



USDA FUNDING BILLS APPROVED BY FULL HOUSE, SENATE COMMITTEE. The House passed H.R. 2997 on July 9, making no changes in the Appropriations Committee's funding for rural housing programs (see *HAC News*, 6/24/09). S. 1406, passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 7, would almost double the Section 502 guaranteed loan program to \$12 billion and does not include most of the House's increases. Like the FY 2009 appropriations act, both the House and Senate would eliminate interest subsidies for Section 538 guaranteed loans. Visit <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app10.html> for bill text and committee reports.

USDA Rural Development Program (dollars in millions)	FY 2009 Approp.	FY 2010 Admin. Budget	FY 2010 House H.R. 2997	FY 2010 Sen. App. Cmte. S. 1406
Loans				
502 Single Fam. Direct	\$1,121.5	\$1,121	\$1,121	\$1,227
502 Single Family Guar.	6,223.9	6,200	6,204	12,000
504 Very Low-inc. Repair	34.4	34.4	34.4	34.4
514 Farm Labor Hsg.	20	22	30.5	21.6
515 Rental Hsg. Direct	69.5	69.5	80	69.5
538 Rental Hsg. Guar.	129.1	129.1	129.1	129.1
Rental Prsrv. Revlg. Loans	2.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Grants & Payments				
504 Very Low-inc. Repair	29.7	31.6	31.6	31.6
516 Farm Labor Hsg.	9.1	9	11.5	9.1
523 Self-Help TA	38.7	38.7	45	38.7
533 Hsg. Prsrv. Grants	8.9	9.4	9.4	9.4
521 Rental Assistance (1-yr. cntrcts.)	902.5	1,091	980	980
Preservation RA	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
New Construction 515 RA	(2.03)	(2.03)	(2.03)	(2.03)
New Construction 514/516 RA	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)
542 Rural Hsg. Vouchers	5	5	5	18
Rental Prsrv. Demo. (MPR)	20	19.8	25	19.9
Rural Cmnty. Dev't Init.	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3

HUD FUNDING BILL MAY REACH FULL HOUSE THIS WEEK. On July 17 the House Appropriations Committee passed its FY 2010 HUD bill, still unnumbered, available at <http://appropriations.house.gov>. All major programs would receive funding increases. The bill adopts the Administration's proposal to replace the RHED program with a CDBG setaside for rural innovations. The House is expected to consider the bill this week.

HUD Program (dollars in millions)	FY 2008 Approp.	FY 2009 Approp.	FY 2010 Admin. Budget	FY 2010 House Cmte.
Cmty. Devel. Block Grants	\$3,865.8	\$3,900	\$4,450	\$4,601
Sustainable Commun. Init. ^a	-	-	(150)	(150)
Rural Innovation Fund ^a	-	-	(25)	(25)
University Community Fund ^a	-	-	(25)	(25)
HOME	1,704	1,825	1,825	2,000
Housing Trust Fund	-	-	1,000	0
Tenant-Based Rental Asstnce.	15,555	16,217	17,836	18,242
Project-Based Rental Asstnce.	6,223	7,100	8,100	8,700
Vets. Affairs Spprtv. Hsg. Vouchers	75	75	0	75
Public Hsg. Capital Fund	2,439	2,450	2,244	2,500
Public Hsg. Operating Fund	4,200	4,455	4,600	4,800
Public Hsg. Revltztn. (HOPE VI)	100	120	0	250
Native Amer. Hsg. Block Grant	630	645	645	750
Native Hawaiian Hsg. Block Grant	9	10	10	12
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,586	1,677	1,794	1,850
Hsg. Opps. for Persons w/ AIDS	300	310	310	350
202 Hsg. for Elderly	735	765	765	1,000
811 Hsg. for Disabled	231	248	250	350

HUD Program (dollars in millions)	FY 2008 Approp.	FY 2009 Approp.	FY 2010 Admin. Budget	FY 2010 House Cmte.
Fair Housing	50	54	72	72
Rural Hsg. & Econ. Dev. (RHED)	17	26	0 ^b	0 ^b
Self-Help Homeownshp. (SHOP)	26.5	26.5	27	27
Lead Hazard Control	142	140	140	140
Housing Counseling	-	65	100	70
Transformation Initiative ^c	-	-	20	20
Energy Innovation Fund	-	-	100	50

a. Proposed new initiatives under CDBG.

b. \$25 million new initiative proposed under CDBG.

c. New initiative to combat mortgage fraud.

RHED AUTHORIZATION BILL REINTRODUCED. The Rural Housing and Economic Development Improvement Act was introduced on July 14 by Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D-Texas), cosponsored by Reps. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Maxine Waters (D-Calif.). It would authorize HUD's RHED program at \$30 million in FY 2010 and \$40 million each year from 2011 through 2015. Find H.R. 3210 at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

CAPITOL HILL HEARINGS COVER USDA AND HUD RENTAL PRESERVATION. On July 15 USDA housing administrator Tammye Treviño and others testified before the House Housing Subcommittee; HAC submitted written testimony. HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan was the only witness at a June 25 hearing before the House Financial Services Committee. Statements and webcast archives are at http://financialservices.house.gov/hearings_all.shtml.

HUD OFFERS FUNDS. NOFAs for SHOP, Healthy Homes Technical Studies, HOPE VI, and previously announced programs are at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm> or <http://www.grants.gov>.

FEMA RELEASES NATIONAL DISASTER HOUSING STRATEGY. The document is intended to describe how the U.S. currently provides housing to those affected by disasters and to chart a new direction for the future. Visit <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=47305>.

ADMINISTRATION CONDUCTS RURAL TOUR. USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and other Administration officials are stopping in states throughout the country, focusing on a range of topics including health care, energy, and infrastructure. Visit <http://www.ruraltour.gov> and the newsroom at <http://www.usda.gov>.

FAIR HOUSING FEATURED IN RURAL VOICES. The summer issue of HAC's quarterly magazine, reflecting on the 1968 Fair Housing Act and its rural impact, is free at <http://www.ruralhome.org/infoRural.php>. One print subscription per organization is free from Lawrence Adams, HAC, 202-842-8600, lawrence@ruralhome.org. Sign up at http://lists.ruralhome.org/lists/info/rural_voices for email notices announcing new issues.

WEST VIRGINIA DATES ADDED TO HAC SUMMER CHDO TRAININGS. Sessions will be held July 29-30 in Burlington, VT; August 5-6 in Boise; August 11-12 in Flatwoods, WV; August 12-13 in Milwaukee; and August 12-13 in McAllen, TX. Limited travel scholarships are available. For details, including topics, and to register online, visit. Contact Dan Stern, registration@ruralhome.org, 202-842-8600.

HAC OFFERS SUMMER CHDO TRAININGS. "Single-Family Housing Development" and "Advanced Financial Management" will be held July 29-30 in **Burlington, Vermont** and August 5-6 in **Boise**. "Building HOME for CHDOs and Nonprofits" and "Fitting the Pieces Together" (combining HOME and private financing for homeowner-ship) are set for August 12-13 in **Milwaukee**. "Single-Family Housing Development" is offered August 12-13 in **McAllen, Texas**. Limited travel scholarships are available. For details and to register online, visit <http://www.ruralhome.org/servicesTraining.php>. Contact Dan Stern, registration@ruralhome.org, 202-842-8600. **Clarification:** The August 11-12 workshops in **Flatwood, West Virginia** listed in the print edition of the 7/22/09 *HAC News* are open only to organizations working in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

RURAL RENTAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24. HAC will convene "Preserving Rural Rental Housing: A Conference on Policy and Practice" in Washington, D.C. with support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Hear from leaders in Section 515 preservation legislation, expert congressional staff, USDA staff, and local practitioners. Watch for details at <http://www.ruralhome.org> and in the *HAC News*.