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HOUSE PASSES HUD APPROPRIATIONS. On November 14 the House approved an FY 2008 Transportation-HUD appropriations bill negotiated by a House-Senate conference committee. The Senate will consider the bill or an omnibus after Thanksgiving; congressional leaders are considering strategies to respond to presidential veto threats. This version of the THUD bill renews all current housing vouchers and provides 15,500 new vouchers, including 7,500 for homeless veterans and 4,000 for non-elderly, disabled individuals and families, as well as 4,000 new Family Unification vouchers. The bill is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app08.html>.

HUD Program (in millions of dollars)	FY 2006 Approp.^a	FY 2007 Approp.^a	FY 2008 Proposed Budget	FY 2008 House Bill (H.R. 3074)	FY 2008 Sen. Bill (S. 1789)	FY 2008 Conf. Rpt. (H.R. 3074)
Cmnty. Devel. Block Grants	\$4,220	\$3,771.9	\$3,035.6	\$4,180	\$4,060	\$4,000
HOME (Mtge. foreclosure mitigation)	1,750 --	1,750 --	1,967 ^c --	1,757 --	1,970 (100)	1,767 -- b
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	15,574	15,920	16,000	16,330	16,599	16,436
Project-Based Rental Assistance	5,088	5,976	5,813	6,480	5,813	6,382
Public Housing Capital Fund	2,464	2,464	2,024	2,439	2,500	2,439
Public Housing Operating Fund	3,600	3,864	4,000	4,200	4,200	4,200
Public Hsg. Revltztn. (HOPE VI)	99	99	0	120	100	120
Native Amer. Hsg. Block Grant	630	630	627	627	630	630
Homeless Assistance Grants	1,326.6	1,441.6	1,561	1,561	1,586	1,586
Hsg. Opps. for Persons w/ AIDS	289	289	300	300	300	300
202 Housing for the Elderly	734.6	734.6	575	734.6	735	735
811 Housing for Disabled	236.6	236.6	125	236.6	237	237
Fair Housing	45.5	45.5	45	45.5	52	50
Rural Hsg. & Econ. Dev. (RHED)	17	17	0	16.8	17	17
Self-Help Hmownp. Opp. (SHOP)	20	19.8	39	27.7	26.5	26.5
Lead Hazard Control	152	152	116	130	151	145
Housing Counseling	42	44.5	50	41.6	108.4	50 ^c

- a. Figures shown for FY 2006 and 2007 are before 1% across the board cuts.
- b. \$200 million is provided to Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for counseling and foreclosure activities.
- c. Housing counseling funding is under the HOME program.

SECOND STOPGAP SPENDING RESOLUTION ADOPTED. A second Continuing Resolution for FY 2008 funds the government through December 14. It keeps most programs at FY 2007 levels and adds \$3 million in new CDBG funds for Louisiana's Road Home program for survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The CR is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app08.html>.

HOUSE PASSES FORECLOSURE RELIEF BILL. The Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007, passed on November 15, would impose a variety of new lending requirements (see *HAC News*, 11/7/07). The prospects for Senate action are unclear. H.R. 3915 is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

EPA SEEKS ADVISORS. The Environmental Protection Agency is creating a Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Advisory Committee. No nominations deadline is provided. See *Federal Register*, 11/15/07, pp. 64215-16 or <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/index.html>. Contact Jon Scholl, EPA, scholl.jon@epa.gov, 202-564-7719.

EXECUTIVE ORDER FORMALIZES GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE GOALS. EO 13450 requires federal agencies to establish goals with objectively measurable outcomes, to be overseen by the Office of Management and Budget. OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool, already in effect, posts ratings at <http://www.expectmore.gov>. See *Federal Register*, 11/15/07, pp. 64517-22 or <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/11/20071113-9.html>.

FEW TAX CREDIT UNITS TARGETED TO LOWEST INCOME. In 2005 only 7% of Low Income Housing Tax Credit units were intended to serve households with incomes under 30% of area median. In a few states the proportion was far higher. A data analysis by Joseph Guggenheim exploring targeting was published in the *Tax Credit Advisor* news-letter and is posted at <http://www.housingtaxcredits.net/id44.html>.