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HAC News

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SETS FY12 FUNDING LEVELS FOR USDA AND HUD. By November 18 the House and Senate are expected to pass, and President Obama to sign, a "minibus" that will fund USDA, HUD, and several other federal departments and agencies for the current fiscal year. It also includes a Continuing Resolution to carry the rest of the government through December 16. The funding levels in the bill could still be affected by deficit reduction actions of the Super Committee and Congress (see *HAC News* 8/18/11). The conference report is posted at <http://www.rules.house.gov/>.

For USDA's housing programs, the bill adopts most of the Senate's amounts, higher than the House's.

USDA Rural Devel. Program (dollars in millions)	FY11 Approp.^a	FY12 Admin. Budget	FY12 Hse. (H.R. 2112)^c	FY 12 Sen. App. Cmte. (H.R. 2112)	FY 12 Final Approp. (H.R. 2112)
502 Single Fam. Direct	\$1,121	\$211.4	\$845.6	\$900	\$900
502 Single Family Guar.	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
504 VLI Repair Loans	23.4	0	0	10	10
504 VLI Repair Grants	34	11.5	32	27	29.5
515 Rental Hsg. Direct	69.5	95.2	58.6	64.5	64.5
514 Farm Labor Hsg.	25.7 ^b	27	18.3	23.4	20.8
516 Farm Labor Hsg.	9.8 ^b	9.8	6.2	8	7.1
521 Rental Assistance	955.6	906.7	890	904.7	904.7
Preservation RA	0	0	0	0	0
New Constr. 515 RA	(2.03)	(3)	(1.5)	(2)	(1.5)
New Constr. 514/516 RA	(3)	(3)	(2.5)	(2)	(2.5)
523 Self-Help TA	37	0	22	30	30
533 Hsg. Prsrv. Grants	10	0	0	7.3	3.6
538 Rental Hsg. Guar.	30.9	0	0	130	130
Rental Prsrv. Demo. (MPR)	15	0	0	2	2
Rental Prsrv. Revlg. Lns.	1	0	0	0	0
542 Rural Hsg. Vouchers	14	16	11	11	11
Rural Cmnty. Dev't Init.	5	8.4	3	4.2	3.6

a. Figures shown do not include 0.2% across the board reduction.

b. Figures shown for Section 514 and 516 farm labor housing are the amounts offered in the FY11 NOFA.

c. Figures shown do not include 0.78% across the board reduction.

HUD programs underwent cuts in most areas, compared to 2011 levels, and some smaller programs were eliminated, including the Sustainable Communities Initiative and the Rural Innovation Fund. HOME, public housing, and SHOP suffered steep reductions. The bill provides funding for renewals of current Section 202 contracts, but eliminates funds for development of new Section 202 senior housing.

HUD Program (dollars in millions)	FY11 Approp.	FY12 Admin. Budget	FY12 House Bill	FY12 Senate Bill (S. 1596)	FY 12 Final Approp. (H.R. 2112)
Cmty. Devel. Block Grants	3,508	3,781	3,500	3,001	3,308.1
Sustainable Commun. Init.	(100)	150	0	(90)	0
Rural Innovation Fund	0	(25)	0	0	0
HOME	1,610	1,650	1,200	1,000	1,000
Tenant-Based Rental Asstnce.	18,408	19,223	18,467.9	18,872.4	18,914.4
Vets. Affairs Spptve Hsg. Vchrs	(50)	(75)	(75)	(75)	(75)
Project-Based Rental Asstnce.	9,257.4	9,429	9,428.7	9,418.7	9,339.7
Transforming Rental Asstnce.	0	200	0	0	0
Public Hsg. Capital Fund	2,044	2,405	1,532.1	1,875	1,875
Public Hsg. Operating Fund	4,626	3,962	3,861.9	3,961.9	3,961.9
Public Hsg. Revtlztn. (HOPE VI)	100	0	0	0	0
Choice Neighbhrhd. Initiative	0	250	0	120	120
Housing Trust Fund	0	1,000	0	0	0
Native Amer. Hsg. Block Grant	650	700	648.7	650	650
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,905	2,372	1,901.2	1,901.2	1,901.2
Hsg. Opps. for Persons w/ AIDS	335	335	334.3	330	332

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202 Hsg. for Elderly	400	757	600	369.7	374.6
811 Hsg. for Disabled	150	196	196	150	165
Fair Housing	72	72	71.9	64.3	70.8
Healthy Homes & Ld. Haz. Cntl.	120	140	119.8	120	120
Self-Help Homeownshp. (SHOP)	27	0	15.9	17	13.5
Housing Counseling	0	88	0	60	45

a. New program proposed by the Administration.

b. Figures shown do not include 0.2% across the board reduction.

CDFI FUND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS. Flexible Financial Assistance awards and capacity building Technical Assistance awards are available to certified and certifiable CDFIs (apply by January 11) and to Native American certified and certifiable CDFIs (apply by January 18). Visit <http://www.cdfifund.gov> or <http://www.grants.gov>. Contact CDFI Fund staff, 202-622-6355, cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov.

CHANGES PROPOSED TO NAHASDA REGULATIONS. The amendments would implement provisions of the 2008 NAHASDA reauthorization law for the Indian Housing Block Grant and Title VI Loan Guarantee programs. The proposed rule will be published in the *Federal Register* and at <http://www.regulations.gov> on November 18. Contact Rodger Boyd, HUD, 202-401-7914.

HUD OFFERS FAIR HOUSING RULE ON DISCRIMINATORY EFFECT. A proposed rule would establish uniform standards for determining when a housing practice with a discriminatory effect violates the Fair Housing Act, even without discriminatory intent. Comments are due January 17. See [Federal Register, 11/16/11](#) or <http://www.regulations.gov>. Contact Jeanine Worden, HUD, 202-402-5188.

HUD CLARIFIES DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS FOR CDBG DISASTER GRANTS. See [Federal Register, 11/16/11](#). Contact Scott Davis, HUD, 202-708-3587.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR HUD'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STRATEGY. Comments are now due November 23. See [HAC News](#), 10/12/11 and <http://tinyurl.com/77rcxpz>.

CHANGES TO FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS' RESPONSIBILITIES SUGGESTED. The Federal Housing Finance Agency proposes to require FHLBs to monitor their members' compliance with CRA and first-time homebuyer requirements. Comments are due February 8. See [Federal Register, 11/10/11](#) or <http://www.regulations.gov>. Contact Charles E. McLean, FHFA, 202-408-2537.

COMMENTS ON NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT SOUGHT. The CDFI Fund invites comments and suggestions by February 6 about the mission, purpose and implementation of the NMTC program, including how low-income census tracts are identified and whether points should be awarded for serving rural markets. Visit <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Contact CDFI Fund staff, cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov.

MATERIALS POSTED FROM RURAL SENIOR HOUSING TRAINING. Presentation materials from HAC's November training, *Housing Seniors in Rural America: Aging in Place in a Shifting Landscape*, are available on HAC's website, <http://www.ruralhome.org>.