

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

STRATEGIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTUAL 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004
Strategic Goal C: Strengthen communities.			
Discretionary BA (Dollars in Thousands)	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$1,800
FTE			
Headquarters	16	17	17
Field	0	0	0
Subtotal	16	17	17
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	\$1,609	\$1,804	\$1,853
Travel	29	22	23
Transportation of Things	0	0	0
Rent, Communications & Utilities	0	0	0
Subtotal	1,638	1,826	1,876
Strategic Objective C.1: Provide capital and resources to improve economic conditions in distressed communities.			
Strategic Objective C.2: Help organizations access the resources they need to make their communities more livable.			
Strategic Objective C.3: End chronic homelessness and move homeless families to permanent housing.			

EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE

Performance/Means and Strategies

The Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) proposes \$1.8 million in program funding and \$1.876 million in S&E funding, for a total of \$3.676 million to support Strategic Goal C: Strengthen communities.

The mission of the PD&R is to provide reliable facts and analysis to inform the policy decisions of HUD, Congress, and State and local governments. Research and Technology (R&T) funds enable PD&R to fulfill this mission by maintaining and expanding information on housing needs and market conditions, evaluating current HUD programs and proposed policy changes, and conducting research on a wide range of housing and community and economic development issues, including advances in housing technology.

In fiscal year 2004, PD&R will conduct research and policy analysis to support strategic goal C. Specific areas of research in support of this goal follow:

- **Ending Chronic Homelessness.** PD&R is actively engaged in research designed to support the Secretary's goal of ending chronic homelessness in ten years. Among other projects, PD&R is researching effective strategies for meeting the needs of on-the-street homeless individuals and evaluating the effectiveness of HUD-funded permanent housing for persons with disabilities.

- **Preventing Homelessness.** To effectively address the challenge of homelessness, it is essential to focus on preventing families from becoming homeless in the first instance. To help develop more effective policies for preventing homelessness, PD&R will be researching the causes of homelessness, with a focus on procedures for discharging individuals from various publicly funded institutions, including jails and mental health institutions.
- **Improving the Usefulness of the Consolidated Plan.** PD&R is actively involved in the Presidential Management Agenda goal of streamlining the Consolidated Plan and making it more useful to communities. Among other activities in fiscal years 2003 and 2004, PD&R will help to assess the efficacy of pilot strategies to streamline the consolidated planning process and improve the usefulness of data that HUD provides communities for use in analyzing housing and community needs through the development of improved Geographical Information Systems (GIS) templates.
- **Evaluating the Formulas for Distributing HOME, CDBG and other Funds.** PD&R will analyze the impact of new census data on formulas for distributing HUD funding, including HOME and CDBG funds, to determine whether changes to these formulas are necessary to ensure the effective targeting of HUD funds.
- **Improving the lives of residents of the Colonias.** PD&R is engaged in an ongoing research effort to support the Secretary's goal of helping to improve the lives of residents of the poor areas along the U.S. - Mexico border known as "Colonias." Among other things, PD&R's research program is designed to better understand the nature of the problems faced by residents of the Colonias and analyze policy options for addressing these problems.
- **State of Cities Data Base.** PD&R maintains and updates the State of Cities Data System. The data system provides community and economic development practitioners with a centralized source of a variety of economic, demographic, and housing data. Practitioners and researchers use the data system to track local conditions in cities and suburbs across the nation.

Resource Management Information

Sixteen FTE currently perform the research and analysis activities for PD&R under this strategic goal. In fiscal year 2003, one additional FTE, for a total of 17 FTE, is requested for work under this goal for research related to the Colonias. The same FTE level of 17 is requested for fiscal year 2004.