DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICES SALARIES AND EXPENSES OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

(Dollars in Thousands)

`		FY 2019	FY 2020
	FY 2018	Annualized	President's
	Actuals	CR	Budget
Personnel Services	\$191,266	\$196,674	\$177,937
Non-Personnel Services			
Travel	3,609	3,600	1,600
Transportation of Things	-	20	10
Rent and Utilities	23	12	10
Printing	31	50	30
Other services/Contracts	7,154	6,312	2,880
Training	1,443	1,479	820
Supplies	80	45	30
Furniture and Equipment	58	50	35
Claims and Indemnities	165	100	45
Non-Personnel Services Subtotal	\$12,563	\$11,668	\$5,460
Working Capital Fund	8,559	8,291	22,603
Grand Total	\$212,388	\$216,633	\$206,000
Associated FTEs	1,286	1,291	1,157

1. Program Purpose and Budget Overview

The central mission of the Public and Indian Housing (PIH) is to provide nearly 3.3 million of the country's most vulnerable households to a safe, decent and affordable place to call home, while simultaneously supporting the President's priorities of rental assistance reform, right-sizing the federal role in rental assistance, deregulation, and providing much needed flexibilities to state/local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs).

Program Office Salaries and Expenses – Office of Public and Indian Housing

PIH currently partners with more than 3,700 PHAs, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) serving 592 tribes, to increase capacity; administer, operate, and modernize their housing inventories; effectively mange their physical assets and financial resources; and facilitate programs that provide supportive services to improve tenant outcomes and create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities, and quality affordable homes for all.

In 2020, PIH will have approximately 1,307 full-time equivalents (FTEs)¹ stationed in one Headquarters office, 46 field offices and 6 Native American program area offices. This workforce supports PIH's mission to deliver assistance to low-income families through three core areas:

- Public Housing (grants that can be used for operations, capital improvements and self-sufficiency)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program
- Native American programs

The 2020 President's Budget of \$206 million is \$10.6 million less than the 2019 Annualized Continuing Resolution (CR) Level. The reduced funding level is a result of two significant realignments in the 2020 Budget. First, in accordance with the President's Executive Order 18333, which directs the consolidation of GS-2210 positions, 37 GS-2210s will be realigned to the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). Secondly, the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) Financial and Physical Assessment services, which includes funding to support 150 FTEs, will be transferred to the Working Capital Fund (WCF).

<u>Personnel Services (PS)</u>: The President's Budget provides \$177.9 million to support 1,157 FTEs. The decrease of 134 FTEs is a result of the realignment of 37 GS-2210 positions to OCIO and the funding of 150 REAC positions via the WCF. As a result, PIH is realizing a net gain of 53 FTEs compared to 2019 Annualized CR levels when the GS-2210 and REAC positions are removed.

The additional 53 FTEs funded through this Budget will support PIH's core mission and essential functions to include specific areas such as:

- Moving to Work expansion, rent reform, and implementing Cash Management provisions
- Monitor leasing and operations for Mainstream vouchers for disabled persons which received funding for over 50,000 new vouchers

¹ The total represents 1,157 FTEs funded by PIH and the 150 FTEs funded by WCF due to the transfer of REAC assessments to WCF.

Program Office Salaries and Expenses – Office of Public and Indian Housing

- Modernization of Section 8 Management and Assessment Program (SEMAP) and Public Housing Assessment systems (PHAS)
- Support Section 184 Indian Home Loan guarantee Program for Professionals
- Transition Public Housing units onto a more stable platform for long-term affordable housing preservation;
- Create financial strategies/plans designed to put PHAs on a solid financial footing
- Address PHAs in receivership, troubled PHAs, and those trending downward
- Work with PHA partners and landlords to attract more landlords to the HCV program
- Operate the HUD Veterans Support Housing program in Tribal Territory throughout the nation
- Oversee HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule
- Implement HOTMA and the Economic Growth Act
- Implement new physical inspection protocols
- Modernization of Section 8 Management and Assessment Program (SEMAP) and Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS)
- Modernize the PIH Information Center- Next Generation system
- Update existing databases and systems for Tribal programs to reduce paper processes that pose heavy burdens for citizens and inefficiencies in government operations
- Address audit findings, compliance issues, and internal controls
- Create PIH training programs
- Establish DAS for Operations

<u>Non-Personnel Services (NPS)</u>: The Budget provides \$5.5 million for NPS to support travel, training, and contractual services requirements, a decrease of \$6.2 million as a result of not funding REAC contracts.

<u>Working Capital Fund (WCF)</u>: The Budget provides \$22.6 million to support WCF fees. The increase over 2019 CR Annualized supports PIH's portion of REAC Financial and Physical Assessments to the WCF.

2. Key Operational Initiatives

In 2020 PIH's priorities, which continue to align with the following Departmental priorities:

- Engage and Invest in Our Employees;
- Increase Program Flexibility & Guidance Clarity;

Program Office Salaries and Expenses – Office of Public and Indian Housing

- Improve Performance through Effective Partnerships & Oversight; Reposition Public Housing;
- Accurate & Transparent Financial Management; and
- Enhance Business Processes & IT Systems.