



SENATE COMMITTEE REJECTS PARTS OF ADMINISTRATION'S HOUSING BUDGET. The Senate Appropriations Committee passed FY13 bills for HUD on April 19 and for USDA April 26. House committee action has not yet been scheduled. S. 2375 would fund most USDA housing programs at the higher of the FY12 appropriations level or the President's FY13 budget request, although Section 515 and the MPR preservation demonstration would receive less than half their FY12 funding. The committee report chastises USDA for proposing different approaches to rental pre-preservation in its FY12 and FY13 budgets and asks USDA for "an effective long-term strategy" for rental housing.

Funding Levels for USDA RD Programs in Senate Appropriations Bills				
USDA Rural Devel. Program (dollars in millions)	FY11 Approp.^a	FY 12 Approp.	FY13 Admin. Budget	FY13 Sen. Bill (S. 2375)
502 Single Fam. Direct (Self-Help Setaside)	\$1,121	\$900	\$652.8	\$900
(Teacher Setaside)	--	--	(141)	(5)
	--	--	(67)	0
502 Single Family Guar.	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
504 VLI Repair Loans	23.4	10	28	28
504 VLI Repair Grants	34	29.5	28.2	b
515 Rental Hsg. Direct	69.5	64.5	0	28.4
514 Farm Labor Hsg.	25.7	20.8	26	26
516 Farm Labor Hsg.	9.8	7.1	8.9	8.9
521 Rental Assistance (Preservation RA)	955.6	904.7	907.1	907.1
(New Cnstr. 515 RA)	0	0	0	0
(New Cnstr. 514/516 RA)	(2.03)	(1.5)	0	0
	(3)	(2.5)	(3)	(3)
523 Self-Help TA	37	30	10	30
533 Hsg. Prsrv. Grants	10	3.6	0	b
538 Rental Hsg. Guar.	30.9	130	150	150
Rental Prsrv. Demo. (MPR)	15	2	34.4	16.8
Rental Prsrv. Revlg. Lns.	1	0	0	0
542 Rural Hsg. Vouchers	14	11	12.6	11
Rural Cmnty. Dev't Init.	5	3.6	8	6.1

S. 2322 would keep SHOP at its FY12 level of \$13.5 million. The National Housing Trust Fund would not be funded. Assistance for tenants, both project-based and tenant-based, would fare better than under the Administration's budget, but Section 202 elderly housing would fare worse and Section 811 for people with disabilities would see a reduction from its FY12 level. HUD tenants would not be required to pay \$75 minimum monthly rent.

Funding Levels for HUD Programs in Senate Appropriations Bills				
HUD Program (dollars in millions)	FY11 Final Approp.^a	FY 12 Final Approp.	FY13 Admin. Budget	FY13 Sen. Bill (S. 2322)
Cmty. Devel. Block Grants	3,508	3,308.1	3,143	3,210 ^b
Sustainable Commun. Init.	(100)	0	100	(50)
Rural Innovation Fund	0	0	0	0
HOME	1,610	1,000	1,000	1,000
Tenant-Based Rental Asstnce.	18,408	18,914.4	19,074.3	19,396.3
Vets. Affairs Spptve Hsg. Vchrs	(50)	(75)	(75)	(75)
Project-Based Rental Asstnce.	9,257.4	9,339.7	8,700.4	9,875.8
Public Hsg. Capital Fund	2,044	1,875	2,070	1,985
Public Hsg. Operating Fund	4,626	3,961.9	4,524	4,591
Choice Neighbrhd. Initiative	0	120	150	120
Housing Trust Fund	0	0	1,000	0
Native Amer. Hsg. Block Grant	650	650	650	650
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,905	1,901.2	2,231	2,146
Rural Hsg. Stability Prog.	--	--	5	c
Hsg. Opps. for Persons w/ AIDS	335	332	330	330
202 Hsg. for Elderly	400	375	475	375
811 Hsg. for Disabled	150	165	150	150
Fair Housing	72	70.8	68	68

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Healthy Homes & Ld. Haz. Cntl.	120	120	120	120
Self-Help Homeownshp. (SHOP)	27	13.5	0	13.5
Housing Counseling	0	45	55	55

- a. Figures shown do not include 0.2% across the board reduction. b. Includes \$3.1 billion for CDBG.
b. Funded under Homeless Assistance Grants; amount not specified.

SENATE BILL WOULD ADD ONE YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS. The Senate USDA appropriations bill, [S. 2375](#), includes a grandfathering provision for places that have gained population and would otherwise become ineligible for USDA housing aid. (See [HAC News, 9/28/11.](#)) The bill would keep them eligible through the end of FY13 on September 30, 2013.

HOUSEHOLD WATER WELL SYSTEM GRANTS AVAILABLE. Nonprofits can apply to the Rural Utilities Service to establish lending programs for homeowners. The deadline will be included in the notice in the [Federal Register, 5/3/12](#) and at [grants.gov](#). Contact [Joyce M. Taylor](#), RD, 202-720-9589.

IDA FUNDING OFFERED FOR REFUGEE PROGRAMS. Nonprofits, government agencies, and educational institutions can [apply to](#) the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to establish and manage Individual Development Accounts for low-income refugees, to be used for purposes including homeownership. Deadline is June 18. Contact [Yimeem Vu](#), HHS, 202-401-4825. The next deadline for the standard [Assets for Independence IDA program](#) is May 25. Contact [James Gatz](#), HHS, 866-778-6037.

HUD ISSUES FINAL RULE CHANGES FOR STATE CDBG PROGRAM. The changes update the State CDBG program regulations and clarify program income requirements. A provision requiring entitlement jurisdictions to receive only an incidental benefit from State CDBG program expenditures is replaced by one that allows expenditures in entitlement areas if the activities significantly benefit residents of the state grant recipient and meet the nonentitlement jurisdiction's needs, and if the entitlement jurisdiction makes a meaningful contribution to the project. See [Federal Register, 4/23/12](#). Contact Eva C. Fontheim, HUD, 202-708-1322.

IRS RULE ADDRESSES SALE OF LIHTC PROPERTIES. A final rule to be published in the [Federal Register, 5/3/12](#), provides guidance on contracts to sell properties at the end of their extended use periods and computation of sales prices. Contact David Selig, IRS, 202-622-3040.

LIST OF QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACTS FOR LIHTC UPDATED. The list of Difficult Development Areas published 10/27/11 remains in effect. Visit [HUDUser.org](#). Paper copies are available for a fee to cover costs, 800-245-2691.

RD SHIFTS FROM NEWSPAPERS TO ELECTRONIC NOTICES OF CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY BOUNDARIES. An [Unnumbered Letter](#) dated April 17, 2012 says email and web posts are more effective than local newspapers to notify stakeholders before changing the boundaries determining eligibility for rural housing programs, and lists types of entities that should be contacted. It also eliminates the use of narrative descriptions of boundaries, stating they have not proved useful. Contact an [RD office](#).

MINORITIES ACCOUNT FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF RURAL POPULATION GROWTH. From 2000 to 2010, Hispanics became a higher proportion of the nationwide rural and small town population than African Americans, with variations among localities. A new HAC Rural Research Note on "[Race and Ethnicity in Rural America](#)" presents these facts and other current data. Contact [Lance George](#), HAC, 202-842-8600.

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