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# HEARTH Act

Regional Initiatives Office  
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# HEARTH Act

- Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing
- Enacted May 20, 2009
- Changes HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs
- First significant reauthorization since 1992



# HEARTH Act Interim CoC Regulations

- Released July 14, 2012
- <http://hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewResource&ResourceID=4650>
- Public Comment due October 1, 2012
- Guidance being released in phases
- The HEARTH Act along with the Final Regulations become the law.



# CoC Program

The CoC Program is designed to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness



# CoC Program

The CoC Program is designed to:

- Promote access to effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness



# System Change

Programs



Systems

Activities



Outcomes

Shelter



Prevention

Transitioning



Rapidly Re-Housing



# Transparency

The processes and actions of the CoC must be transparent. To ensure this, the CoC must:

- Have in place, and follow, a written, ratified process, that is reviewed at least once every 5 years for selecting a Board that meets the requirements of the regulation
- Develop, follow, and update annually a **governance charter**, which includes all procedures and policies needed to comply with Subpart B of the CoC interim rule and the HMIS requirements prescribed by HUD



# CoC Board Make-up

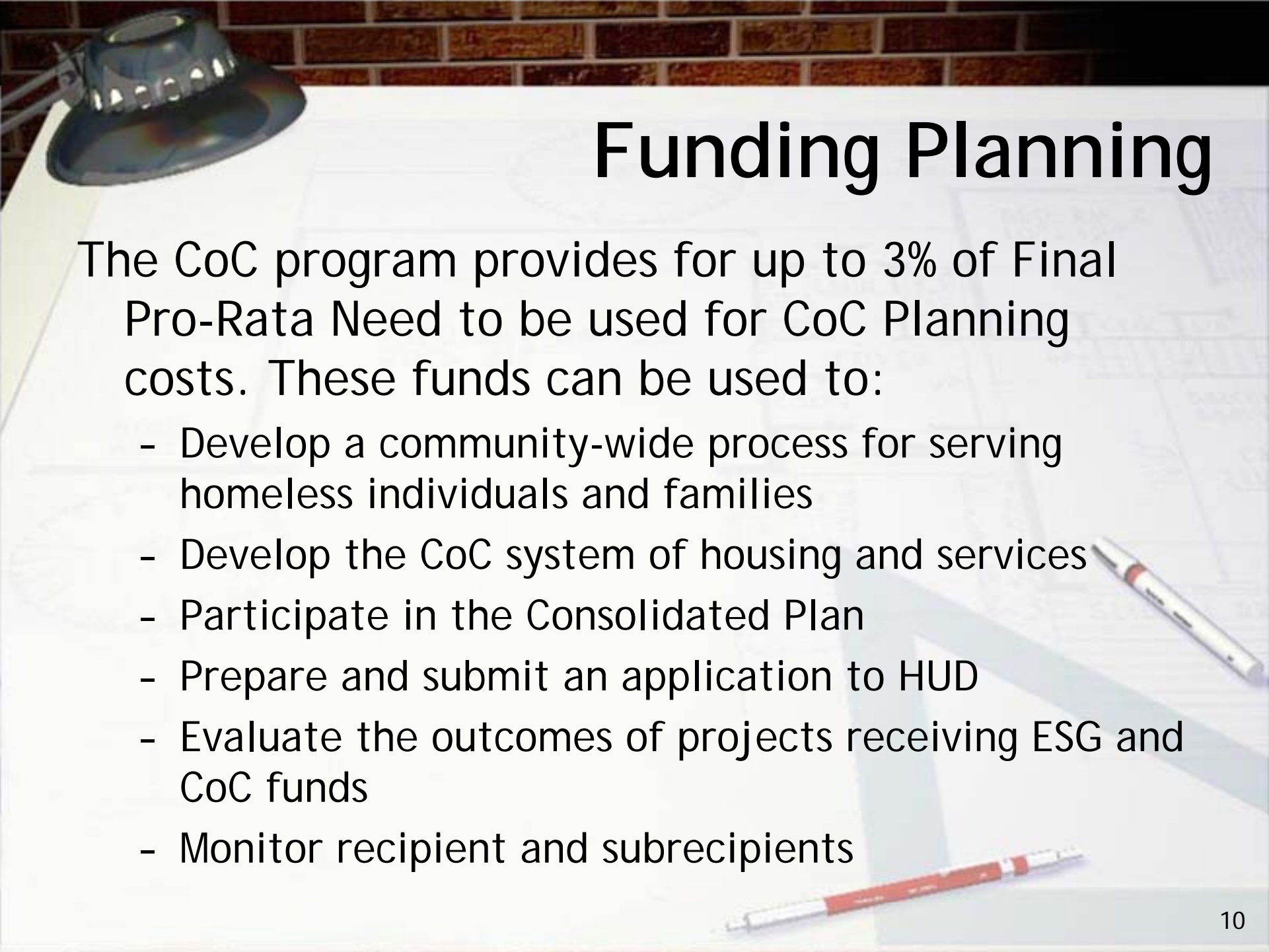
- Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers
- Victim Service Providers
- Faith-based Organizations
- Governments
- Businesses
- Advocates
- Public Housing Agencies
- School Districts





# CoC Board Make-up

- Social Service Providers
- Mental Health Agencies
- Hospitals
- Universities
- Affordable Housing Developers
- Law Enforcement
- Organizations That Serve Veterans
- Homeless And Formerly Homeless Individuals



# Funding Planning

The CoC program provides for up to 3% of Final Pro-Rata Need to be used for CoC Planning costs. These funds can be used to:

- Develop a community-wide process for serving homeless individuals and families
- Develop the CoC system of housing and services
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan
- Prepare and submit an application to HUD
- Evaluate the outcomes of projects receiving ESG and CoC funds
- Monitor recipient and subrecipients



# Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System

- A centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake assessment and provision of referrals
  - Covers the geographic area
  - Easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services
  - well advertised
  - includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool

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# Potential Models

- Centralized
- Decentralized
- Telephone-based/2-1-1
- Mobile Case Manager
- Mixed



# Reallocation

- If, after conducting a review, it is determined that the housing and services available in the CoC do not effectively address the needs of its homeless population, or are not available to meet the need, then reallocate to projects that will more effectively meet the needs of these homeless persons and address housing and service gaps





# Performance Measurements

- Reduce the number who become homeless
- Reduce length of homelessness
- Reduce return to homelessness
- Reduce overall homelessness
- Increase jobs and income
- Other accomplishments
- Thoroughness in reaching homeless population



# System Re-Tool

- Develop a system that will meet the needs of the community
- Plan a system that includes accommodations for DV survivors
- Include Prevention and Shelter Diversion
- Break down program barriers
- Develop written standards based on best practice
- Create Clear Policies and Procedures
- Formalized relationships (MOU's, Interlocal agreements, etc..)



# National and Local Priorities

- Priorities set forth in Opening Doors
  - Ending Veterans Homelessness by 2015
  - Ending Chronic Homelessness by 2015
  - Ending Homelessness for Families, Youth, and Children by 2020

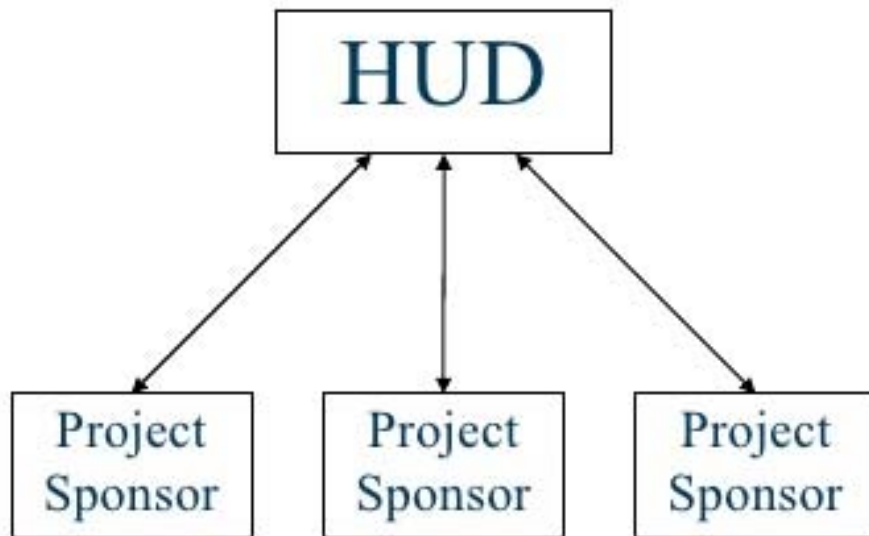


# Unified Funding Agencies

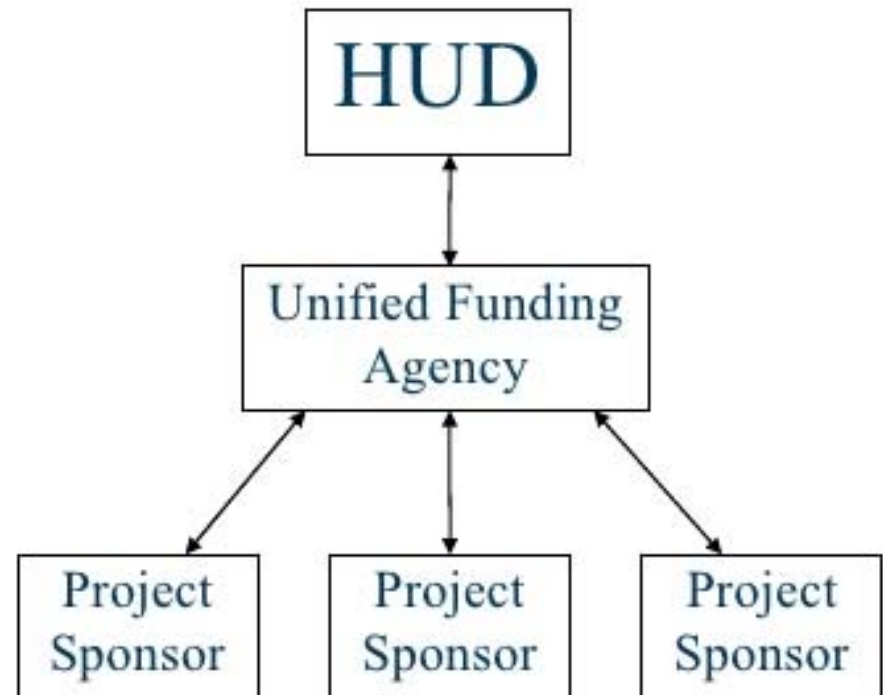
- Responsible for ensuring audits and appropriate fiscal controls
- Eligible for up to 3% of a community's award for administrative expenses (on top of the 3% that a collaborative applicant could receive)

## Unified Funding Agencies (only some CoCs)

Old



New








# CoC/Consolidated Plan/Ten Year Plan Coordination

- CoC application must be approved by Consolidated Planning body
- Consolidated Plan requires coordination with the CoC
- Many elements of 10 year plan in CoC application



# HUD National Objectives

- Create new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless
  - 2011 we had 379 beds
  - 2012 we had 682 beds



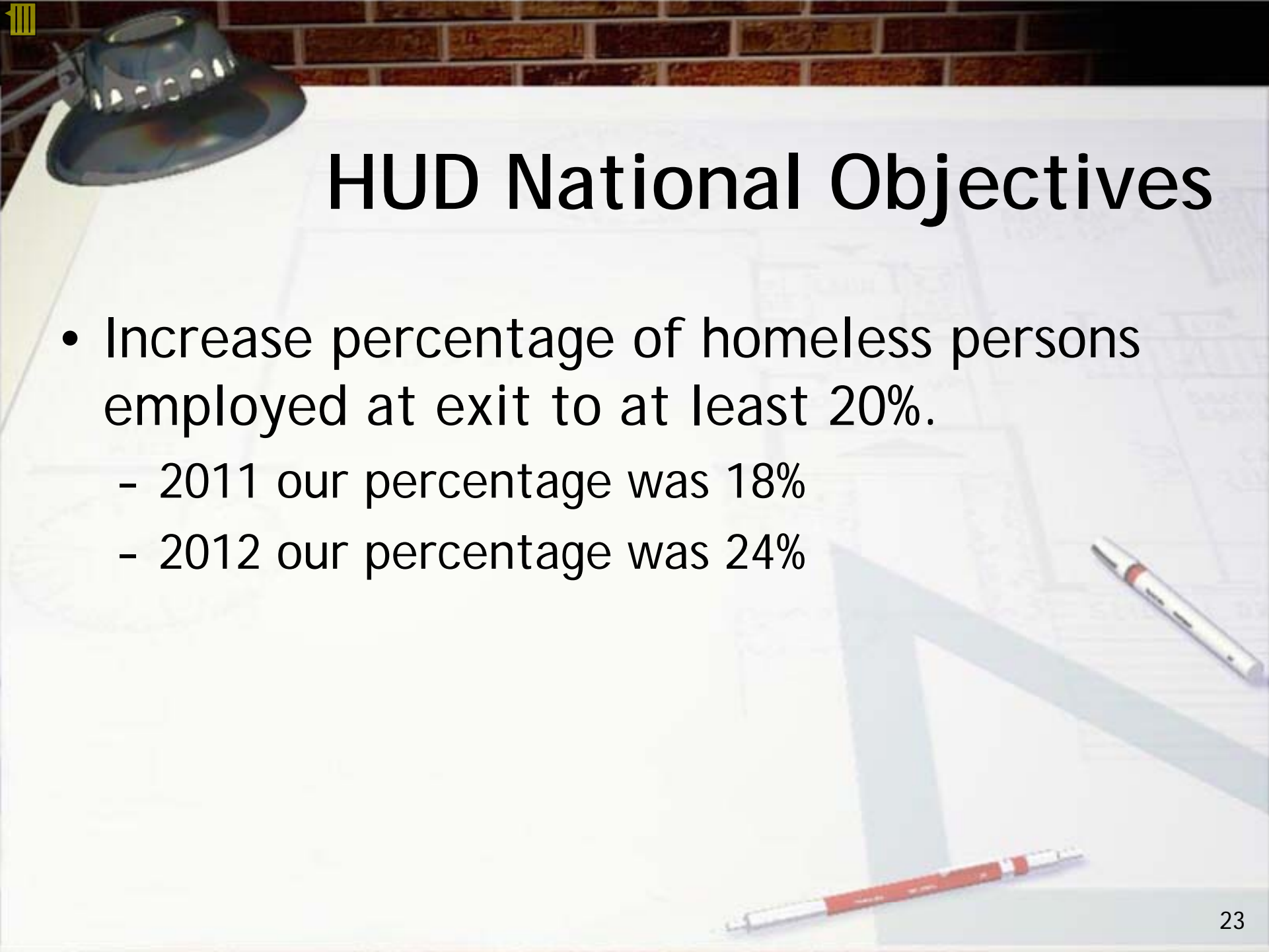
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- Increase the percentage of homeless persons staying in permanent housing over 6 months to at least 80%
  - 2011 our percentage was 72%
  - 2012 our percentage was 81%



# HUD National Objectives

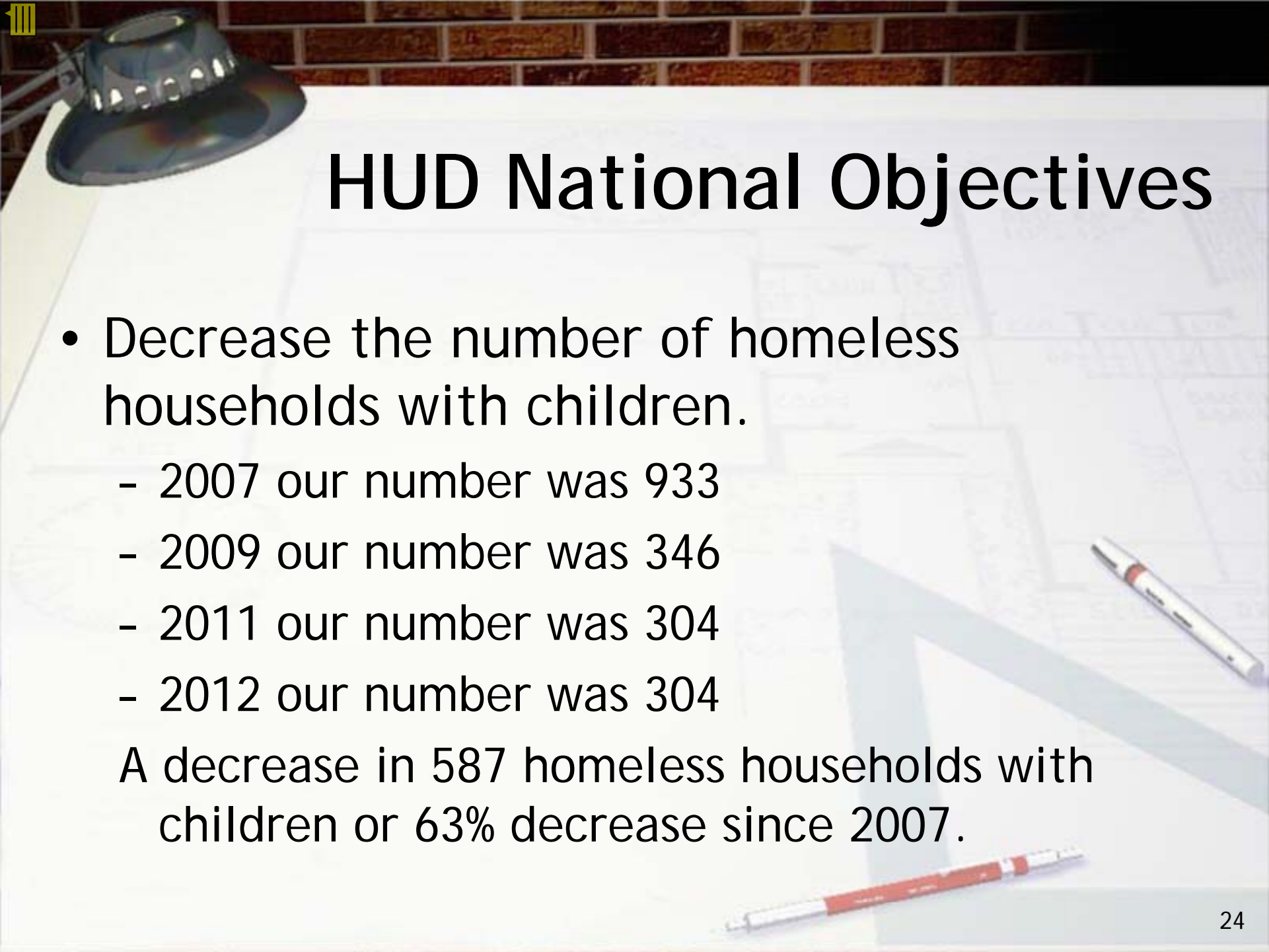
- Increase the percentage of homeless persons moving from transitional housing to permanent housing to at least 65%
  - 2011 our percentage was 68%
  - 2012 our percentage was 70%



# HUD National Objectives

- Increase percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 20%.
  - 2011 our percentage was 18%
  - 2012 our percentage was 24%



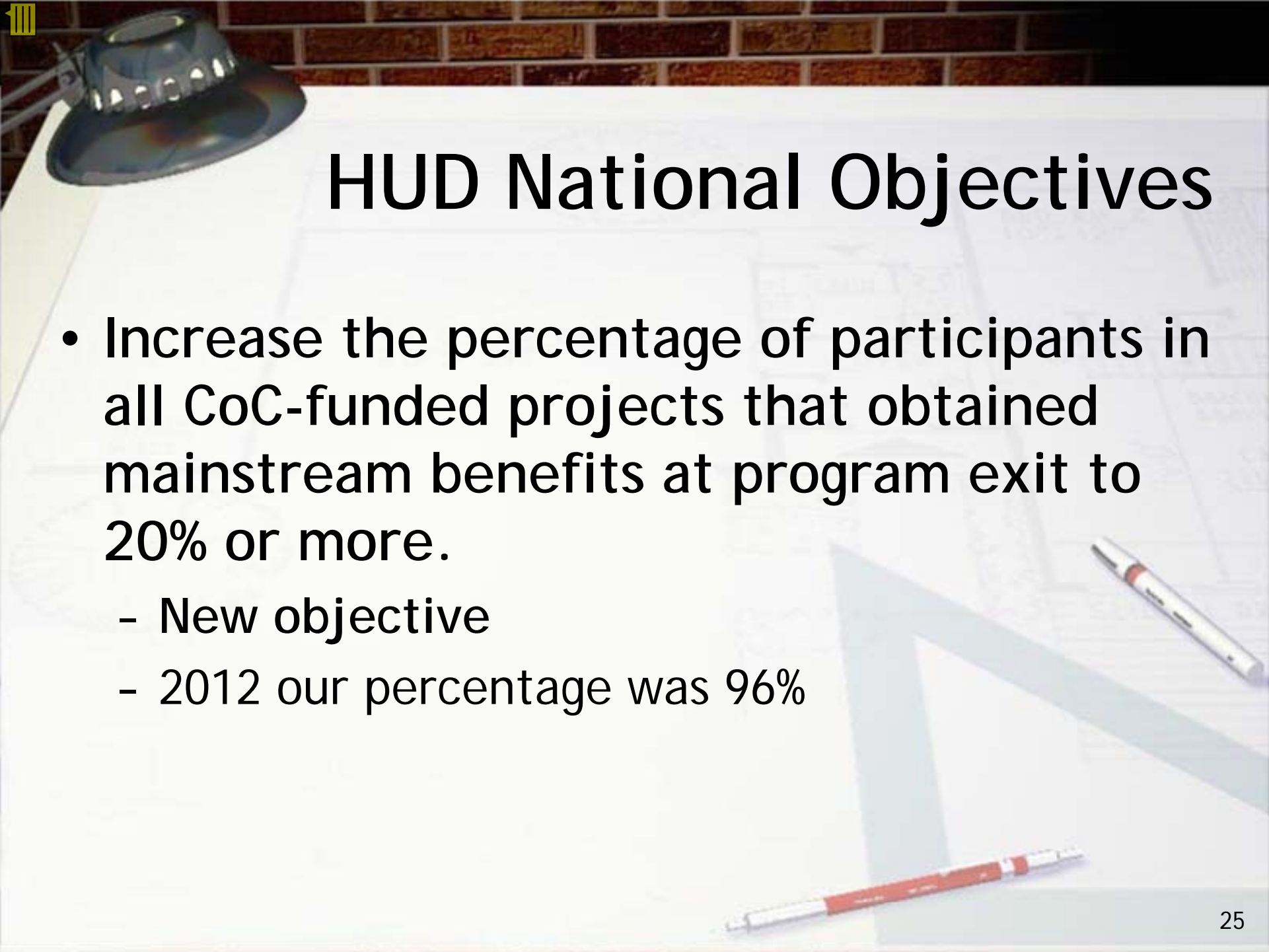


# HUD National Objectives

- Decrease the number of homeless households with children.


- 2007 our number was 933
- 2009 our number was 346
- 2011 our number was 304
- 2012 our number was 304

A decrease in 587 homeless households with children or 63% decrease since 2007.



# HUD National Objectives

- Increase the percentage of participants in all CoC-funded projects that obtained mainstream benefits at program exit to 20% or more.
  - New objective
  - 2012 our percentage was 96%



# HUD National Objectives

- Intent of the CoC to reallocate Supportive Services Only (SSO) and Transitional Housing (TH) projects to create new Permanent Housing (PH) projects.
  - New objective
  - We reallocated 6 TH projects

# HMIS Bed Coverage

	2011	2012
Emergency Shelter	80%	58.9%
Safe Haven	100%	100%
Transitional Housing	53.9%	96.8%
Permanent Housing	82.6%	48%



# Housing Inventory

- Emergency Shelter beds
  - 1545 individuals
  - 490 households with children
  - 39 households with only children
- Transitional Housing
  - 807 individuals
  - 357 households with children
  - 42 households with only children
- Permanent Housing
  - 1421 individuals
  - 383 households with children





# Keys to Successful CoC Governance

- Don't skimp on data
- Staff community-wide policy and coordination
- Create incentives for good performance
- Bring in other funders
- Get meaningful consumer involvement



**Southern Nevada  
Regional Planning  
Coalition**

**Boulder City  
City of Henderson  
City of Las Vegas  
City of North Las Vegas  
Clark County  
CCSD**

**Business Partners**  
Boulder City  
City of Henderson  
City of Las Vegas  
City of  
North Las Vegas  
Clark County  
CCSD  
LVMPD  
SNAMHS  
NHA  
US Veterans Affairs  
**Hospitals**  
**Universities**  
**Affordable Housing Developers**  
**Victim Service Providers**  
**Faith-based Organizations**  
**Advocates**  
**Public Housing Agencies**  
**Homeless OR**  
**Formerly Homeless individuals**

**Committee on  
Homelessness  
"CoC BOARD"**

**Regional  
Initiatives  
Office**

**CoC Committee**

**Providers**

- HEARTH Act Compliance
- Review and Ranking of funding applications
- Evaluation and Monitoring
- Performance Measurement
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Homeless Census
- Centralized/Coordinated Intake

**Prevention and  
Discharge Planning  
Working Group**

**Community  
Engagement  
Working Group**

**Homeless Youth  
Working  
Group**

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# HEARTH Act Implementation

- Ensure that the appropriate representation is on the CoC Board and the CoC Committee
- Follow and integrate the CoC Community Action plan (CAP)
- CoC Evaluation Working Group to assist with making operational
- Alignment of local funding
- Conduct Homeless Service Gaps Analysis

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# Additional Recommendations from the Regional Initiatives Office

- Task the Working Groups to assist with implementation of recommendations from COH
- Continue to pursue HUD Technical Assistance where appropriate
- Jurisdictional Coordination for ESG and CDBG (where homeless related) RFP's and reporting requirements