

1 **COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

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3 **Resolution on FY 2022 Appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban**
4 **Development**

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6 **Issue:** Support Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
7 Development (HUD).

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9 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to support the following levels of
10 funding for core U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs in the Fiscal
11 Year (FY) 2022 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations
12 bill: no less than \$4.2 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula funding; no less
13 than \$1.7 billion in formula funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); \$3 billion
14 for Homeless Housing Assistance grants, including at least \$290 million for the Emergency Solutions
15 Grant program plus an amount to fully fund expiring supportive housing and Shelter Plus Care rent
16 subsidy contracts; expansion of the Section 8 voucher program in addition to full funding for existing
17 Section 8 project-based and tenant-based contracts; \$40 million for HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive
18 Housing (VASH) and \$500 million in Section 108 Loan Guarantee authority.

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22 **Resolution on Expanding Federal Residential Eviction Moratorium**

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24 **Issue:** The federal halt on residential evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic is scheduled to expire on July
25 30, 2021.

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27 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the federal government to implement a
28 comprehensive halt on residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 until the federal
29 public health emergency declaration is rescinded. NACo further urges Congress to provide additional funding
30 and flexibility to state, county, local and tribal governments to administer rental assistance and additional
31 housing stability supports throughout the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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35 **Resolution Supporting Changes to Private Activity Bond Requirements to Increase the Use of Low**
36 **Income Housing Tax Credits**

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38 **Issue:** The requirement that affordable housing developments use tax-exempt bonds for 50 percent of the
39 aggregate basis of buildings and land in order to access the 4 percent Low Income Housing Tax Credit
40 (LIHTC) is an inefficient use of scarce private activity bond (PAB) authority.

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42 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports legislation to amend Section 42 of the
43 Internal Revenue Code to lower the aggregate basis for housing developments using private activity
44 bonds from 50 percent to 25 percent in order to increase the amount of 4 percent Low Income Housing
45 Tax Credits available to develop more affordable housing.

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1 **Resolution in Support of Permanent Authorization for EB-5 Regional Center Program**
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3 **Issue:** The EB-5 Regional Center Program (the “Program”) authorization expires on June 30, 2021. Long-
4 term authorization by the U.S. Congress is needed to ensure the Program can achieve maximum economic
5 impact and job creation by creating certainty in the marketplace.

6 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports bipartisan federal legislation developed
7 by Senator Grassley (R-Iowa) and Senator Leahy (D-V.T.) to reauthorize the EB-5 Regional Center
8 Program for five years and to ensure any reform of the EB-5 Regional Center Program maintains the
9 ability to deliver job-creating capital to American communities, avoids retroactive application of new law
10 on matters already filed, allows for economic impact models to be used in measuring job creation and
11 enhances program integrity measures.

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14 **Resolution on Federal Support to Address Unsheltered Homelessness**
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16 **Issue:** Federal support to address increases in the number of unsheltered homeless persons and families
17 should reflect current and anticipated needs.

18 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports increased federal support to address
19 surges in the number of persons and families who are unsheltered and experiencing homelessness.

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22 **Resolution on the New Markets Tax Credit**
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24 **Issue:** Support the permanent extension of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program in order to
25 promote community development and economic growth by attracting private investment in low-income
26 communities with high unemployment and poverty.
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28 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to provide a permanent extension
29 of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) and other enhancements to the program to allow for private
30 sector investment and economic growth in low-income communities.
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34 **Resolution on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit**
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36 **Issue:** To build and preserve more affordable housing through the expansion of the Low-Income Housing
37 Tax Credit program.
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39 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages Congress to pass the Affordable
40 Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2021 to expand and preserve the nation’s affordable housing stock.
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3 **Resolution on Housing Infrastructure**
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5 **Issue:** Support the inclusion of affordable housing investments in any federal infrastructure package.
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7 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to include affordable housing
8 investments in any federal infrastructure package to provide counties with the resources necessary to
9 create and preserve more affordable homes in the United States.

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13 **Resolution on Economic Development Administration Reauthorization**
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15 **Issue:** Support appropriations and reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic
16 Development Administration.

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18 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the U.S. Congress to appropriate funding
19 and reauthorize the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) as
20 follows:

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- 22 • Provide at least \$346 million in appropriations annually for EDA to support economic assistance
23 programs.
- 24 • Focus on EDA’s core infrastructure and economic adjustment programs – public works, economic
25 adjustment assistance and partnership planning. Congress should also authorize additional funding
26 for special initiatives so as not to steer funding away from EDA core programs.
- 27 • Increase EDA funding for Public Works and enhance the scope of related activities, particularly
28 related to broadband and resiliency.
- 29 • Strengthen EDA’s National Technical Assistance program for small and distressed rural
30 communities to allow greater access and leveraging of federal, state, local and regional economic
31 development programs.
- 32 • Encourage regional collaboration by rewarding and incentivizing local governments, businesses
33 and communities to participate in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
34 process. The CEDS process brings together stakeholders to develop regional strategies and goals.
- 35 • Elevate EDA’s role as an integrator of federal economic development planning programs and
36 formalize EDA’s role as the federal government’s lead integrator for economic development and
37 central facilitator for interagency collaboration and resource integration.
- 38 • Expand EDA Disaster and Recovery Relief eligibility. EDA has a significant role to play in post-
39 disaster relief and long-term recovery assistance for impacted communities. In areas where a
40 major disaster or emergency has been declared under the Stafford Act, EDA grant recipients
41 should be eligible for up to 100 percent of the cost of the project.
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2 **Resolution on FY 2022 Appropriations for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**
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4 **Issue:** Support FY 2022 appropriations for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
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6 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to provide adequate resources for
7 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs and fund the Title I, Title II and III
8 accounts at the levels authorized and listed below:
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10 **Title I – U.S. Department of Labor**

- 11 • \$904.782 million for Adult Employment and Training Services, \$967.187 million for the
12 Youth Activities and \$1.410 billion for Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Services
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14 **Title II – U.S. Department of Education**

- 15 • \$674.955 million for Adult Education
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17 **Title III – Wagner-Peyser Employment Services**

- 18 • \$701.400 million for Wagner-Peyser Employment Services (ES) – current-year levels to
19 give states the additional resources they need to provide WIOA’s intensive reemployment
20 services.
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22 In addition, NACo supports only a WIOA formula allocation funding approach. NACo supports local
23 control and investment at the county and municipality level and rejects any mechanism that gives states
24 more authority than WIOA intends.
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28 **Resolution on Leveraging the Combination of the Investing in Opportunity Act and Workforce**
29 **Innovation and Opportunity Act for Local Prosperity**
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31 **Issue:** The purpose of the Investing in Opportunity Act is to incentivize private investment in low-income
32 census tracts. Yet, many believe that this legislation may not actually benefit the people living within
33 Opportunity Zones and may instead cause greater regional inequality.
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35 **Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to
36 amend the proposed Investing in Opportunity Act regulations to allow a business to qualify as an
37 Opportunity Zone Business with 50 percent (as opposed to 70 percent) of its tangible property, owned or
38 leased, meeting the requirements of Opportunity Zone Business Property, so long as said business also
39 employs a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program (to be certified by the business’
40 local American Job Center on the IRS Form 8996).
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44 **Resolution on Reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**
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46 **Issue:** Reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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Policy: NACo supports reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) with enhancements that would reduce bureaucracy, improve alignment and increase flexibility for more efficient and effective results. WIOA reauthorization legislation should promote innovation and flexibility at the state and local level and be responsive to local emerging economic realities, and business needs to ensure U.S. workers and businesses have the skills and training needed to compete in the 21st-century economy.

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Resolution to Support Legal Migration to Strengthen Local Economies and Workforce

Issue: The role legal immigration plays in our nation’s workforce and local economies.

Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress and the administration to enact legislative and regulatory proposals that support and provide improved and efficient legal avenues for immigrants to enter the United States, both permanently and temporarily, and contribute to the workforce and local economies and maintain the area standard industry wages for the local marketplace.

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Resolution on Protecting the Health and Safety of Sober Home Residents

Issue: Local governments continue to see a proliferation of sober homes within their boundaries and need additional clarity from the federal government on how they can protect the health and safety of sober home residents through reasonable regulations.

Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports further U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) clarification on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA) to allow local governments to enact reasonable regulations to protect the health and safety of sober home residents, and the residents of the surrounding communities.

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Resolution on Support for Fire Sprinkler Installations in Public Housing Developments

Issue: Residents of public housing developments are dependent upon the government to maintain the housing and ensure its safety. Unfortunately, there have been fatal fires in public housing developments across the nations due to a lack of fire sprinkler systems in these older developments. Local and state housing authorities often lack the funds needed to install these life-saving systems.

Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to pass the Public Housing Fire Safety Act (S. 265/H.R. 2638), which would authorize a \$25 million competitive grant program within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist housing authorities with

1 completing these retrofit installation projects. This bill also would direct HUD to identify the number of
2 unsprinklered housing developments across the nation.

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