

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

STRATEGIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTUAL 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004
Strategic Goal C: Strengthen communities.			
Discretionary BA (Dollars in Thousands)	\$0	\$55,000	\$40,000
FTE			
Headquarters	4	4	4
Field	0	0	0
Subtotal	4	4	4
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	\$373	\$388	\$399
Travel	0	20	24
Other Services	2	15	14
Subtotal	375	423	437
Strategic Objective C.1: Provide capital and resources to improve economic conditions in distressed communities.			
Indicator: Increase by 5 percent, the number of households whose predominant source of income is earned income.	NA	Baseline to be established	5% increase over FY 2003 baseline

NA = Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE

Performance/Means and Strategies

For the Public Housing Capital Fund, the Department is requesting \$2.641 billion, of which \$40 million is proposed as a set-aside for Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency from the Capital Fund (reflected above), and \$15 million from the Public Housing Operating Fund. In addition, \$437 thousand in Salaries and Expenses support this strategic Goal, for a total of \$40.437 million. Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and for residents of housing assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) authorizes funds for a linkage of public housing resident services to promote economic self-sufficiency. The program provides a vital connection between the delivery of housing assistance and other services that are necessary to improve the quality of life for public housing residents.

The program is intended to improve linkages to assisted housing residents by: (1) implementing supportive services and resident empowerment activities; and (2) assisting residents to become economically self-sufficient. Grants will be made to public housing agencies, Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), resident management corporations, resident councils, and resident organizations including non-profit entities supported by residents.

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to: physical improvements, academic skills training, resident management activities, health care for seniors in public housing, micro enterprises, small business development and start-ups, enhanced Self-Sufficiency and Welfare-to-Work initiatives, and social service support programs. Grants will be awarded competitively through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). ROSS is consistent with the Department's goal to focus resources on "welfare to work" and independent living for the elderly and disabled.

Public Housing Capital Fund

ROSS self-sufficiency activities aimed at job creation will reduce concentrations of poverty in public housing developments. This will be accomplished through local strategies, which promote projects that create jobs, enhance income, and build a work ready labor force.

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The baseline for this new indicator will be established in fiscal year 2003. The Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program is one of the Department's most important tools for helping assisted families link to supportive services and provide for resident activities to promote economic self-sufficiency. Through the ROSS program families receive comprehensive services such as academic and job training skills, resident management activities, health care for seniors, and housing and homeownership counseling. The intent of the program is to enable residents to obtain the supportive services they need to obtain a job or find better employment. The request for disabled and elderly service coordinators is critical for the successful independent living of the elderly and disabled residents.

To accomplish the goal of increasing the number of households whose predominant source of income is earned and that participate in supportive services and economic development activities by 5 percent above the fiscal year 2003 level, funding for the ROSS program will be essential. Through the public housing authorities, resident organizations, and grassroots nonprofits, ROSS activities work together to provide childcare, health and nutritional services, business opportunities, job training and social services to enhance quality of life for participating Public Housing families. Progress toward meeting this goal will be measured using data submitted to HUD's PIH Information Center data system by PHAs and from performance and progress reports by non-PHAs.

Resource Management Information

The FTE requests remain constant for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.