



FY 2009 APPROPRIATIONS FOR USDA STALL, FARM LABOR HOUSING THREATENED.

On June 19 the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee marked up its FY 2009 USDA bill. Details have not been released but the National Rural Housing Coalition reports rural housing programs generally would be continued at current funding levels. The top Republican on the full Appropriations Committee, Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA), has indicated that funding for Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants may face opposition when the full committee considers the bill. The full committee met on June 26 but adjourned without marking up the USDA bill. For more details visit http://www.ruralhome.org/infoAnnouncements_2009appropsUSDA.php.

FY 2009 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS UNDERWAY FOR HUD. The House Appropriations Subcommittee for Transportation-HUD approved an FY 2009 spending bill on June 20. Partial details were released, as shown in the table below. Most major HUD programs received increases above both 2008 levels and the President's proposed budget. The subcommittee's press release is at http://appropriations.house.gov/Subcommittees/sub_tranurb.shtml.

HUD Program (dollars in millions)	FY 2007 Approp.	FY 2008 Approp.	FY 2009 Pro- posed Budget	FY 2009 House Subcommittee
Cmty. Devel. Block Grants	\$3,771.9	\$3,865.8	\$3,000	\$4,000
HOME (a)	1,750	1,704	1,967	1,654
Tenant-Based Rental Asstnce.	15,920	16,426	16,039	16,571
Project-Based Rental Asstnce.	5,976	6,381.8	7,000	7,300
Public Hsg. Capital Fund	2,464	2,439	2,024	2,500
Public Hsg. Operating Fund	3,864	4,200	4,300	4,500
Pub. Hsg. Revltztn. (HOPE VI)	99	100	0	120
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,441.6	1,586	1,636	1,691.7
202 Housing for the Elderly	734.6	735	540	765
811 Housing for Disabled	236.6	237	160	250
Housing Counseling	44.5	50	65	65

(a) Housing counseling moved to separate account.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL INCLUDES LOUISIANA VOUCHERS. The FY 2008 Iraq War Supplemental, signed into law on June 30, includes \$73 million for permanent supportive housing vouchers in Louisiana. (See *HAC News*, 6/4/08.) P.L. 110-252 is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app08.html>.

FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR HPG. A direct final rule, clarifying they are included in nonprofit organizations eligible for Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants, will be effective unless USDA receives written adverse comments by August 25. See *Federal Register*, 6/26/08, pp. 36267-69 or <http://www.regulations.gov>. Contact Bonnie Edwards-Jackson, RD, 202-690-0759.

FEDERAL MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. Installation standards are in a separate final rule published October 19, 2007. See *Federal Register*, 6/20/08, pp. 35269-304 or <http://www.hudclips.org>. Contact William W. Matchneer III, HUD, 202-708-6401.

HOPE VI MAIN STREET GRANTS AVAILABLE. Deadline is August 15. See *Federal Register*, 6/26/08, pp. 36379-400 or <http://www.grants.gov>. Contact Lawrence Gnessin, HUD, 202-402-2676, lawrence.gnessin@hud.gov.

ANNUAL JOINT CENTER REPORT FOCUSES ON MORTGAGE CRISIS. *The State of the Nation's Housing 2008* is free at <http://www.jchs.harvard.edu> or \$15 from Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies, 617-495-7908.

USDA TENANT DATA POSTED AT HTTP://WWW.RURALHOME.ORG. (See *HAC News*, 6/18/08.)

CONSUMER INFORMATION ON HYBRID ARMS OFFERED. Regulatory agencies have developed illustrative explanations of hybrid ARMs for voluntary use by lenders. See *Federal Register*, 5/29/08, pp. 30997-31005, <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-11850.pdf>. Contact Michael Bylsma, OCC, 202-874-5750.

PRESERVING EXISTING HOUSING IS "GREEN." Fact sheets and other information from the National Housing Trust are posted at http://www.nhtinc.org/pub_pol_green.asp.

REPORT REVIEWS STATE POVERTY INITIATIVES. *Seizing the Moment: State Governments and the New Commitment to Reduce Poverty in America* from the Center for Law and Social Policy, Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is at <http://www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/EconomicSecurity.aspx>.