

# Office of Homeless Services

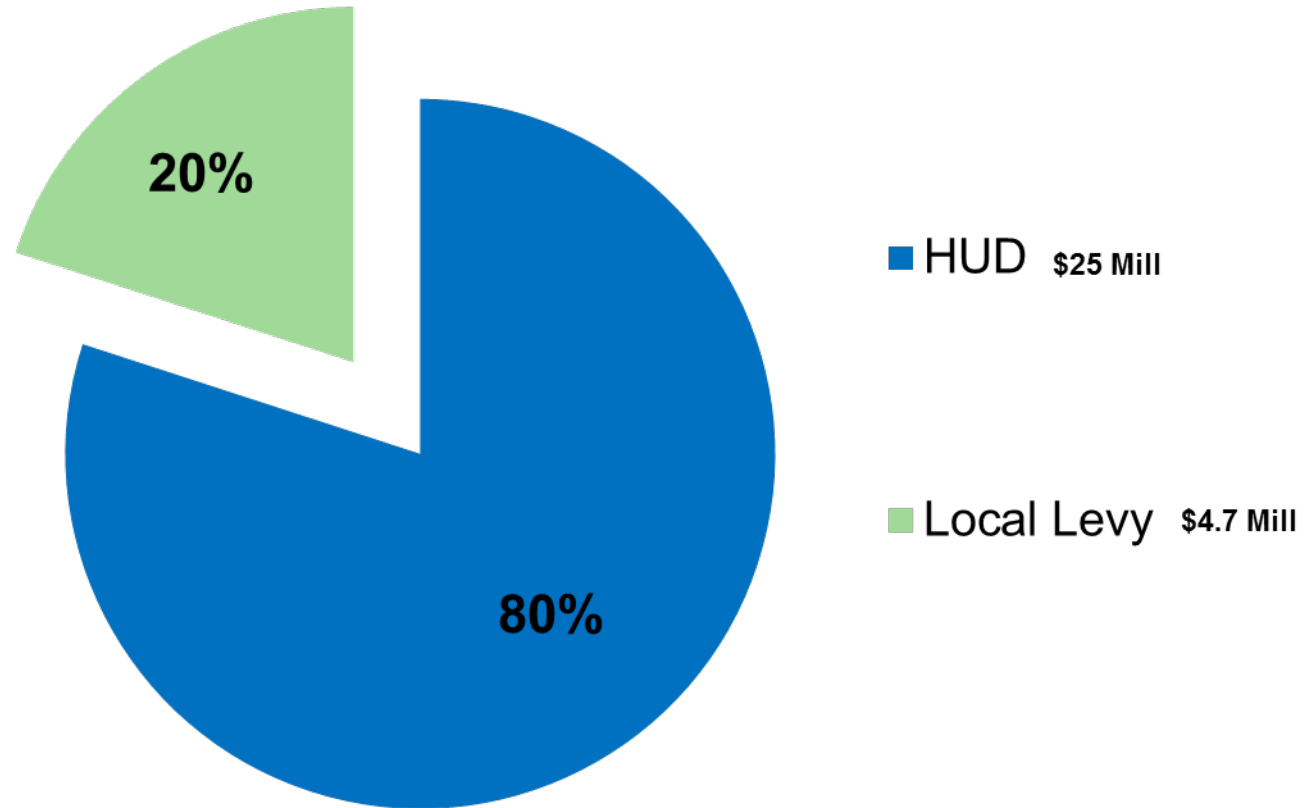
Department of Health & Human Services



**2014-2015 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

# Homeless Funding in Cuyahoga County

**\$30 Million Annually**



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# Levy Supports ...

- Basic safety net of emergency shelter for single individuals and families
- Long term shelter users are individuals and families whose needs have not been successfully addressed by other, mainstream systems
- 60% of the 1,207 temporary beds in the community
- 4,037 unduplicated persons out of the 6,729 that were served

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# Trends

- Homelessness is a lagging indicator of the stability or decline of the entire economy
- Majority of households experiencing a housing crisis are working poor persons who are spending more than 50% of their income on housing- any interruption in cash flow precipitates a housing crisis
- Number of families seeking shelter more than doubled (406 to 998) between FY 2011 and FY 2013
- Investment in a 'homeless continuum' cannot be a substitute for developing a national housing policy that supports affordable housing for all income levels