

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI or Center) was established by Executive Order 13198 on January 29, 2001. Its purpose is to coordinate the Department's efforts to eliminate regulatory, contracting, and other programmatic obstacles to the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in social service programs.

CFBCI will continue to play a key role in facilitating intra-Departmental and inter-Agency cooperation regarding the needs of faith-based and community organizations. It will focus on 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 are in compliance with Executive Order 13198. Additionally, the Center will participate in the furtherance of HUD's overall strategic goals and objectives—particularly as they relate to partnership with faith-based and community organizations.

On December 12, 2002, the President issued Executive Order 13279, titled Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations. Its intent is to ensure that faith-based and community organizations are not unjustly precluded from participation in Federal programs by regulations and bureaucratic practices and policies. The Order directs the Center to, inter alia, (i) amend any policies that contradict the Order; (ii) where appropriate, implement new policies that are necessary to further the fundamental principles and policymaking criteria set forth in the Order; (iii) implement new policies to ensure collection of data regarding the participation of faith-based and community organizations in social service programs that receive Federal financial assistance; and (iv) report to the President the actions it proposes to undertake to implement the Order.

WORKLOAD

CFBCI will participate in implementing HUD's strategic goals and objectives, as well as the following key responsibilities in compliance with Executive Orders 13198 and 13279:

Annual Departmentwide Inventory. The Center is charged with conducting, in coordination with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (WHOFBCI), an annual Departmentwide inventory to identify barriers to the fullest participation of faith-based and community organizations in the delivery of social services, including but not limited to barriers created by regulations, rules, orders, internal policies and practices, and outreach activities that either discriminate against or otherwise discourage or disadvantage the participation of faith-based and community organizations in HUD programs;

Expand Opportunities for Faith-Based and other Community Organizations. The Center will coordinate comprehensive departmental efforts to incorporate faith-based and community organizations in departmental programs and initiatives to the greatest extent possible, thereby widening the pool of grant applicants to include historically excluded groups;

Outreach to Faith-Based and Community Groups. The Center will continue to develop its databases of faith- and community-based organizations which have little or no history of working with HUD. Outreach and technical assistance to such nontraditional grassroots organizations and networks will equip them with the skills needed to successfully pursue funding and partner opportunities. The Center will enhance its website to better serve those interested in HUD and the initiative. In conjunction with the other departmental faith-based centers, the Center will work with the inter-agency resource center for individuals and organizations interested in the initiative. In conjunction with WHOFBCI and other agency centers, the Center will host inter-Agency summits to disseminate information concerning the initiatives, partnership opportunities with the federal government, and strategies to develop local public/private partnerships;

Remediation of Barriers. The Center will continue to initiate and support efforts to remove barriers identified in the annual Departmentwide inventory, including but not limited to, reform of regulations, procurement and internal policies and practices; and

Pilot Projects and Partnering with HUD Program Offices. The Center will continue to partner with HUD program offices to establish mutual goals and identify opportunities to assist the offices in carrying out their strategic plans and objectives, with particular regard to strengthening and expanding their faith-based and community partnerships. The Center will continue to propose and develop innovative pilot and demonstration programs to increase the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in programming changes, contracting opportunities, and other Departmental initiatives, including Internet resources.

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Educating Government Personnel. The Center will participate in HUD field conferences, training and seminars. It will train HUD personnel on regulatory reform and Executive Order 13279. It will train HUD field staff on the faith-based and community initiative. And it will educate state and local government on the initiative, on regulatory reform and on Executive Order 13279.

TRAVEL

	ACTUAL 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004	INCREASE + DECREASE - 2004 vs 2003
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
Travel	\$54	\$154	\$162	+\$8
Total.....	54	154	162	+8

The travel funding requested for fiscal year 2004 will allow 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 public/private entities. This travel funding also includes requests for CFBCI participation in activities or events initiated by the Secretary and the WHOFBCI.

- Inter-Agency Summits. As stated above, CFBCI proposes 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 State and local conferences providing training in various areas of expertise, including technical assistance.
- Pilot Project Site Visits, Meetings, and Travel with the Secretary. Principal CFBCI staff will travel with the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, or WHOFBCI for site visits and pilot project development.
- Technical Assistance, Task Force Travel. CFBCI anticipates program staff participation in trips to provide technical support and partner with task forces that address key issues involving faith-based and community organizations such as predatory lending and efforts to address the colonias regions of the country.

CONTRACTS

The table below identifies contract requirements unique to this activity.

	ACTUAL 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004	INCREASE + DECREASE - 2004 vs 2003
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
General Support	\$1,394	\$1,173	\$1,512	+\$339
Total.....	1,394	1,173	1,512	+339

Funding is requested in fiscal year 2004 for contracts related to conferences, training, seminars and other activities designed to implement The Center's goals for faith-based and community partnerships.

CFBCI will significantly expand outreach to faith-based and community organizations by planning and conducting inter-agency summits whose purpose will be to increase participation 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.

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

FTE/OBJECT CLASS	ACTUAL 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004
FTE			
Headquarters	4	10	10
Field
Total FTE	4	10	10
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	\$386	\$992	\$1,019
Travel	54	154	162
Printing	10
Other Services	1,394	1,173	1,512
Supplies	4	33	33
Total S&E Cost	\$1,848	\$2,352	\$2,726

Overall Summary of Center for Faith-Based Community Initiatives Staff Requirements

	FTE			Increase + Decrease - 2004 vs 2003
	Actual 2002	Estimate 2003	Estimate 2004	
Headquarters.....	4.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
Total	4.0	10.0	10.0	0.0

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	FTE			Increase + Decrease - 2004 vs 2003
	Actual 2002	Estimate 2003	Estimate 2004	
<u>Headquarter Employment</u>				
Center for Faith-Based Community Initiatives	4.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
Total	4.0	10.0	10.0	0.0

Detail of Center for Faith-Based Community Initiatives Staff Requirements

REAP ID	Workload Indicator	----- Fiscal Year 2002 -----			----- Fiscal Year 2003 -----			----- Fiscal Year 2004 -----				
		Projected Accomplishment	Projected Unit Cost (Hrs)	FTE	Underfunded Workload/ Allocation	Projected Accomplishment	Projected Unit Cost (Hrs)	FTE	Underfunded Workload/ Allocation	Projected Accomplishment	Projected Unit Cost (Hrs)	FTE
Focus, Integrate, and Intensify HUD's Relationship with Faith-Based and Community Organizations	NA	4.0		10.0		10.0
				4.0				10.0				10.0

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HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYMENT

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM 2003 BUDGET ESTIMATE TO 2004 ESTIMATE

No changes are proposed to the fiscal year 2003 staffing level for fiscal year 2004.

FIELD EMPLOYMENT

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM 2003 BUDGET ESTIMATE TO 2004 ESTIMATE

There are no field staff.