping *kids, families, veterans and people with disabilities* achieve their full potential.

- One out of every four eligible applicants receives help.
- Veterans, elderly, people with disabilities and young families are forced to spend more than 40-50% of their income on rent or face homelessness.
- Children are the greatest victims. We know that the stress of poverty and the constant need to move associated with a lack of housing directly contribute to a widening gap in educational achievement.



**THIS IS NO WAY TO TREAT
THE MOST VULNERABLE!**

ACTION:

Restore full funding to HUD's programs. Understand the power of the CDBG program to leverage investment into a community's infrastructure.