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Updates on the Civil Rights of Homeless Individuals

Dear {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

State ID Legislation Threatens to Disenfranchise Homeless Voters

This year, six states have already passed laws requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls. To date, fourteen states have such legislation, and fifteen more have other voter ID requirements. Many support this legislation, claiming that it reduces voter fraud. However, surveys have found that 11% of Americans who are eligible voters do not have a form of photo ID, and that percentage is significantly higher among minorities and the poor. Some ID legislation attempts to address this issue by making the required ID free. However, this approach neglects that it usually requires one form of ID to get another, and acquiring a birth certificate or social security number can be a surprisingly arduous task for many. And our homeless population may bear the toughest burden of all.

[Read the full report on the possible effects of this ID legislation on the Bringing America Home Blog](#)

Legislating Hate

Between 1999 and 2009 it has been reported that there were 21 violent attacks on homeless individuals in the State of Washington, 12 of which resulting in a human being losing life. Responding to the senseless violence, Washington State Senator Scott White (D-Seattle) introduced legislation on January 10, 2011 seeking to add the perception of homelessness to a list of aggravating factors permitting a judge to increase the convict's sentence. After months of debate White's bill was signed into law



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Up Coming Events

June 23-25: [National Health Care for the Homeless Council](#) is holding their annual National Conference in Washington, DC.

July 13-15: [National Conference on Ending Homelessness](#), hosted by the National Alliance to End Homelessness will be held at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel.

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on April 15, 2011. Although a victory for the homeless population in Washington, this legislation does not conclude the fight on ending hatred toward the homeless in America. Activists must continue to strive for the legal categorization of hate crimes for those deliberate attacks inspired by prejudicial animus towards the homeless.

[Read the full analysis of the bill on the Bringing America Home Blog](#)

NCH is offering recommendations to its readers for free and low cost resources for grant writing, technical assistance, capacity building and other useful and cost effective suggestions.

Today's Recommendation...

DOL Announces Employment Service Grants for Homeless Veterans

The US Department of Labor's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program announced a competition for more than \$5 million in grants to provide 3,000 homeless veterans with job training and other services to help them succeed in civilian careers. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations. Grantees must be familiar with the areas and populations to be served and demonstrate that they can administer effective programs. Information about USDOL's programs for veterans is available at <http://www.dol.gov/vets>.

Resource Associates has been offering FREE grant writing to nonprofits and shelters for over 15 years.

GRANT ALERT: Community Development (CED) Projects
 FUNDING AVAILABLE: Up to \$800,000 per project over 3-5 years
 GRANT DEADLINE: July 11th, 2011
 DESCRIPTION: The CED grant is designed to meet the needs of low-income individuals and families by creating employment and business opportunities. This can be done through construction projects as well as through business expansion. The CED program must show that it is creating long-term job opportunities in its community and targeting low-income areas. Another component of the grant involves healthy eating initiatives. Many low-income citizens are plagued by unaffordable healthy food options. The CED grantee should strive to bring affordable healthy food options to its community or bring in new retail outlets.

If interested, contact...

Associated Press (June 2) - [Skid Row shelter charges fees as economy toughens](#)

Huffington Post (June 3) - [Philadelphia Considers Making Homeless People Criminals](#)

Chicago Tribune (June 19) - [A struggling veteran meets a couple who believe in him more than he does](#)

The Stir (June 20) - [Homeless Man's Surprise Inheritance Won't Kepp Him Off the Streets](#)

FREE REGIONAL HOMELESS TRAINING IN PROVIDENCE, RI

June 29-30, 2011 [Register Now!](#)

June 28, 2011 Crisis as Opportunity: Supporting Housing Retention Pre-conference Institute [Register Now!](#)

[Download the Draft Agenda](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Homelessness Resource Center (HRC), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Services in Supportive Housing (SSH), and SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) are offering a FREE two-day regional training!

Resource Associates the Grant Experts
1-888-GRANT41 to see if you qualify.
www.grantwriters.net

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The purpose of this training is to advance best practices and innovative strategies in homeless services.

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