

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

STRATEGIC GOAL/OBJECTIVE	ACTUAL 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004
<b>Strategic Goal FH: Ensure equal opportunity in housing.</b>			
Discretionary BA (Dollars in Thousands)	\$81,835	\$77,067	\$88,167
FTE			
Headquarters	3	3	3
Field	7	7	8
Subtotal	10	10	11
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	\$840	\$863	\$972
Travel	9	8	8
Printing	2	3	3
Other Services	2	1	1
Supplies	1	1	1
Subtotal	854	876	985
<b>Strategic Objective FH.2: Promote public awareness of Fair Housing laws.</b>			
Indicator: As a result of the Departments education and outreach efforts discrimination complaints based on national origin filed with HUD in fiscal year 2004 increases by 20 percent over fiscal year 2003 level.	NA	Baseline established	Baseline plus 20%

NA=Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE

Performance/Means and Strategies

For the Project-Based Rental Assistance program, the Department requests approximately \$88 million in program funding and \$985 thousand in Salaries and Expenses for a total of \$89.2 million in 2004 to support Strategic Goal FH: Ensure equal opportunity in housing.

HUD's core mission has always been to help families find affordable and decent housing. This mission will be fulfilled when all Americans are given an equal opportunity to buy or rent housing that matches their individual needs. Unfortunately, instances of discrimination against minorities, architectural barriers to persons with disabilities and a lack of housing options for the elderly have all combined to exclude some Americans from enjoying the freedom of housing choice. The Department is involved in a cooperative effort to increase access to the nation's housing stock so that more Americans can afford to live where they want to live. Many of HUD's programs aim to increase housing options for persons with disabilities and the elderly. Through enforcement of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, HUD seeks to ensure that persons with disabilities have the same opportunity to live and worked that other Americans enjoy. Partnering with State and local governments, the Department also works with private builders to perform simple physical modifications for independent living for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

## Project-Based Rental Assistance

The effectiveness of HUD's Project-Based Rental Assistance program was evaluated in the past year using the Office of Management and Budget's new Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART). This program receives low performance scores because it has a poor focus on program outcomes and produces poor results relative to alternative forms of housing assistance, particularly in the areas of cost and maximizing the mobility of assisted families in seeking out the best housing possible. The physical quality of project-based housing has improved significantly in recent years, however, in light of this assessment, HUD will make management improvements, including stepped-up enforcement against properties in poor quality. HUD recently announced a new enforcement protocol that will result in 1,200 properties with problems receiving more aggressive oversight and correction. These actions will result in more properties meeting physical quality standards. Also, improved performance measures for self-sufficiency will be developed.

### Resource Management Information

The total FTE request for the Project-Based Rental Assistance program in fiscal year 2004 is at the same level as the fiscal year 2003 request. The increase of one FTE under this goal is due to the fact that the distribution of the total FTEs has been altered to reflect the alignment of the Annual Performance Plan goals for Multifamily Housing under the new Strategic Objectives. It also includes the general distribution of Multifamily staff assigned the primary responsibility for the performance of goals and the programs that support each goal.