

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

BUDGET ACTIVITY 8: CENTER FOR FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) was established by Executive Order 13198 on January 29, 2001. The purpose of CFBCI is to coordinate Department efforts to eliminate regulatory, contracting, and other programmatic obstacles to the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in the provision of social services. Further, CFBCI will play a key role in facilitating intra-Departmental and inter-Agency cooperation concerning the needs of faith-based and community organizations.

The CFBCI reports directly to the offices of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary. CFBCI staff will focus their efforts on areas of research, law and policy; development of an inter-agency resource center to service faith-based and community partners; and expanding outreach, training and coalition building. These areas of emphasis will help CFBCI comply with the Executive Order, as well as participate in HUD's overall strategic goals and objectives particularly as they relate to partnership with faith-based and community organizations.

Workload

The CFBCI is charged with the following key responsibilities in compliance with Executive Order 13198, and to participate in implementing HUD's strategic goals and objectives:

**Annual Departmentwide Inventory.** CFBCI is charged to conduct, in coordination with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (WHOFBCI), an annual Departmentwide inventory to identify all existing barriers to the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in the delivery of social services by the Department, including but not limited to regulations, rules, orders, procurement, and other internal policies and practices, and outreach activities that either facially discriminate against or otherwise discourage or disadvantage the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs;

**Expand Opportunities for Faith-Based and other Community Organizations.** The CFBCI will also coordinate a comprehensive departmental effort to incorporate faith-based and other community organizations in department programs and initiatives to the greatest extent possible;

**Remediation of Barriers.** CFBCI will propose initiatives to remove barriers identified in the annual Department wide inventory, including but not limited to reform of regulations, procurement, and other internal policies and practices, and outreach activities;

**Develop Pilot Projects.** CFBCI will propose and develop innovative pilot and demonstration programs to increase the participation of faith-based and other community organizations with respect to programming changes, contracting opportunities, and other Department initiatives, including Web and Internet resources. This includes, but is not limited to, the following CFBCI activities:

- develop and host an inter-Agency website on faith-based and community initiatives. This website will serve as a resource for all persons interested in partnership or information concerning the WHOFBCI and the other Cabinet agencies (Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, and Justice). HUD CFBCI will also host a resource center, which will serve as an information clearing-house for faith-based and community organizations, and all persons interested in the initiatives.
- plan and conduct, in cooperation with WHOFBCI and other agency Centers, 12 inter-Agency summits designed to disseminate information concerning the initiatives, partnership opportunities that exist within the various agencies, and strategies to develop local public/private partnerships;
- participate in HUD field conferences, trainings and seminars;
- provide training for HUD field staff concerning the faith-based and community initiatives;
- partner with HUD program offices to establish mutual goals and identify opportunities to assist program areas in carrying out their strategic plans and objectives, with particular regard to their faith-based and community partnerships.

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TRAVEL

	ESTIMATE 2001	ENACTED 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	INCREASE + DECREASE - 2003 vs 2002
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
Travel .....	....	\$200	\$250	+\$50
Total.....	\$0	\$200	\$250	+\$50

The travel funding requested for fiscal year 2003 will allow key CFBCI staff to participate in conferences, seminars, meetings and summits to train field staff, expand outreach to faith-based and community groups, and participate in events and activities conducted by HUD field staff or other public/private entities. This travel funding also includes requests for mandatory CFBCI participation in activities or events initiated by the Secretary or the WHOFCI.

- **Inter-Agency Summit Cost.** As stated above, CFBCI proposes 12 inter-Agency summits in key cities across the country.
- **HUD Field Conferences** - HUD's field offices frequently partner with State and local governments to conduct conferences on information related to faith-based and community organizations. CFBCI staff will participate in 25 State and local conferences to either provide technical assistance training, or serve as conference speaker.
- **Pilot Project Site Visits, Meetings, and Travel with the Secretary.** Principal CFBCI staff will travel with the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, or WHOFCI for site visits and pilot project development. CFBCI anticipates that principal staff would participate in 20 of these events, while CFBCI program staff would participate in 15 events.
- **Technical Assistance, Task Force Travel.** CFBCI anticipates program staff participation in 50 1-day trips to provide technical support and partnership with task forces that address key issues involving faith-based and community organizations (e.g., involvement in predatory lending and efforts to address the colonias regions of the country).

Most of the travel will involve travel for 1-2 CFBCI staff members. The larger summits would involve up to 6 CFBCI staff.

CONTRACTS

The table below identifies contract requirements unique to this activity.

	ESTIMATE 2001	ENACTED 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	INCREASE + DECREASE - 2003 vs 2002
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
Contracts .....	....	\$1,500	\$1,500	....
Total.....	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	....

Funding is requested in fiscal year 2003 for contracting related to conferences, training, seminars and other activities designed to implement CFBCI's goals for faith-based and community partnership. CFBCI's funding request is supported by final conference support expenditures conducted by the CFBCI's predecessor, HUD's Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships (CCIP) for fiscal years 1999 through 2000. CFBCI received a report from the HUD contractor that provided conference support services to CCIP. That report indicates that the total conference support cost for CCIP's 9 conferences was \$1,251,363.

CFBCI will significantly expand outreach to faith-based and community organizations by planning and conducting 12 inter-agency summits and will aggressively seek to increase diversity among the faith-based and community groups that will attend the summits, as well as to increase the number of attendees. Additionally, CFBCI will participate in a number of national, State and local events described above-providing materials and other requested assistance. In view of the previous expenditures and the expanded scope of activity for CFBCI, we request that an amount of \$1,500 thousand be budgeted for contract support, pending further review of previous expenditures. CFBCI will investigate alternative service providers in order to procure the best services at the most competitive cost.

**Detail of Center for Faith-Based Community Initiative Staff Requirements**

<b>Workload Guideline</b>	<b>Workload Indicator</b>	<b>----- Fiscal Year 2002 -----</b>			<b>----- Fiscal Year 2003 -----</b>				
		<b>Underfunded Workload/ Allocation</b>	<b>Projected Accomplishment</b>	<b>Projected Unit Cost (Hrs)</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Underfunded Workload/ Allocation</b>	<b>Projected Accomplishment</b>	<b>Projected Unit Cost (Hrs)</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<b>Headquarters Employment</b>									
Focus, Integrate, and Intensify HUD's Relationship with Faith-Based and Community Organizations	NA		...	...	8.0		...	...	8.0
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>8.0</b>				<b>8.0</b>

**Detail of Center for Faith-Based Community Initiative Staff Requirements**

	Estimate 2002	Estimate 2003	Increase + Decrease - 2003 vs 2002
<b><u>Headquarter Employment</u></b>			
Center for Faith-Based Community Initiatives	8.0	8.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Detail of Center for Faith-Based Community Initiative Staff Requirements**

	FTE			Increase + Decrease - 2003 vs 2002
	Actual 2001	Estimate 2002	Estimate 2003	
Headquarters.....	1.0	8.0	8.0	0.0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYMENT

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM 2002 BUDGET ESTIMATE TO 2003 ESTIMATE

This is a new organization and will not be fully staffed until fiscal year 2002. No changes are proposed to the fiscal year 2002 staffing level for fiscal year 2003.

FIELD EMPLOYMENT

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM 2002 BUDGET ESTIMATE TO 2003 ESTIMATE

There are no field staff.