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Appropriations Update

With the federal fiscal year almost over, Congress is still mired in the appropriations process. While the House has completed most of its bills and is set to mark up its last two bills this week – FY12 Transportation-HUD bill late tomorrow and the FY12 Labor-HHS bill on Friday – the Senate is just starting. The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to announce its 302(b) allocations any day now, the first step in its appropriations work [this step normally takes place in April, so the Senate is way behind in its appropriation work]. Once these allocations are made, we will have a better sense of how much funding the Senate T-HUD Subcommittee will have to work with in FY12 to fund all of the programs within the Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

With the lack of completion of the Senate appropriation bills, Congress will surely have to enact a short-term Continuing Resolution to keep federal programs operating until a final deal is struck. Congress has promised not to re-live last year's appropriations fiasco which lasted through this spring, however. Congress will try to accomplish as much as possible before the September 30, 2011 deadline and then enact one or more continuing resolutions that will keep the federal government operating through at least November 23, 2011, the deadline for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (also known as the Super Committee) to release its set of

recommendations for cutting the nation's debt. The Super Committee will be chaired by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Senate Transportation-HUD Subcommittee Chairwoman, and by Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Republican Conference Chairman. President Obama is set to deliver his jobs bill tomorrow evening in a televised address before the nation. Both will have an effect on current appropriations as both plans will be offset with spending cuts elsewhere in the federal budget.

CDBG Coalition

The CDBG Coalition [NCDA, U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, National Association for County Community and Economic Development, National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, Council of State Community Development Agencies, YWCA, Habitat for Humanity International, American Planning Association, and Rebuilding Together] has been work fervently to gain attention and support for both CDBG and HOME in the FY12 budget. The Coalition has been meeting with members of the House and Senate appropriations committees and their staff since June to raise awareness of the importance of CDBG and HOME in our communities. Most recently, the Coalition sent a call to action for members to meet and schedule events with their congressional delegation during the August recess. The U.S. Conference of Mayors sent a letter to the House and Senate T-HUD subcommittee in August seeking support for CDBG and HOME. Nearly 200 mayors signed the letter. Within the last two weeks, the Coalition launched a massive letter campaign to House and Senate T-HUD subcommittee members from grantees and their sub-recipients nationwide.

House T-HUD Subcommittee

The House Transportation-HUD Subcommittee released its FY12 HUD appropriations bill today. The subcommittee will formally approve the bill tomorrow evening during the scheduled mark-up, but no major changes are expected to the bill. The subcommittee recommended \$3.46 billion in CDBG formula funding, an increase of nearly \$150 million from last year; a victory given today's budget climate. The bill includes a disturbing provision that would reduce CDBG administration to 10%. Please send a letter to your senators immediately opposing such a drastic change to the program. Please outline in the letter how this reduction would affect your staffing levels and planning efforts. Send a copy to Vicki Watson at vicki@ncdaonline.org. The Senate is set to mark-up its HUD bill soon, so send the letters *immediately*.

HOME formula funding received a recommended allocation of \$1.2 billion. The decrease is due solely to the negative press heaped on the program within the past few months. The subcommittee recommended \$1.9 billion for HUD's homeless assistance programs in FY12, the same level as last year. At least \$225 million must be allocated to the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program in FY12. The subcommittee included language in the bill which requires HUD to notify CPD grantees (CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA) of their formula allocations within 60 days of enactment of the bill. NCDA and other national organizations advocated for this provision to save grantees from having to wait months for notification of their allocations. Please see the chart at the end of this newsletter for information on funding of other HUD

programs.

HUD NEWS

FY11 Continuum of Care NOFA Released

HUD released the FY11 Continuum of Care NOFA [FR-5500-N-34] on August 30, 2011. The NOFA outlines the application process and requirements for receiving funds through HUD's homelessness assistance programs. Applications are due by October 28, 2011. For a copy of the NOFA and the August 31 presentation slides, go to HUD's homeless resource exchange at www.hudhre.info.

Energy Innovation Fund Announcement

HUD's Office of Affordable Housing Preservation (OAHP) has issued a \$25 million NOFA [FR-5505-N-01] for the Multifamily Energy Innovation Fund to provide assistance for energy efficient upgrades at multifamily properties. Applications are due to HUD by October 20, 2011. To view the NOFA, go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grpeif.cfm>. HUD will hold a webinar on this initiative on September 19, 2011, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The webcast can be viewed at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/webcasts/schedule>.

OTHER NEWS

Federal Agencies Seek Input on Disposition of REO Properties

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Transportation, have announced a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input on ideas and options for selling single-family real estate owned (REO) properties held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the Federal Housing Administration. The RFI seeks options for the following:

- reduce the REO portfolios
- address property repair and rehabilitation needs
- reduce loan losses
- assist in neighborhood and home price stabilization
- suggest disposition strategies, whether sale, rental, or demolition

Comments are due to the Federal Housing Finance Agency by September 19. Go to <http://www.fhfa.gov/webfiles/22366/RFIFinal081011.pdf> for the RFI.

NCDA NEWS

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Go to <http://www.ncdaonline.org/cdbg.asp> for the training brochure, agenda, and registration information.

NCDA 2012 Winter Conference

NCDA will hold its 2012 Winter Conference in Washington, DC on January 18-20, 2012. The conference will feature program and policy updates from HUD staff, time for members to meet with the congressional members to push for CDBG and HOME funding in FY13, educational sessions, and best of all, time to network with your fellow community development practitioners. The draft agenda and registration form are attached to this newsletter; however, you can view the agenda and registration form online at <http://www.ncdaonline.org>. Please make your hotel reservations before **December 26, 2011** in order to receive the special room rate of \$179 per night plus tax.

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Budget Chart**

| Program | FY10 Enacted Level | FY11 Enacted Level | FY12 President's Request | FY12 House T-HUD Subcommittee |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Community Development Fund | \$4.450 billion | \$3.5 billion | \$3.804 billion | \$3.501 billion |
| <i>Set-Asides:</i> | | | | |
| Native American Block Grant | [\$65 million] | [\$65 million] | [\$65 million] | [\$35 million] |
| Sustainable Communities | [\$150 million] | [\$100 million] | 0 | 0 |
| University Community Fund | [\$25 million] | 0 | [\$23 million] | 0 |
| EDI Grants | [\$172.8 million] | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neighborhood Initiatives | [\$22 million] | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rural Innovation Fund | [\$25 million] | 0 | [\$25 million] | 0 |
| Formula Grants | \$3.990 billion | \$3.335 billion | \$3.684 billion | \$3.46 billion |
| Section 108 Loan Guarantees | \$275 million | \$275 million | \$500 million | \$275 million |
| Brownfields | \$17.5 million | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| HOME Program | \$1.825 billion | \$1.606 billion | \$1.650 billion | \$1.2 billion |
| Homeless Programs | \$1.865 billion | \$1.9 billion | \$2.372 billion | \$1.9 billion |
| Housing Counseling | \$87.5 million | \$0 | \$88 million | \$0 |
| Lead Hazard Control | \$140 million | \$120 million | \$140 million | \$120 million |
| HOPWA | \$335 million | \$335 million | \$335 million | \$334 million |
| Section 202 for the Elderly | \$825 million | \$400 million | \$757 million | \$600 million |
| Section 811 for the Disabled | \$300 million | \$150 million | \$196 million | \$196 million |
| Fair Housing | \$72 million | \$72 million | \$72 million | \$50 million |
| Section 8 TBRA | \$16.3 billion | \$16.6 billion | \$16.3 billion | \$17 billion |
| Section 8 Project-Based Assistance | \$8.5 billion | \$9.3 billion | \$9.4 billion | \$9 billion |
| Public Housing Capital | \$2.5 billion | \$2.04 billion | \$2.04 billion | \$1.532 billion |
| Public Housing Operating | \$4.775 billion | \$4.616 billion | \$4.829 billion | \$3.862 billion |
| HOPE VI | \$135 million | \$35 million | \$0 | \$0 |
| Choice Neighborhoods | \$65 million | \$65 million | \$250 million | \$0 |
| Native American Housing Block Grant | \$700 million | \$649 million | \$700 million | \$648 million |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant | \$13 million | \$13 million | \$10 million | \$0 |
| Indian Housing Loan Guarantees | \$7 million | \$9 million | \$7 million | \$6 million |
| Native Hawaiian Loan Guarantees | \$1 million | \$1 million | \$10 million | \$1.1 million |

Attachment

- 2012 Winter Conference Draft Agenda and Registration Form