

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SAMARITAN HOUSING

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

STRATEGIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ESTIMATE 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004
Strategic Goal C: Strengthen communities.			
Discretionary BA (Dollars in Thousands)	\$50,000
FTE			
Headquarters	3
Field
Subtotal	3
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	\$270
Travel	3
Printing	1
Other Services	10
Subtotal	284
Strategic Objective C.3: End chronic homelessness and move homeless families to permanent housing.			
Indicator: The number of chronically homeless individuals declines by up to 50 percent by fiscal year 2008.	NA	Establish Baseline	NA

NA = Not Available

EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE

Performance/Means and Strategies

The fiscal year 2004 Budget proposes a new \$50 million Samaritan Housing program focused on those experiencing chronic homelessness on the streets and in encampments across the country. The program's resources will provide new housing options and appropriate aggressive outreach and services to homeless people residing outside the reach of current programs. This initiative supports the Strategic Objective to end chronic homelessness and move homeless families to permanent housing. The effort is also crucial to reducing overall homelessness because the chronic homeless often require resources beyond their proportion of the overall homeless population. Effective programs to meet the needs of this difficult population will also free up resources for the overall homeless reduction effort. This initiative will provide effective models that can be utilized more broadly.

This specific effort requires the new resources to support the strategic means to fulfill the President and Secretary's commitment to end chronic homelessness in 10 years, as stated in the fiscal year 2003 Budget proposal. The requested budget amount will represent HUD's segment of a larger total amount of resources in a broader Samaritan Initiative to end chronic homelessness in a decade reflecting the continuation of the jointly administered effort begun in 2002. The Samaritan Housing program will focus on targeting those people experiencing chronic homelessness with an outcome oriented, field tested outreach strategy that will appropriately move this street and encampment population into supportive housing settings that combine housing and social services to support and sustain the resultant tenancies.

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This initiative's scope will be to communities throughout the country who are prepared to partner with the Federal government to produce visible, measurable, and quantifiable performance outcomes that reduce the number of people living on the streets and in encampments.

The Samaritan Housing program continues and builds on the joint Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Veteran Affairs (VA) effort, announced in July 2002, and developed under the aegis of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (comprised of 18 Federal departments and agencies). A joint Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) focused on initiating the President and Secretary's commitment to end chronic homelessness by identifying model programs throughout the country that have been successful in reducing the number of homeless people living on the street. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness will continue to provide leadership for jointly administered efforts to assist the chronically homeless population, including specifically, the Samaritan Housing program as part of the broader Samaritan Initiative to end chronic homelessness.

The \$50 million Samaritan Housing program is a new program effort not requested in previous years. HUD's Samaritan Program will be used in conjunction with other Federal resources, particularly those from HHS and VA, aimed at ending chronic homelessness. Currently, there exist resources spread among many Departments and agencies, which, in general, assist homeless people, including those who experience chronic homelessness. However, the Samaritan Housing program will provide targeted resources to assist this visible population of homeless people. These resources will be focused strategically to secure the desired performance outcomes.

Resource Management Information

The Department is requesting three FTEs to support this program.