

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Resolution on FY 2019 Appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Issue: Support FY 2019 Appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to support the following levels of funding for core U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs in the FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill: no less than \$3.3 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula funding; no less than \$1.2 billion in formula funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); no less than \$2.6 billion for Homeless Assistance grants, including at least \$270 million for the Emergency Solutions Grant program plus an amount to fully fund expiring supportive housing and Shelter Plus Care rent subsidy contracts; full funding for existing Section 8 project-based and tenant-based contracts; \$70 million for HUD-VASH and \$500 million in Section 108 Loan Guarantee authority.

Additionally, NACo opposes the imposition of a funding threshold to receive CDBG and HOME program funds directly, or the revision of “grandfathering” provisions that would remove participating jurisdictions from future funding eligibility.

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Resolution on Support for Preservation and Expansion of Affordable Housing Stock

Issue: Preservation and Expansion of the U.S. Affordable Housing Stock

Adopted Policy: NACo supports strategies that preserve and expand the supply of housing for low- and moderate-income families. These include:

- The elimination of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) cap, which limits the number of public housing units eligible for conversion under the RAD program to 225,000. Elimination of this cap would promote access to the RAD program for more Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) nationwide and create a more favorable environment to fully maximize the opportunity to preserve and expand affordable housing. Increase the RAD Section 8 Project-Based rental subsidy to equal regular Section 8 Project-Based rental subsidies.
- Fully fund and expand the Public Housing Resident Self-Sufficiency Programs, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), Resident Opportunity and Supportive Services (ROSS), the Jobs Plus Initiative, and Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration programs funded by HUD that provide tools for Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to promote access to opportunity for the families they serve.
- Release of the MTW Expansion Notice which gives more PHAs access to the MTW program and supports legislation that expands the program for all PHAs.
- Adequately fund HUD’s mainline programs of Section 8 vouchers and public housing.

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Resolution on the New Markets Tax Credit

Issue: Support the reauthorization of the New Markets Tax Credit program in order to promote community development and economic growth by attracting private investment in low-income communities with high unemployment and poverty.

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to provide a permanent extension of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) and other enhancements to the program to allow for private sector investment and economic growth in low income communities.

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