DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

BUDGET ACTIVITY 5: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

The consolidated discussion for the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, HUD" is shown in Part 3 of the Justifications. All data are presented on a comparable basis for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

Personnel of the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) are responsible for the management of research and technology studies conducted under contracts, interagency agreements, cooperative agreements and grants, as well as in-house research, economic analyses, tax policy analysis, program evaluation and program monitoring, and policy development.

Staff has provided analytical skills and experience to assist in the development of performance measures; targeted funds so that attention is given to low-income families and vulnerable populations; and assured that questions of consistency of approach across program lines are addressed. PD&R is responsible for major program evaluations and analyses of important issues such as minority homeownership, the removal of regulatory barriers to affordable housing and the reform of RESPA (Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act). Staff provides continued short-range research on basic housing and urban issues to allow the Secretary to be a national spokesperson on these matters. PD&R will continue its economic intelligence function, including the American Housing Survey and related publications such as the quarterly U.S. Housing Market Conditions report. Likewise, setting Fair Market Rents (FMR) and income limits, and assisting on HUDwide special initiatives are ongoing functions of PD&R.

Staff continues to provide extensive support to the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Secretary on tasks related to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), including development of the Strategic Plan and the Annual Performance Plan (APP).

PD&R staff supports activities necessary for disseminating and supporting our research products. These materials are made available to all levels of the government, researchers, policy analysts, the private sector and to interested parties through PD&R's research information clearinghouse, HUD USER and via our website www.huduser.org.

Staff works closely with the program offices and the Office of Information Technology to improve automated systems and the program data that reside in these systems, in order to support research and evaluations, and to assure that program managers throughout HUD's organization have the information needed to monitor results.

PD&R is also responsible for the examination of the outcomes of current HUD programs; the evaluation of programs in view of those outcomes; and the review of the continuing efficacy of programs.

PD&R provides technical support to FHA. New ways of doing business require careful up-front study and prompt and thorough evaluations. Actuarial studies, program design, development of automated underwriting systems, and assessments of whom FHA serves are areas where FHA and the Secretary need assistance. PD&R's analytical approach and economic expertise make its advice particularly useful to FHA and the Secretary.

Staff also administers outreach and grant programs of the Office of University Partnerships, including the following grant programs: Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC), Historically Black Colleges and Universities HBCU), Community Development Work Study (CDWS), Hispanic-serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC), Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions Assisting Communities (AN/NHIAC), and the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP).

On behalf of the Secretary, staff of the Office of International Affairs supports and encourages bilateral relations with other countries. As such, this office is responsible for conducting studies and research as well as attending international conferences to support the international exchange of information and data on housing and development topics.

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The economists who serve in HUD field offices report to PD&R. The field economists serve as the Department's primary source of intelligence on local economic and housing conditions, providing analysis and recommendations to field and headquarters management and program officials, including reports for the U.S. Housing Market Conditions quarterly report. The field economists also assist HUD clients in identifying and analyzing economic and demographic data; provide market analysis reviews of various program applications such as for FHA Multifamily insurance; conduct needs assessments of assisted housing proposals; and advise on the allocations of assisted housing funds.

The attached charts display detailed staffing and workload estimates based on the Resource Estimation and Allocation Process (REAP) baseline data.

WORKLOAD

The workload of PD&R focuses on ways to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and equity of HUD programs. This entails developing policy recommendations for the Secretary, performing policy and economic analyses, conducting program evaluations, directing research and demonstration activities, gathering programmatic and basic housing and urban data, and evaluating and monitoring new and existing programs for the Department. The workload also includes supporting the Secretary in carrying out his oversight responsibilities with respect to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and preparing reports to Congress. In carrying out its responsibilities, PD&R conducts analyses using either contract or in-house staff resources, depending on the issue and the nature of the work. In fiscal year 2007, PD&R expects to continue increasing contracting for research with small businesses to achieve more innovative and diverse research products. PD&R also works with other HUD staff, State and local governments, academicians, representatives of various interest groups, and other interested parties, to assure that all accessible knowledge is brought to bear on issues of concern to the Department.

TRAVEL

	ACTUAL 2005	ENACTED 2006 (Dollars in	ESTIMATE 2007 n Thousands)	INCREASE + DECREASE - 2007 vs 2006
Travel	<u>\$229</u>	\$239	\$237	<u>-\$2</u>
Total	229	239	237	-2

The requested travel amount of \$237 thousand in fiscal year 2007 will provide funds for the travel requirements of PD&R including: essential travel by the front office and other senior staff, field economists' travel, inspection trips to ensure that contractor performance is in line with objectives, international travel, and other staff travel.

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CONTRACTS

The following table identifies the specific contracts unique to this activity and is followed by a brief description.

	ACTUAL 2005	ENACTED 2006 (Dollars i	ESTIMATE 2007 n Thousands)	INCREASE + DECREASE - 2007 vs 2006	
Data and Statistical Services	\$2,363	\$2,370	\$2,396	+\$26	
Total	2,363	2,370	2,396	+26	

The 2007 estimate will provide funds for the contract needs of PD&R as described below.

DATA AND STATISTICAL SERVICES

The following are fiscal year 2007 contracts planned for S&E funding:

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(Dollars	in	Thousands)

Quality Control(QC) for Rental	
Assist Subsidy Determinations	\$846
F.W. Dodge Data	145
Economy.com data	94
Temp Personnel Services Contract	435
REIS, various small contracts	562
Program Support Research, Training	314
Total	2,396

Starting in fiscal year 2006, the Quality Control (QC) for Rental Assistance Subsidy Determinations contract will be co-funded by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Prior to 2006, the Office of Policy Development and Research fully funded this contract. The \$846 thousand will be used for the CFO's QC study in 2007.

There is a slight increase in 2007 for these contracts.

The F.W. Dodge Data study provides information used by Field Economists in reviewing the marketability and risk of multifamily projects proposed for FHA insurance.

The program Support Research is for FMR-related research, including funds for Interagency Agreements to obtain supplemental information on rental housing surveys. Training includes staff development, GTR training, Field Economist training and technical courses for professional staff.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH Personal Services Summary of Change (Dollars in Thousands)

Personal Services	FTE	S&E Cost	
2005 Actual	141	\$16,104	
2006 Appropriation	145	17,238	
Changes Due To			
2007 January Pay Raise	0	304	
2006 January Pay Raise	0	139	
Staffing increase/decrease	-2	-239	
Other benefit changes	0	175	
2007 Request	143	\$17,617	

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH Summary of Requirements by Grade Salaries and Expenses (Dollars in Thousands)

Granda I	2005 Actual	2006 Appropriation	2007 Request	Increase/ Decrease
Grade:				
Executive Level	0	0	0	0
Executive Service	2	2	2	0
GS-15	27	27	27	0
GS-14	46	47	45	-2
GS-13	28	28	28	0
GS-12	12	12	12	0
GS-11	12	12	12	0
GS-10	1	1	1	0
GS-9	6	6	6	0
GS-8	4	4	4	0
GS-7	1	1	1	0
GS-6	1	1	1	0
GS-5	0	0	0	0
GS-4	4	4	4	0
GS-3	0	0	0	0
GS-2	0	0	0	0
GS-1	0	0	0	0
Total Positions	144	145	143	-2
Average ES Salary	\$148,909	\$153,822	\$157,514	+\$3,692
Average GS Salary	\$90,863	\$93,861	\$96,114	+2,253
Average GS Grade	12.8	12.8	12.8	0.0

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH Summary of Requirements by Object Class Salaries and Expenses (Dollars in Thousands)

	2005 Actual	2006 Appropriation	2007 Request	Increase/Decrease
Object Class				
Personal Services	\$16,104	\$17,238	\$17,617	+\$379
Travel and Transportation of Persons	229	239	237	-2
Transportation of Things	3	8	0	-8
Rent, Communication & Utilities	0	0	0	0
Printing and Reproduction	213	149	149	0
Other Services	2,363	2,370	2,396	+26
Supplies and Materials	25	25	25	0
Furniture & Equipment	0	0	0	0
Insurance Claims & Indemnities	0	0	0	0
Total Obligations	\$18,937	\$20,029	\$20,424	+\$395

Overall Summary of Policy Development and Research Staff Requirements

Field	Estimate 2005	Estimate 2006	Estimate 2007	Increase + Decrease - 2007 vs 2006	
Headquarters	106.0	107.0	105.0	-2.0	
Field	35.0	38.0	38.0	0.0	
Total	141.0	145.0	143.0	-2.0	

Summary of Policy Development and Research Staff Requirements

	Estimate 2005	Estimate 2006	Estimate 2007	Increase + Decrease - 2007 vs 2006
Headquarters Employment				
AS for Policy Development and Researc	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0
Budget, Contracts, and Program Control Divisio	7.0	7.0	7.0	0.0
Management and Administrative Services Divisic	5.7	6.0	5.7	-0.3
Subtotal	18.7	19.0	18.7	-0.3
Office of University Partnerships	6.7	6.7	6.0	-0.7
DAS for International Affairs	6.3	6.3	6.0	-0.3
DAS for Economic Affairs				
DAS for Economic Affairs	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
Economic Market Analysis Division	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0
Housing Finance Analysis Division	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
Housing and Demographic Analysis Division	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0
Economic Development and Public Finance Division	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
Financial Institutions Regulation Division	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0
Subtotal	24.5	24.5	24.5	0.0
DAS for Policy Development				
DAS for Policy Development	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
Policy Development Division	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0
Research Utilization Division	8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0
Subtotal	16.0	16.0	16.0	0.0

	Estimate 2005	Estimate 2006	Estimate 2007	Increase + Decrease - 2007 vs 2006
DAS for Research, Evaluation, and Monitoring				
DAS for Research, Evaluation, and Monitoring	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0
Program Evaluation Division	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
Program Monitoring and Research Division	11.4	12.1	11.4	-0.7
Affordable Housing Research and Technology Division	9.4	9.4	9.4	0.0
Subtotal	33.8	34.5	33.8	-0.7
Total	106.0	107.0	105.0	-2.0
Field Employment				
Field Economists	35.0	38.0	38.0	0.0
Total	35.0	38.0	38.0	0.0

Detail of Policy Development and Research Staff Requirements

	Fiscal Year 2005			Fiscal Year 2006				Fiscal Year 2007				
		Projected Accomplish-	Projected Unit Cost		Underfunded Workload/	Projected Accomplish-			Underfunded Workload/	Projected Accomplish-	Projected Unit Cost	
Workload Guideline	Workload Indicator	ment	(Hrs)	FTE	Allocation	ment	(Hrs)	FTE	Allocation	ment	(Hrs)	FTE
Headquarters Employment												
AS for Policy Development and Rese	arch											
Immediate Office DAS	NA			3.0				3.0				3.0
Provide Policy and Program				0.0				0.0				0.0
Support	NA			3.0	0.0			3.0	0.0			3.0
Subtotal				6.0	0.0			6.0	0.0	1		6.0
Budget, Contracts, and Program Con	ntrol Division											
	# of Grants											
	Processed											
A desirieta a Figura sial A ana ana anta	(Research &	405	74.00	7.0	4.0	405	74.00	7.0	4.0	405	74.00	7.0
Administer Financial Agreements	University Grants)	195	74.88	7.0 7.0	1.0		74.88	7.0 7.0			74.88	7.0 7.0
Subtotal				7.0	1.0			7.0	1.0	1		7.0
Management and Administrative Ser												
Administrative and Management		4.45	82.42		0.0	152	82.42	0.0	0.0	445	00.40	
Support for PD&R	Supported	145	82.42	5.7 5.7	0.0 0.0		82.42	6.0 6.0			82.42	5.7 5.7
Subtotal				3.7	0.0			0.0	0.3	1		5.7
Office of University Partnerships Award and Administer Grant												
Programs	# of Grants Awarded	518	21.40	5.3	1.0	518	21.40	5.3	1.7	450	21.40	4.6
Fiograms	# 01 Grants Awarded	518	21.40	5.5	1.0	518	21.40	5.5	1.7	450	21.40	4.0
Outreach to Colleges, Community	/											
Based Organizations, Local	# of Customer											
Governments, and HUD Staff	Contacts	4,352	0.67	1.4	0.0	4,352	0.67	1.4	0.0	4,352	0.67	1.4
Subtotal				6.7	1.0			6.7	1.7	•		6.0
DAS for Economic Affairs												
DAS for Economic Affairs												
DAS Economic Affairs	NA			3.0	0.0			3.0	0.0)		3.0
Subtotal				3.0	0.0			3.0	0.0)		3.0
Economic Market Analysis Division												
	NA			6.0	2.0			6.0				6.0
Subtotal				6.0	2.0			6.0	2.0)		6.0
Housing Finance Analysis Division												

		Fiscal Year 2005			Fiscal Year 2006				Fiscal Year 2007			
Workload Guideline Workl	Workload Indicator	Projected Accomplish- ment	Projected Unit Cost (Hrs)	FTE	Underfunded Workload/ Allocation	Projected Accomplish- ment	Projected	FTE	Underfunded Workload/ Allocation	Projected Accomplish- ment	Projected Unit Cost (Hrs)	FTE
Expert Advice on Systems for												
Financing Single-Family and												
Multifamily Housing in the United	# of Offices and											
States	Agencies Supported	18	354.96	3.0	2.0		354.96	3.0	2.0	18	354.96	3.0
Subtotal				3.0	2.0			3.0	2.0)		3.0
Housing and Demographic Analysis	Division											
	# of Surveys											
	Produced or											
Perform Survey Functions	Supported	42	200.77	4.0	1.0	42	200.77	4.0	1.0	41	200.77	4.0
Subtotal				4.0	1.0			4.0	1.0)		4.0
Economic Development and Public F	inance Division											
Perform Special Initiatives, Studies	S											
and Projects	NA			3.0	2.0			3.0	2.0			3.0
Subtotal				3.0	2.0			3.0	2.0)		3.0
Financial Institution Regulation Divis	sion											
Support for HUD's Regulatory												
Oversight Function for Fannie Mae	e # of Analyses											
and Freddie Mac	Produced	182	62.64	5.5	0.0	182	62.64	5.5	0.0	182	62.64	5.5
Subtotal				5.5	0.0			5.5	0.0)		5.5
DAS for Policy Development												
Immediate Office DAS Ploicy	NA			2.0	0.0			2.0	0.0)		2.0
Subtotal				2.0	0.0			2.0	0.0)		2.0
Policy Development Division												
Substantive Policy Guidance on	# of Programs and											
HUD's Programs and Research	Policies Developed											
Agenda	and Reviewed	457	27.43	6.0	2.0	457	27.43	6.0	2.0	457	27.43	6.0
Subtotal				6.0	2.0			6.0	2.0)		6.0
Research Utilization Division												
Dissemination of Research Result	S											
and Policy Information	NA			8.0				8.0	0.0)		8.0
Subtotal				8.0	0.0			8.0	0.0)		8.0
DAS for Research, Evaluation, and M	Ionitorina											
Provide Policy and Program	<u></u>											
Support	NA			2.0	2.0			2.0	2.0			2.0
Immediate Office DAS REM	NA			1.0				1.0				1.0
Subtotal				3.0	2.0			3.0				3.0
Support and Enhance												
Departmental Programs and	# of Organizations											
Program Monitoring	Supported	18,000	1.32	11.4		19,000	1.32	12.1	0.7	18,000	1.32	11.4
Subtotal		10,000	1.52	11.4	0.0		1.02	12.1		,	1.52	11.4
Program Evaluation Division					0.0			.2	0.7			
Program Research, Evaluations,	# of Research											
and Demonstrations	Projects	50	416.50	10.0	1.0	50	416.50	10.0	1.0	50	416.50	10.0
and Demonstrations	i iojecis	50	410.50	10.0	1.0	50	410.50	10.0	1.0	50	410.50	10.0

		Fisc	cal Year 2005 -		Fiscal Year 2006				Fiscal Year 2007			
		Projected Accomplish-	Projected Unit Cost		Underfunded Workload/	Projected Accomplish-	Projected Unit Cost		Underfunded Workload/	Projected Accomplish-	Projected Unit Cost	
Workload Guideline	Workload Indicator	ment	(Hrs)	FTE	Allocation	ment	(Hrs)	FTE	Allocation	ment	(Hrs)	FTE 10.0
Subtotal				10.0	1.0			10.0	1.0	,		10.0
Affordable Housing Research and Te	chnology Division											
Conduct Studies Related to												
Building Technologies,												
Environmental Issues and	# of Studies											
Community Development	Conducted	47	275.00	6.2	0.0	47	275.00	6.2		47	275.00	6.2
Perform Procurement	# of procurements											
administration	managed	30	225.73	3.2		30	225.73	3.2		30	225.73	3.2
Subtotal				9.4	0.0			9.4	0.0)		9.4
DAS for International Affairs												
DAS for international Arians	International											
	Exchanges,											
Develop and manage International												
Exchanges, Contracts, and	Programs Developed											
Programs	and Managed	58	227.97	6.3	2.0	58	227.97	6.3	2.3	55	227.97	6.0
Subtotal	ana managoa	30	221.91	6.3	2.0		221.91	6.3			221.91	6.0
Cubicial												
Subtotal PD&R Headquarters				106.0	16.0			107.0	18.0)		105.0
Field Employment												
Field Economists												
	# of multifamily											
Field Administration & Mgmt	project reviews	16	417.6	3.2	1.0	18	417.6	3.5	1.0	18	417.6	3.5
· ·	# of Section											
Economic Analysis, Evaluations,	221(D)(3) and (D)(4)											
and Reviews	reviews	408	74.4	14.5	1.0	440	74.4	15.7	1.0	440	74.4	15.7
Economic Intelligence and Advice	# regional											
to Program and Management	Summaries & spot											
Officials and Outside Clients	narratives	14	927.20	6.0		15	927.2	6.5		15	927.2	6.5
Fair Market Rents	N/A			2.2	1.0			2.4	1.0			2.4
	# of models,											
	databases, and											
	spreadsheets											
Database Management	updated	275	69.32	9.1	1.0	296	69.32	9.9	1.0	296	69.32	9.9
Subtotal				35.0	4.0			38.0	4.0)		38.0
TOTAL DD0D 5T5				444.5				445.0				440.0
TOTAL PD&R FTE				141.0	20.0			145.0	22.0	1		143.0

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PD&R HEADQUARTERS/FIELD EMPLOYMENT

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM 2005 BUDGET ESTIMATE TO 2006 ESTIMATE

The 2006 budget estimate of the PD&R FTE level is 145.0, an increase of 4.0 FTEs, when compared to the 2005 level of 141.0. There are increases of 4.0 FTEs in 2006 for PD&R for Headquarters and the Field resulting in increase work as described below.

- There is an increase of .3 FTE in the Management and Administrative Services Division of the Office of the Assistant Secretary. This division provides administrative and management support for the Office of Policy Development and Research.
- There is an increase of .7 FTE in the Program Monitoring and Research Division of the Office of Research, Evaluation and Monitoring. This division conducts research and carries out a variety of efforts designed to support and enhance Department-wide program monitoring.
- There is an increase of 3.0 FTEs for the field office economists, who advise program managers, provide them with economic data and analysis, and conduct market analysis reviews of housing and community development applications.

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM 2006 BUDGET ESTIMATE TO 2007 ESTIMATE

The 2007 requested PD&R FTE level is 143.0, a decrease of two from the 2006 level of 145.0. The decrease of 2 FTEs in 2007 for PD&R in Headquarters will result in reduced work as described below.

- There is a decrease of .3 FTE in the Management and Administrative Services Division of the Office of the Assistant Secretary. This division provides administrative and management support for the Office of Policy Development and Research.
- There is a decrease of .7 FTE in the Office of University Partnerships. This office is committed to helping universities join with their neighbors in partnerships that address urban problems.
- There is a decrease of .7 FTE in the Program Monitoring and Research Division of the Office of Research, Evaluation and Monitoring. This division conducts research and carries out a variety of efforts designed to support and enhance Department—wide program monitoring. Division staff work closely with HUD's program offices in assembling, maintaining, and promoting the use of data and information describing HUD operations.
- There is a decrease of .3 FTE in the Office of International Affairs. This office coordinates the Department's international exchanges and contacts from the Office of Policy Development and Research concerning issues in housing policy, housing finance, urban development and the environment.