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## **Senate T-HUD Subcommittee Unveils HUD FY 2013 Spending Bill**

On April 17, the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD and Related Agencies (T-HUD) presented their FY 2013 spending bill. Total budget authority for all programs in the Subcommittee's jurisdiction was approved for FY 2013 at \$53.4 billion. This is \$3.9 billion less than enacted levels in FY 2012 for all programs in the Subcommittee's jurisdiction. No amendments to the bill presented by Chairwoman Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-Me.) were offered. The bill passed out of Subcommittee on a bipartisan basis by a vote of 15-1. Chairwoman Murray announced that the Subcommittee-approved bill will be marked up by the full Senate Appropriations Committee this Thursday morning at 10 a.m. EST. Amendments are expected to be filed and debated at this markup.

The following program line items important to NAHRO members were announced. As of press time, the official bill text and a more detailed review of program spending were not available from the Subcommittee.

### **Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**

Total tenant-based rental assistance provided for under the bill is \$19.4 billion. This is a reported increase of \$482 million above the FY 2012 enacted level. Voucher Housing Assistance Program (HAP) renewal funding was approved by the Subcommittee at \$17.5 billion and administrative fee funding was approved at a level proposed by the Administration of \$1.58 billion. Funding for an estimated 10,000 new VASH vouchers was approved at \$75 million and FY 2013 funding for Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) was approved at a level of \$60 million.

### **Public Housing**

Funding for the public housing operating fund was approved at \$4.6 billion -- a reported increase of \$629 million over FY 2012 enacted funding levels. The public housing capital fund was approved at a level of \$1.99 billion, which is a reported increase of \$110 million above FY 2012 enacted levels

### **Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance**

Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance was funded at a level of \$9.8 billion, of which \$9.6 billion is reportedly available for renewal funding for a full 12-month period. The Subcommittee announced that they had rejected the Administration's controversial spending reduction proposal to short-fund these same contracts in FY2013.

### **Homeless Assistance Grants**

Homeless assistance grants were approved at a total of \$2.15 billion for FY 2013. This is a reported increase of \$245 million above the FY 2012 enacted level. If the Senate proposal prevails, \$286 million of this total will reportedly be available for the Emergency Solutions Grant program in FY2013.

### **CDBG**

The CDBG program was approved at an overall funding level of \$3.1 billion, or \$152 million above the FY 2012 enacted level as reported.

## **HOME**

The Subcommittee's bill would fund the HOME program at \$1 billion, which is equal to the enacted funding level for HOME in FY 2012 and equal to the Administration's FY 2013 request.

**Unfortunately no other numbers were formally announced at this afternoon's markup or available following the markup.**

This is the first step in what could be a drawn-out election year process to approve the HUD budget. It is encouraging nevertheless that today's markup was among the first, if not the first, FY 2013 spending bill markup to occur in the Senate. Sources indicate that that the House markup of their version of this same bill is still several weeks away.

NAHRO will continue to keep you informed as progress on this and other developments related to the 2013 HUD budget occur. A more detailed review of the Senate's FY2013 THUD bill will be developed by NAHRO staff following Thursday's full committee markup, when additional facts and further documentation should be available. If you have further questions on this report please contact John Bohm at [jbohm@nahro.org](mailto:jbohm@nahro.org).

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