

NAHC's e-newsletter



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1. FY2005 Low-Income Housing Funding finalized

On December 8, the President signed into law P.L. 108-447, the Consolidated Omnibus Appropriations Act (H.R. 4818; H. Rep. 108-792). The measure, setting funding for most non-defense discretionary programs for the current fiscal year, included \$37.3 billion for HUD. Although this amount exceeded both the FY2004 overall spending level and the President's budget request by more than a half billion dollars, most of the low income housing programs were subjected to an across the board reduction of .8%.

While funding was approved to renew all tenant-based housing choice vouchers currently in use, the measure mandates a shift to a fixed annual budget based system, rather than funding based on actual need and market conditions. In essence, this amounts to a cut. We won't know what the exact results of this will mean in communities across the nation until we get closer to the end of the fiscal year.

Other low income housing programs relied upon by persons living with HIV/AIDS were cut. Before the .8% across the board cut, Homeless Assistance Grants were reduced by \$9 million (\$1.26 billion in FY2004 and \$1.251 billion in FY2005) and the 811 Disabled Housing Program was cut from \$249 million to \$240 million.

2. HOWPA Subjected to Deep Cut

The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program (HOPWA) sustained a **devastating \$13 million reduction**. Funding was reduced from \$294.6 million in FY2004, down to \$284 million before the .8% across the board reduction. The final HOPWA funding for the current year is \$282 million. In addition to funding the competitive grants and technical assistance, these funds are to be distributed among the 117 current formula jurisdictions with several more jurisdictions possibly becoming

eligible during 2005. Although the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing in HUD has not issued a formal allocation, NAHC has applied a 4.45% reduction to the FY2005 planning estimates posted on the OHH website. (4.45% represents the percentage that the FY2004 HOPWA appropriation of \$294.6 million is reduced to arrive at the FY2005 funding of \$282 million.

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Jurisdiction	FY 2005 Est. Formula Allocations	FY2005 Est. Formula Allocations with 4.45% reduction
Alabama, State of	\$1,170,000.00	\$1,117,935.00
Albany, NY	\$434,000.00	\$414,687.00
Arizona, State of	\$757,000.00	\$723,313.50
Arkansas, State of	\$757,000.00	\$723,313.50
Atlanta, GA	\$6,900,000.00	\$6,592,950.00
Augusta, GA	\$437,000.00	\$417,553.50
Baltimore, MD	\$8,116,000.00	\$7,754,838.00
Baton Rouge, LA	\$1,736,000.00	\$1,658,748.00
Birmingham, AL	\$520,000.00	\$496,860.00
Boston, MA	\$1,802,000.00	\$1,721,811.00
Bridgeport, CT	\$750,000.00	\$716,625.00
Buffalo, NY	\$478,000.00	\$456,729.00
California, State of	\$3,004,000.00	\$2,870,322.00
Camden, NJ	\$657,000.00	\$627,763.50
Charlotte, NC	\$592,000.00	\$565,656.00
Chicago, IL	\$5,630,000.00	\$5,379,465.00
Colorado, State of	\$370,000.00	\$353,535.00
Connecticut, State of	\$254,000.00	\$242,697.00
Delaware, State of	\$169,000.00	\$161,479.50
Denver, CO	\$1,404,000.00	\$1,341,522.00
Detroit, MI	\$1,627,000.00	\$1,554,598.50
District of Columbia	\$11,027,000.00	\$10,536,298.50
Florida, State of	\$3,748,000.00	\$3,581,214.00
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	\$6,392,000.00	\$6,107,556.00
Gaithersburg, MD	\$542,000.00	\$517,881.00
Georgia, State of	\$1,599,000.00	\$1,527,844.50
Hartford, CT	\$1,345,000.00	\$1,285,147.50
Hawaii, State of	\$177,000.00	\$169,123.50
Honolulu, HI	\$448,000.00	\$428,064.00
Illinois, State of	\$866,000.00	\$827,463.00
Indiana, State of	\$844,000.00	\$806,442.00
Indianapolis, IN	\$767,000.00	\$732,868.50
Iowa, State of	\$344,000.00	\$328,692.00
Islip, NY	\$1,638,000.00	\$1,565,109.00
Jackson, MS	\$1,045,000.00	\$998,497.50
Jacksonville, FL	\$1,700,000.00	\$1,624,350.00
Kansas City, MO	\$967,000.00	\$923,968.50
Kansas, State of	\$365,000.00	\$348,757.50
Kentucky, State of	\$426,000.00	\$407,043.00

Las Vegas, NV	\$928,000.00	\$886,704.00
Los Angeles, CA	\$12,403,000.00	\$11,851,066.50
Louisiana, State of	\$976,000.00	\$932,568.00
Louisville, KY	\$463,000.00	\$442,396.50
Lowell, MA	\$652,000.00	\$622,986.00
Maryland, State of	\$350,000.00	\$334,425.00
Massachusetts, State of	\$186,000.00	\$177,723.00
Miami, FL	\$10,834,000.00	\$10,351,887.00
Michigan, State of	\$903,000.00	\$862,816.50
Minneapolis, MN	\$834,000.00	\$796,887.00
Minnesota, State of	\$110,000.00	\$105,105.00
Mississippi, MS	\$784,000.00	\$749,112.00
Missouri, State of	\$497,000.00	\$474,883.50
Nevada, State of	\$229,000.00	\$218,809.50
New Haven, CT	\$1,700,000.00	\$1,624,350.00
New Jersey, State of	\$1,100,000.00	\$1,051,050.00
New Mexico, State of	\$526,000.00	\$502,593.00
New Orleans, LA	\$3,557,000.00	\$3,398,713.50
New York, NY	\$52,925,000.00	\$50,569,837.50
New York, State of	\$1,782,000.00	\$1,702,701.00
Newark, NJ	\$5,248,000.00	\$5,014,464.00
North Carolina, State of	\$2,104,000.00	\$2,010,372.00
Oakland, CA	\$1,967,000.00	\$1,879,468.50
Orlando, FL	\$3,005,000.00	\$2,871,277.50
Phoenix, AZ	\$1,456,000.00	\$1,391,208.00
Poughkeepsie, NY	\$604,000.00	\$577,122.00
Riverside, CA	\$1,762,000.00	\$1,683,591.00
Rochester, NY	\$602,000.00	\$575,211.00
Sacramento, CA	\$832,000.00	\$794,976.00
San Diego, CA	\$2,645,000.00	\$2,527,297.50
San Francisco, CA	\$8,861,000.00	\$8,466,685.50
San Jose, CA	\$770,000.00	\$735,735.00
Santa Ana, CA	\$1,405,000.00	\$1,342,477.50
Sarasota, FL	\$574,000.00	\$548,457.00
Springfield, MA	\$453,000.00	\$432,841.50
St. Louis, MO	\$1,212,000.00	\$1,158,066.00
Tampa, FL	\$3,192,000.00	\$3,049,956.00
Tucson, AZ	\$408,000.00	\$389,844.00
Wake County, NC	\$353,000.00	\$337,291.50
Warren, MI	\$411,000.00	\$392,710.50
West Palm Beach, FL	\$3,586,000.00	\$3,426,423.00
Wilmington, DE	\$736,000.00	\$703,248.00
Woodbridge, NJ	\$1,430,000.00	\$1,366,365.00
Worcester, MA	\$365,000.00	\$348,757.50
Ohio, State of	\$1,072,000.00	\$1,024,296.00
Cincinnati, OH	\$541,000.00	\$516,925.50
Cleveland, OH	\$860,000.00	\$821,730.00
Columbus, OH	\$611,000.00	\$583,810.50
Oklahoma, State of	\$517,000.00	\$493,993.50
Oklahoma City, OK	\$462,000.00	\$441,441.00

Portland, OR	\$994,000.00	\$949,767.00
Pennsylvania, State of	\$1,582,000.00	\$1,511,601.00
Philadelphia, PA	\$7,679,000.00	\$7,337,284.50
Pittsburgh, PA	\$649,000.00	\$620,119.50
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	\$1,712,000.00	\$1,635,816.00
San Juan, PR	\$5,573,000.00	\$5,325,001.50
Providence, RI	\$800,000.00	\$764,400.00
South Carolina, State of	\$1,420,000.00	\$1,356,810.00
Charleston, SC	\$408,000.00	\$389,844.00
Columbia, SC	\$1,215,000.00	\$1,160,932.50
Tennessee, State of	\$752,000.00	\$718,536.00
Memphis, TN	\$1,531,000.00	\$1,462,870.50
Nashville, TN	\$879,000.00	\$839,884.50
Texas, State of	\$2,757,000.00	\$2,634,313.50
Austin, TX	\$975,000.00	\$931,612.50
Dallas, TX	\$4,048,000.00	\$3,867,864.00
Fort Worth, TX	\$843,000.00	\$805,486.50
Houston, TX	\$10,121,000.00	\$9,670,615.50
San Antonio, TX	\$1,005,000.00	\$960,277.50
Utah, State of	\$116,000.00	\$110,838.00
Salt Lake City, UT	\$370,000.00	\$353,535.00
Virginia, Commonwealth of	\$641,000.00	\$612,475.50
Richmond, VA	\$689,000.00	\$658,339.50
Virginia Beach, VA	\$1,003,000.00	\$958,366.50
Washington, State of	\$648,000.00	\$619,164.00
Seattle, WA	\$1,686,000.00	\$1,610,973.00
Wisconsin, State of	\$400,000.00	\$382,200.00
Milwaukee, WI	\$509,000.00	\$486,349.50
Totals	\$262,592,000.00	\$250,906,656.00

Please note that the NY-NJ formula amount will be calculated based on specific directives related to that jurisdiction included in the FY2005 appropriations.

3. NAHC Representatives Meet with HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson

NAHC's board of directors recently met with Secretary Alphonso Jackson and several key members of his staff at HUD headquarters in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting was to bring concerns regarding HOPWA funding and implementation issues to the table as well as to learn more about the Department's vision for HOPWA and the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing(OHH). NAHC expressed support for OHH and sought ideas on opportunities to collaborate with the Department that would lead to more efficient service to AIDS housing providers and, most importantly, consumers.

The Secretary indicated he would work to protect housing programs serving vulnerable populations, including those living with HIV/AIDS as the FY2006 budget process advances. He also committed to work to reach out to partner federal agencies on

collaborations that will improve delivery of support services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. Finally, he confirmed support within the Department for OHH.

4. **2004 Out of Reach released: Rents Unaffordable for the Most Vulnerable**

The National Low Income Housing Coalition recently released its annual study of housing affordability for every jurisdiction in the country. The report confirms that as wages have failed to keep pace with rents, increasingly low income families can simply not afford decent housing. The analysis of HUD and Census Bureau data determines that the national housing wage is \$15.37. That is the amount a family would have to earn hourly, working 40 hours a week in order to afford housing at the fair market rent, paying no more than 30% of income. In only 4 or 3,066 counties nationwide can a household earning the federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour, afford housing. Last year, HUD reported that 91% of HOPWA beneficiaries earned less and \$1,000 per month and for many SSDI provides the sole source of income. For these families and others for whom homelessness is imminent, the affordability crisis is even direr.

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