



**PRESIDENT'S JOB PLAN INCLUDES POSSIBLE HOUSING AID.** Project Rebuild, part of the American Jobs Act described in President Obama's September 8 speech and sent to Congress September 12, would hire unemployed workers to repair distressed properties, emphasizing commercial properties. Visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov>.

**CONTINUING RESOLUTION EXPECTED TO START FY12.** Funding bills, including those for USDA and HUD, are not likely to be complete by the beginning of fiscal year 2012 on October 1. Visit <http://www.ruralhome.org> for updates and <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app12.html> for bill texts.

**SENATE COMMITTEE'S FY12 RURAL HOUSING SPENDING LEVELS HIGHER THAN HOUSE'S.** The Senate Ap-proropriations Committee passed a bill September 7 that provides more funding for almost all USDA housing programs than the House, though less than FY11 appropriations. The Section 502 guarantee and Section 538 programs would remain at FY11 levels. The bill includes \$30 million for Section 523 self-help, \$2 million for multifamily preservation, and \$904.7 million for Section 521 Rental Assistance. The \$900 million for RA contract renewals is the amount pro-posed in the Administration's budget, which assumed 300 properties (HAC estimates about 8,100 units) will leave the Section 515 and 514/516 programs in FY12.

USDA Rural Devel. Program (dollars in millions)	FY10 Approp.	FY11 Approp. <sup>a</sup>	FY12 Admin. Budget	FY12 Hse. (H.R. 2112) <sup>e</sup>	FY 12 Sen. App. Cmte. (H.R. 2112)
<b>Loans and Payments</b>					
502 Single Fam. Direct	\$1,121	\$1,121	\$211.4	\$845.6	\$900
502 Single Family Guar.	12,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
504 Very Low-inc. Rpr.	34.4	23.4	0	0	10
514 Farm Labor Hsg.	27.3	b	27	d	23.4
515 Rental Hsg. Direct	69.5	69.5	95.2	58.6	64.5
538 Rental Hsg. Guar.	129.1	30.9	0	0	130
Rental Prsrv. Revlg. Lns.	1.8	1	0	0	0
<b>Grants</b>					
504 Very Low-inc. Rpr.	31.6	c	11.5	32	27
516 Farm Labor Hsg.	9.9	b	9.8	d	8
523 Self-Help TA	41.9	37	0	22	30
533 Hsg. Prsrv. Grants	9.4	c	0	0	7.3
521 Rental Assistance	980	955.6	906.7	890	904.7
Preservation RA	(6)	0	0	0	0
New Constr. 515 RA	(2.03)	(2.03)	(3)	(1.5)	(2)
New Constr. 514/516 RA	(3.4)	(3)	(3)	(2.5)	(2)
542 Rural Hsg. Vouchers	16.4	14	16	11	11
Rental Prsrv. Demo. (MPR)	25	15	0	0	2
Rural Cmnty. Dev't Init.	6.3	5	8.4	3	4.2

a. Figures shown do not include 0.2% across the board reduction. b. Budget authority (the cost to the government) in the farm labor housing account remains at FY10 levels, but loan costs have risen as interest rates have risen, so the 514/516 program levels could be somewhat lower. c. The Rural Housing Assistance Grants pool, which funds Section 504 loans, Section 533, and some other smaller programs, is reduced by \$1.1 million from FY10 levels. d. The BA for Section 514 and 516 would fall from \$9.7 million in FY11 to \$2.5 million for FY12, but the House bill does not allocate amounts specifically for loans or grants. e. Figures shown do not include 0.78% across the board reduction.

**HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSES HUD SPENDING CUTS.** On September 8 a House appropriations sub-committee passed an FY12 spending bill for HUD that would reduce funding for most programs and provide no funding for the Rural Innovation Fund or housing counseling. Dates have not been scheduled for consideration by the full House committee or by Senate appropriators.

HUD Program (dollars in millions)	FY10 Approp.	FY11 Approp. <sup>b</sup>	FY12 Admin. Budget	FY12 House Bill
Cmty. Devel. Block Grants	\$4,450	3,508	3,781	3,500
Sustainable Commun. Initiative	(150)	(100)	0	0
Rural Innovation Fund <sup>a</sup>	(25)	0	(25)	0
HOME	1,825	1,610	1,650	1,200
Tenant-Based Rental Asstnce.	18,184	18,408	19,223	18,467.9
Vets. Affairs Sptve Hsg. Vouchers	(75)	(50)	(75)	(75)
Project-Based Rental Asstnce.	8,551.5	8,882	9,429	9,028.7
Transforming Rental Asstnce. <sup>a</sup>	-	0	200	0

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Public Hsg. Capital Fund	2,500	2,044	2,405	1,532.1
Public Hsg. Operating Fund	4,775	4,626	3,962	3,861.9
Public Hsg. Revtlztn. (HOPE VI)	135	100	0	0
Choice Neighbrhd. Initiative	65	0	250	0
Housing Trust Fund	-	0	1,000	0
Native Amer. Hsg. Block Grant	700	650	700	648.7
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,865	1,905	2,372	1,901.2
Hsg. Opps. for Persons w/ AIDS	335	335	335	334.3
202 Hsg. for Elderly	825	400	757	600
811 Hsg. for Disabled	300	150	196	196
Fair Housing	72	72	72	71.9
Healthy Homes & Lead Haz. Cntl.	140	120	140	119.8
Sustainable Communities Init.	-	-	150	0
Self-Help Homeownshp. (SHOP)	27	27	0	15.9
Housing Counseling	87.5	0	88	0

a. New program proposed by the Administration. b. Figures shown do not include 0.2% across the board reduction.

**USDA AND HUD TESTIFY AGAINST MOVING RHS TO HUD.** Their statements were made at the House Financial Services Committee's housing subcommittee's second hearing, held September 8, on a draft bill that would move USDA's Rural Housing Service to HUD (see *HAC News*, 5/25/11) and also change FHA and Ginnie Mae. At a September 13 House agriculture subcommittee hearing, RHS Administrator Tammie Treviño again made clear that the Administration opposes the idea. Visit <http://www.ruralhome.org> for a summary and links.

**USDA OFFERS RA AND EQUITY LOANS FOR PRESERVATION.** \$3 million in Section 521 Rental Assistance and \$10 million in equity loans are available to owners or nonprofit purchasers of Section 515 properties already on RD's incentives waiting list. See August 8 Unnumbered Letter at [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD\\_UnnumberedList.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_UnnumberedList.html). Contact Cynthia L. Johnson, RD, 202-720-1940, [cynthial.johnson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:cynthial.johnson@wdc.usda.gov).

**GUIDANCE ISSUED ON USING SECTION 538 FOR SECTION 515 PRESERVATION.** See August 16 Unnumbered Letter at [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD\\_UnnumberedList.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_UnnumberedList.html). Contact Tammy Daniels, RD, 202-720-0021, [tammy.daniels@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tammy.daniels@wdc.usda.gov).

**NATIONAL POVERTY RATE WORSENERD IN 2010.** Visit <http://www.ruralhome.org> for a rural perspective on new poverty, income, and health insurance data from the Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov>.