

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING

HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

STRATEGIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTUAL 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004
Strategic Goal C: Strengthen communities.			
Discretionary BA (Dollars in Thousands)	\$0	\$700	\$900
FTE			
Headquarters	0	0	0
Field	3	3	3
Subtotal	3	3	3
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	\$242	\$249	\$255
Travel	5	4	4
Transportation of Things	0	0	0
Rent, Communications & Utilities	0	0	0
Subtotal	247	253	259
Strategic Objective C.3: End chronic homelessness and move homeless families to permanent housing.			
Indicator: Housing Counseling is provided to clients receiving homeless counseling increases by 7,000.	Estimate 12,000 households	7,900 additional households	7,000 additional households

EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE

Performance/Means and Strategies

Funding in the amount of \$0.9 million in program funding and \$0.3 million in Salaries and Expenses for a total of \$1.1 million to support Strategic Goal C: Strengthen communities.

The Housing Counseling Assistance program, administered by the Office of Housing, supports the delivery of a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low- to moderate-income renters, and the homeless. Counselors provide guidance and advice to help families and individuals improve their housing conditions and choices and meet the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership. Agencies in the program may also provide Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) counseling to elderly homeowners who are looking to convert equity in their homes into income that can be used to pay for home improvements, medical costs, living expenses, or other expenses.

HUD funded housing counseling agencies provides critical advice to homeless clients, including referrals to emergency and transitional housing providers. This effort will contribute to the Administration's ambitious goal to end chronic homelessness in 10 years. In fiscal year 2001, the most recent year for which HUD housing counseling grant program data exists, 9,294 (3 percent of total) homeless clients were served with HUD housing counseling grant funds. Approximately 6,971, or 75 percent, found permanent, transitional or emergency housing. Fiscal year 2004 funding will provide for an additional 7,000 individuals to receive homeless counseling, 25,000 total. The resulting per unit cost, on a full-cost accounting basis, is \$46.36 per client served.

Resource Management Information

Staffing remains constant from fiscal year 2003 to fiscal year 2004.