

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

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)	\$500	\$600	\$600
FTE			
Headquarters	2	2	2
Field	...	...	...
Subtotal	2	2	2
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	\$201	\$212	\$218
Travel	4	3	3
Rent, Communications & Utilities	0	0	0
Subtotal	205	215	221
<b>Strategic Objective FH.1: Resolve discrimination complaints on a timely basis.</b>			

EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE

Performance/Means and Strategies

The Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) proposes \$600 million in program funding and \$221 million in S&E funding, for a total of \$821 million to support Strategic Goal FH: Ensure equal opportunity in housing.

The mission of 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 FH. Specific areas of research follow:

- Housing Discrimination. PD&R has an active research program designed to better understand the extent and nature of housing discrimination. Among other activities, PD&R is supervising a major study of the extent of housing discrimination in 2000 in the rental and homeownership markets (funded through the Fair Housing Initiatives Program). This study updates an earlier major study conducted by PD&R in 1989 that found a substantial amount of differential treatment of minorities seeking to buy or rent housing and led to the authorization for the Fair Housing Initiatives program. Data published to date is already guiding HUD policy in this area. PD&R is also developing pilot testing methods for detecting housing discrimination against persons with disabilities and conducting the first-ever assessment of housing discrimination against Native Americans. Another recent study assessed the level of public awareness of the fair housing laws. PD&R will continue to support the efforts of FHEO in this area in fiscal years 2003, 2004 and future years.

Research and Technology

- Housing Accessibility. PD&R's ongoing research helps to assess compliance with accessibility standards and to develop strategies for making the marketplace more aware of those standards.

Resource Management Information

For fiscal year 2004 PD&R has proposed 2 FTEs for research functions related to equal opportunity and access to housing. This is the same FTE level as in fiscal years 2002 and 2003.