

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SAMARITAN HOUSING

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

	ESTIMATE <u>2002</u>	ESTIMATE <u>2003</u>	ESTIMATE <u>2004</u>	INCREASE + DECREASE - <u>2004 vs 2003</u>
	(Dollars in Thousands)			
<u>Program Level:</u>				
Obligations .....	...	...	\$50,000	\$50,000
<u>Appropriations:</u>				
Enacted or Proposed .....	...	...	50,000	50,000
Outlays .....	...	...	5,000	5,000

SUMMARY OF BUDGET ESTIMATES

The fiscal year 2004 Budget proposes a new \$50 million Samaritan Housing grant program which is focused on those experiencing chronic homelessness on the streets and in encampments across the country. The resources will provide new housing options and appropriate aggressive outreach and services to homeless people residing outside the reach of current programs. This specific effort requires new resources supporting the strategic means to fulfill the Presidential and Secretarial commitments 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 Federal commitment of resources in a broader Samaritan Initiative to end chronic homelessness within a decade. This 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 permanent housing settings that combine housing and social services to support and sustain this population in permanent housing.

The program'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 builds on the joint Departments of Housing and Urban Development, 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. The Council is comprised of 18 Federal departments and agencies. A jointly issued NOFA will seek to identify model programs throughout the country that have been successful in reducing the number of homeless people living on the street.

EXPLANATION OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

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.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND ACTIVITY

1. Legislative Authority. Authorizing legislation will be submitted to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended.

2. Program Area Organization. The Samaritan Housing program is both a Presidential and Secretarial initiative and is part of a comprehensive governmental effort to provide the means, strategies and resources to meet the Strategic Objective of ending chronic homelessness and moving homeless families to permanent housing.

Samaritan Housing

- a. Eligible Recipients. The Samaritan Housing program would provide funding to communities across the country to meet the needs of chronically homeless people through increased housing, aggressive outreach and support services. Funds will be available to homeless assistance providers, including community-based and faith-based non-profits organizations.
- b. Allocation of Funds. Funding would be provided as a competitive grant program.
- c. Eligible Activities. HUD funding would be invested in the accessing of permanent housing units and would be linked to HHS, VA and potentially other sources of funding to provide necessary support services. Overall funding from all sources would be available for flexible forms of housing assistance; support services targeted to the needs of the chronically homeless people; outreach activities as well as for administration, planning, data collection and measurement and program evaluation.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

FTE/OBJECT CLASS	ESTIMATE 2002	ESTIMATE 2003	ESTIMATE 2004
FTE			
Headquarters	...	...	3
Field	...	...	...
Total FTE	...	...	3
S&E Cost (Dollars in Thousands)			
Personal Services	...	...	\$270
Travel	...	...	3
Printing	...	...	1
Other Services	...	...	10
Total S&E Cost	...	...	\$284