

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL PROVISIONS

This document summarizes the General Provisions (GPs) in the 2023 President’s Budget.

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SEC. 201. SECTION 8 SAVINGS.—Fifty percent of the amounts of budget authority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) shall be cancelled or in the case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not cancelled or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by State housing finance agencies or local governments or local housing agencies with projects approved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for which settlement occurred after January 1, 1992, in accordance with such section. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Secretary may award up to 15 percent of the budget authority or cash recaptured and not cancelled or remitted to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

Explanation of this Section: This section relates to the sharing of savings from refunding bonds for certain Section 8 contracts.

SEC. 202. FAIR HOUSING ACT INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS.—None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to investigate or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by one or more persons, including the filing or maintaining of a nonfrivolous legal action, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving or preventing action by a Government official or entity, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

Explanation of this Section: This section makes clear that the Department will not use its authority under the Fair Housing Act to investigate or prosecute legal activity.

SEC. 203. COMPETITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH HUD REFORM ACT.—Except as explicitly provided in law, any grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance made pursuant to title II of this Act shall be made on a competitive basis and in accordance with section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545).

Explanation of this Section: This provision requires that HUD funds be subject to competition unless specified otherwise in statute.

SEC. 204. GNMA LEGAL SERVICES.—Funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to the Government Corporation Control Act or section 402

of the Housing Act of 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for services and facilities of the Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1).

Explanation of this Section: This provision makes limitations on administrative expenses inapplicable to certain expenditures of Ginnie Mae, including legal services contracts and the expenses of carrying out its programmatic duties. This provision ensures that administrative expenses provided in annual appropriations bills does not preclude Ginnie Mae’s reliance upon its permanent, indefinite appropriation, in Section 1 of the National Housing Act, for essential operating funds.

SEC. 205. HUD CORPORATION EXPENDITURES.—Corporations and agencies of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which are subject to the Government Corporation Control Act are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of such Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for 2023 for such corporation or agency except as hereinafter provided: Provided, That collections of these corporations and agencies may be used for new loan or mortgage purchase commitments only to the extent expressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans are in support of other forms of assistance provided for in this or prior appropriations Acts), except that this proviso shall not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty operations of these corporations, or where loans or mortgage purchases are necessary to protect the financial interest of the United States Government.

Explanation of this Section: This provision is an authorization by which Congress implements its responsibilities under Section 104 of the Government Corporations Control Act (31 U.S.C. 9104), which is necessary to carry out the programs set forth in Ginnie Mae’s budget for the coming year.

SEC. 206. TRANSFERS OF ASSISTANCE, DEBT, AND USE RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to the conditions listed under this section, for fiscal years 2023 and 2024, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may authorize the transfer of some or all project-based assistance, debt held or insured by the Secretary and statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions if any, associated with one or more multifamily housing project or projects to another multifamily housing project or projects.

(b) PHASED TRANSFERS.—Transfers of project-based assistance under this section may be done in phases to accommodate the financing and other requirements related to rehabilitating or constructing the project or projects to which the assistance

is transferred, to ensure that such project or projects meet the standards under subsection (c).

(c) The transfer authorized in subsection (a) is subject to the following conditions:

(1) NUMBER AND BEDROOM SIZE OF UNITS.—

(A) For occupied units in the transferring project: The number of low-income and very low-income units and the configuration (i.e., bedroom size) provided by the transferring project shall be no less than when transferred to the receiving project or projects and the net dollar amount of Federal assistance provided to the transferring project shall remain the same in the receiving project or projects.

(B) For unoccupied units in the transferring project: The Secretary may authorize a reduction in the number of dwelling units in the receiving project or projects to allow for a reconfiguration of bedroom sizes to meet current market demands, as determined by the Secretary and provided there is no increase in the project-based assistance budget authority.

(2) The transferring project shall, as determined by the Secretary, be either physically obsolete or economically nonviable, or be reasonably expected to become economically nonviable when complying with state or Federal requirements for community integration and reduced concentration of individuals with disabilities.

(3) The receiving project or projects shall meet or exceed applicable physical standards established by the Secretary.

(4) The owner or mortgagor of the transferring project shall notify and consult with the tenants residing in the transferring project and provide a certification of approval by all appropriate local governmental officials.

(5) The tenants of the transferring project who remain eligible for assistance to be provided by the receiving project or projects shall not be required to vacate their units in the transferring project or projects until new units in the receiving project are available for occupancy.

(6) The Secretary determines that this transfer is in the best interest of the tenants.

(7) If either the transferring project or the receiving project or projects meets the condition specified in subsection (d)(2)(A), any lien on the receiving project resulting from additional financing obtained by the owner shall be subordinate to any FHA-insured mortgage lien transferred to, or placed on, such project by the Secretary, except that the Secretary may waive this requirement upon determination that such a waiver is necessary to facilitate the financing of acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of the receiving project or projects.

(8) If the transferring project meets the requirements of subsection (d)(2), the owner or mortgagor of the receiving project or projects shall execute and record either a continuation of the existing use agreement or a new use agreement for the project where, in either case, any use restrictions in such agreement are of no lesser duration than the existing use restrictions.

(9) The transfer does not increase the cost (as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974(2 U.S.C. 661a)) of any FHA-insured mortgage, except to the extent that appropriations are provided in advance for the amount of any such increased cost.

(d) For purposes of this section—

(1) *the terms "low-income" and "very low-income" shall have the meanings provided by the statute and/or regulations governing the program under which the project is insured or assisted;*

(2) *the term "multifamily housing project" means housing that meets one of the following conditions—*

(A) *housing that is subject to a mortgage insured under the National Housing Act;*

(B) *housing that has project-based assistance attached to the structure including projects undergoing mark to market debt restructuring under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Housing Act;*

(C) *housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q);*

(D) *housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q), as such section existed before the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act;*

(E) *housing that is assisted under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013); or*

(F) *housing or vacant land that is subject to a use agreement;*

(3) *the term "project-based assistance" means—*

(A) *assistance provided under section 8(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(b));*

(B) *assistance for housing constructed or substantially rehabilitated pursuant to assistance provided under section 8(b)(2) of such Act (as such section existed immediately before October 1, 1983);*

(C) *rent supplement payments under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s);*

(D) *interest reduction payments under section 236 and/or additional assistance payments under section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1);*

(E) *assistance payments made under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(2)); and*

(F) *assistance payments made under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2));*

(4) *the term "receiving project or projects" means the multifamily housing project or projects to which some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions are to be transferred;*

(5) *the term "transferring project" means the multifamily housing project which is transferring some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and the statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions to the receiving project or projects; and*

(6) *the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.*

(e) **RESEARCH REPORT.**—*The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the transfer authority under this section, including the effect of such transfers on the operational efficiency, contract rents, physical and financial conditions, and long term preservation of the affected properties.*

Explanation of this Section: This provision allows the Secretary to authorize the transfer of some or all project-based assistance, debt held or insured by the Secretary, and statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions, if any, associated with one or more obsolete multifamily housing project(s) to a viable multifamily housing project.

SEC. 207. VOUCHER ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) No assistance shall be provided under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) to any individual who—

(1) is enrolled as a student at an institution of higher education (as defined under section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002));

(2) is under 24 years of age;

(3) is not a veteran;

(4) is unmarried;

(5) does not have a dependent child;

(6) is not a person with disabilities, as such term is defined in section 3(b)(3)(E) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(3)(E)) and was not receiving assistance under such section 8 as of November 30, 2005;

(7) is not a youth who left foster care at age 14 or older and is at risk of becoming homeless; and

(8) is not otherwise individually eligible, or has parents who, individually or jointly, are not eligible, to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

(b) For purposes of determining the eligibility of a person to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), any financial assistance (in excess of amounts received for tuition and any other required fees and charges) that an individual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), from private sources, or from an institution of higher education (as defined under section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be considered income to that individual, except for a person over the age of 23 with dependent children.

Explanation of this Section: This provision clarifies the eligibility for assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

SEC. 208. DISTRIBUTION OF NAHASDA BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO NATIVE ALASKAN RECIPIENTS.—*The funds made available for Native Alaskans under paragraph (1) under the heading "Native American Programs" in title II of this Act shall be allocated to the same Native Alaskan housing block grant recipients that received funds in fiscal year 2005, and only such recipients shall be eligible to apply for funds made available under paragraph (2) of such heading.*

Explanation of this Section: This section would direct block grant funds awarded to each tribe to be allocated to those entities that received funding in fiscal year 2005.

SEC. 209. MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2023, in managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or has a mortgage held by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and during the process of foreclosure on any property with a contract for rental assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or any other Federal programs, the Secretary shall maintain any rental assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and other programs that are attached to any dwelling units in the property. To the extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants and the local government, that such a multifamily property owned or having a mortgage held by the Secretary is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8 or other programs, based on consideration of (1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the property and all available Federal, State, and local resources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 ("MAHRAA") (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) and (2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may, in consultation with the tenants of that property, contract for project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners of other existing housing properties, or provide other rental assistance. The Secretary shall also take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect prior to foreclosure, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for imminent major threats to health and safety after written notice to and informed consent of the affected tenants and use of other available remedies, such as partial abatements or receivership. After disposition of any multifamily property described in this section, the contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall be subject to the requirements under section 524 of MAHRAA.

Explanation of this Section: This section governs the use of project-based subsidy in connection with managing and disposing of multifamily properties.

SEC. 210. SMALL PHA ASSEST MANAGEMENT EXEMPTIONS.—Public housing agencies that own and operate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be exempt from any asset management requirement imposed by the Secretary in connection with the operating fund rule: Provided, That an agency seeking a discontinuance of a reduction of subsidy under the operating fund formula shall not be exempt from asset management requirements.

Explanation of this Section: This section permits small PHAs with 400 or fewer units to elect not to operate under asset management.

SEC. 211. ASSET MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTAIL FUNDS.—With respect to the use of amounts provided in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, capital improvement, and management of public housing as authorized by sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d),(e)), the Secretary shall not impose any requirement or guideline relating to asset management that restricts or limits in any way the use of capital funds for

central office costs pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)(1), (2)): Provided, That a public housing agency may not use capital funds authorized under section 9(d) for activities that are eligible under section 9(e) for assistance with amounts from the operating fund in excess of the amounts permitted under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g).

Explanation of this Section: This section prohibits the Department from imposing requirements or guidelines related to asset management that restrict or limit the use of capital funds for PHAs' central office/overhead costs.

SEC. 212. DESIGNATED ALLOTMENT HOLDERS.—No official or employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be designated as an allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has determined that such allotment holder has implemented an adequate system of funds control and has received training in funds control procedures and directives. The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that there is a trained allotment holder for each HUD appropriation under the accounts "Executive Offices", "Administrative Support Offices", "Program Offices", "Government National Mortgage Association—Guarantees of Mortgage-Backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account", and "Office of Inspector General" within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Explanation of this Section: This provision requires the OCFO to make sure that allotment holders have an adequate funds control system in place and that training on funds control procedures and directives has occurred for an official or employee before such official or employee is designated an allotment holder. It also requires the CFO to ensure that each office in the S&E accounts has a trained allotment holder.

SEC. 213. NOFO PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall, for fiscal year 2023, notify the public through the Federal Register and other means, as determined appropriate, of the issuance of a notice of the availability of assistance or notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for any program or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary that is to be competitively awarded. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2023, the Secretary may make the NOFO available only on the Internet at the appropriate Government web site or through other electronic media, as determined by the Secretary.

Explanation of this Section: This provision requires the Department to publish notices of availability of assistance or funding opportunity for any program that is competitively awarded. The notices may be published on the Internet.

SEC. 214. TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—The Secretary is authorized to transfer up to 10 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, of funds appropriated for any office under the headings "Administrative Support Offices" or "Program Offices" to any other such office : Provided, That the Secretary shall provide notification to the

House and Senate Committees on Appropriations three business days in advance of any such transfers: Provided further, That no appropriation for any such office shall be increased or decreased by more than 10 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, unless such Committees are notified in writing ten business days in advance of any such transfers.

Explanation of this Section: This provision gives the Secretary the authority to transfer a limited amount of funds, as needed, between accounts that provide for personnel and non-personnel expenses.

SEC. 215. PHYSICAL CONDITIONS REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Any entity receiving housing assistance payments shall maintain decent, safe, and sanitary conditions, as determined by the Secretary, and comply with any standards under applicable State or local laws, rules, ordinances, or regulations relating to the physical condition of any property covered under a housing assistance payment contract.

(b) The Secretary shall take action under subsection (c) when a multifamily housing project with a contract under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or a contract for similar project-based assistance—

(1) receives a Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) score of 59 or less; or

(2) fails to certify in writing to the Secretary within 3 days that all Exigent Health and Safety deficiencies identified by the inspector at the project have been corrected.

(3) Such requirements shall apply to insured and noninsured projects with assistance attached to the units under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), but shall not apply to such units assisted under section 8(o)(13) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) or to public housing units assisted with capital or operating funds under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).

(c) (1) Within 15 days of the issuance of the Real Estate Assessment Center ("REAC") inspection, the Secretary shall provide the owner with a Notice of Default with a specified timetable, determined by the Secretary, for correcting all deficiencies. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the Notice of Default to the tenants, the local government, any mortgagees, and any contract administrator. If the owner's appeal results in a UPCS score of 60 or above, the Secretary may withdraw the Notice of Default.

(2) At the end of the time period for correcting all deficiencies specified in the Notice of Default, if the owner fails to fully correct such deficiencies, the Secretary may—

(A) require immediate replacement of project management with a management agent approved by the Secretary;

(B) impose civil money penalties, which shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting safe and sanitary conditions at applicable properties, as designated by the Secretary, with priority given to the tenants of the property affected by the penalty;

(C) abate the section 8 contract, including partial abatement, as determined by the Secretary, until all deficiencies have been corrected;

(D) pursue transfer of the project to an owner, approved by the Secretary under established procedures, who will be obligated to promptly make all required repairs and to accept renewal of the assistance contract if such renewal is offered;

(E) transfer the existing section 8 contract to another project or projects and owner or owners;

(F) pursue exclusionary sanctions, including suspensions or debarments from Federal programs;

(G) seek judicial appointment of a receiver to manage the property and cure all project deficiencies or seek a judicial order of specific performance requiring the owner to cure all project deficiencies;

(H) work with the owner, lender, or other related party to stabilize the property in an attempt to preserve the property through compliance, transfer of ownership, or an infusion of capital provided by a third-party that requires time to effectuate; or

(I) take any other regulatory or contractual remedies available as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Secretary.

(d) The Secretary shall take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for major threats to health and safety after written notice to the affected tenants. To the extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants and the local government, that the property is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8 or other programs, based on consideration of—

(1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the property and all available Federal, State, and local resources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 ("MAHRAA"); and

(2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may contract for project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners of other existing housing properties, or provide other rental assistance.

(e) The Secretary shall report quarterly on all properties covered by this section that are assessed through the Real Estate Assessment Center and have UPCS physical inspection scores of less than 60 or have received an unsatisfactory management and occupancy review within the past 36 months. The report shall include—

(1) identification of the enforcement actions being taken to address such conditions, including imposition of civil money penalties and termination of subsidies, and identification of properties that have such conditions multiple times;

(2) identification of actions that the Department of Housing and Urban Development is taking to protect tenants of such identified properties; and

(3)any administrative or legislative recommendations to further improve the living conditions at properties covered under a housing assistance payment contract. This report shall be submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act, and on the first business day of each Federal fiscal year quarter thereafter while this section remains in effect.

Explanation of this Section: This general provision enhances HUD's ability to exercise oversight within the PBRA program, allowing HUD to mandate corrective action, contract transfers, or change in management due to failure to meet physical condition standards.

SEC. 216. PHA EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.—None of the funds made available by this Act, or any other Act, for purposes authorized under section 8 (only with respect to the tenant-based rental assistance program) and section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.), may be used by any public housing agency for any amount of salary, including bonuses, for the chief executive officer of which, or any other official or employee of which, that exceeds the annual rate of basic pay payable for a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule at any time during any public housing agency fiscal year 2023.

Explanation of this Section: This provision establishes a cap on PHA personnel compensation tied to the Federal Executive Schedule pay scale.

SEC. 217. EMINENT DOMAIN RESTRICTIONS.—None of the funds made available in this Act shall be used by the Federal Housing Administration, the Government National Mortgage Administration, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development to insure, securitize, or establish a Federal guarantee of any mortgage or mortgage backed security that refinances or otherwise replaces a mortgage that has been subject to eminent domain condemnation or seizure, by a State, municipality, or any other political subdivision of a State.

Explanation of this Section: Prohibits HUD from guaranteeing mortgages or mortgage-backed securities that refinance or otherwise replace mortgages that have been subject to eminent domain.

SEC. 218. ENTITLEMENT STATUS.—None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to terminate the status of a unit of general local government as a metropolitan city (as defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.5302)) with respect to grants under section 106 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5306).

Explanation of this Section: Prohibits funds from being used to terminate the status of a unit of local government as a metropolitan city, as defined under Section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, with respect to grants under Section 106 of such Act.

SEC. 219. UNOBLIGATED RESEARCH FUNDS.—Amounts made available by this Act that appropriated, allocated, advanced on a reimbursable basis, or transferred to the Office of Policy Development and Research in the Department of Housing and Urban Development and functions thereof, for research, evaluation, or statistical purposes, and which are unexpended at the time of completion of a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, may be deobligated and shall immediately become available and may be reobligated in that fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year for the research, evaluation, or statistical purposes for which the amounts are made available to that Office subject to reprogramming requirements in section 226 of this Act.

Explanation of this Section: This provision gives HUD the ability to re-obligate research funds left unexpended at the conclusion of an agreement.

SEC. 220. PROHIBITION OF AWARDS.—None of the funds provided in this Act or any other act may be used for awards, including performance, special act, or spot, for any employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to administrative discipline (including suspension from work), in this fiscal year, but this prohibition shall not be effective prior to the effective date of any such administrative discipline or after any final decision over-turning such discipline.

Explanation of this Section: This provision prohibits the Department from issuing performance awards to employees subject to administrative discipline.

SEC. 221. MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to grant amounts awarded under the heading "Homeless Assistance Grants" for fiscal years 2015 through 2023 for the continuum of care (CoC) program as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, costs paid by program income of grant recipients may count toward meeting the recipient's matching requirements, provided the costs are eligible CoC costs that supplement the recipient's CoC program.

Explanation of this Section: This provision allows Homeless Assistance Grant recipients to count program income as an eligible match for CoC program funds.

SEC. 222. CONTINUUM OF CARE TRANSITION GRANTS.

(a) From amounts made available under this title under the heading "Homeless Assistance Grants", the Secretary may award 1-year transition grants to recipients of funds for activities under subtitle C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) to transition from one Continuum of Care program component to another.

(b) In order to be eligible to receive a transition grant, the funding recipient must have the consent of the Continuum of Care and meet standards determined by the Secretary.

Explanation of this Section: This provision allows CoC grantees to receive one-year transition grants to transition from one CoC program component to another.

SEC. 223. PROMISE ZONE DESIGNATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.—The Promise Zone designations and Promise Zone Designation Agreements entered into pursuant to such designations, made by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in prior fiscal years, shall remain in effect in accordance with the terms and conditions of such agreements.

Explanation of this Section: This provision requires that Promise Zone designations and agreements shall remain in effect.

SEC. 224. MOVING TO WORK FLEXIBILITIES.—Any public housing agency designated as a Moving to Work agency pursuant to section 239 of division L of Public Law 114–113 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note; 129 Stat. 2897) may, upon such designation and thereafter, use funds (except for special purpose funding, including special purpose vouchers) previously allocated to any such public housing agency under section 8 or 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, including any reserve funds held by the public housing agency or funds held by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, pursuant to the authority for use of section 8 or 9 funding provided under such section and section 204 of title II of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104–134; 110 Stat. 1321–28), notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated.

Explanation of this Section: This provision allows public housing agencies designated as Moving to Work agencies to use pre-designation housing choice voucher and public housing funds, including reserves, consistent with the Moving to Work authorities.

SEC. 225. PROHIBITION ON LIMITING LEAD BASED PAINT EVALUATIONS.—None of the amounts made available by this Act may be used to prohibit any public housing agency under receivership or the direction of a Federal monitor from applying for, receiving, or using funds made available under the heading "Public Housing Fund" for competitive grants to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in this Act or that remain available and not awarded from prior Acts, or be used to prohibit a public housing agency from using such funds to carry out any required work pursuant to a settlement agreement, consent decree, voluntary agreement, or similar document for a violation of the Lead Safe Housing or Lead Disclosure Rules.

Explanation of this Section: This provision prohibits funds from being used to make certain eligibility limitations as part of a notice of funding opportunity for certain competitive grant awards under the Public Housing Fund.

SEC. 226. REPROGRAMMING LIMITATIONS.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, and unless the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are consulted 15 days in advance of any reprogramming and are notified in writing 10 days in advance of such reprogramming, none of the funds provided in this title, provided by previous appropriations Acts to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2023, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees and available to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that—

(a) for Program and Information Technology funds—

- (1) initiates or creates a new program, project, or activity;*
- (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;*
- (3) increases funds for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by the Congress;*
- (4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific activity by either the House or Senate Committees on Appropriations for a different purpose;*
- (5) augments existing programs, projects, or activities in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less; or*
- (6) reduces existing programs, projects, or activities by \$5,000,000 or 10 percent whichever is less;*

(b) for Salaries and Expenses funds—

- (1) assigns personnel or hires to support the creation of a new program, project, or activity not previously included in the President's budget;*
- (2) increases the personnel or other resources for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by the Congress;*
- (3) relocates or closes an office;*
- (4) reorganizes an office, which shall include the transfer of any function from one office to another office.*

Explanation of this Section: This provision establishes reprogramming requirements for fiscal year 2023.

SEC. 227. OPERATING PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and of the House of Representatives to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year: Provided, That such report shall include—

(a) a table for each appropriation with a separate column to display the prior year enacted level, the President's budget request, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the fiscal year enacted level;

(b) for program funds, a delineation in the table for each appropriation and its respective prior year enacted level by program, project, and activity as detailed in the budget appendix for the respective appropriation; and

(c) for salaries and expenses, an organizational chart for each office that includes detail to the branch level, and clearly identifies those "offices" to which section 226(b) shall be applied.

Explanation of this Section: This provision establishes operating plan requirements for fiscal year 2023. The operating plan establishes the baseline for the application of reprogramming requirements and transfers of funds.

SEC. 228. CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS EXPENDITURES.— (a) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113–235) for the "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative" that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2017 are to remain available through fiscal year 2023 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2015 through 2017.

(b) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113) for the "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative" that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2018 are to remain available through fiscal year 2024 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2016 through 2018.

(c) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–31) for the "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative" that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2019 are to remain available through fiscal year 2025 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2017 through 2019.

(d) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) for the "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative" that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2020 are to remain available through fiscal year 2026 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2018 through 2020.

(e) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6) for the "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative" that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2021 are to remain available through fiscal year 2027 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

(f) Funds previously made available in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94) for the "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative" that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2022 are to remain available through fiscal year 2028 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2020 through 2022.

(g) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) for the "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative" that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2023 are to remain available through fiscal year 2029 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2021 through 2023.

(h)

(1) This section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2022, subsection (a) shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2022.

Explanation of this Section: This provision extends the expenditure period for previously appropriated Choice Neighborhoods funds.

SEC. 229. MOVING TO WORK DESIGNATION PERIOD.— Section 239 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113; 129 Stat. 2897) is amended by striking "7-year period" and inserting "10-year period" in the fifth sentence.

Explanation of this Section: This provision extends selection period from 7 to 10 years for the Moving to Work demonstration.

SEC. 230. GINNIE MAE SECURITIZED MULTIFAMILY LOANS AND RISK SHARING.—Paragraph (6) of section 542(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–22(c)) is amended in its title by deleting "Prohibition on" and by revising the text of paragraph (6) to read as follows: "The Government National Mortgage Association may, at the discretion of the Secretary, securitize any multifamily loan insured under this subsection, provided that, notwithstanding any other provision, any successors and assigns of the risk share partner (including the holders of credit instruments issued under a trust mortgage or deed of trust pursuant to which such holders act by and through a trustee therein named) shall not assume any obligation under the risk-sharing agreement and may assign any defaulted loan to the Federal Housing Administration in exchange for payment of the full mortgage insurance claim. The risk-sharing agreement must provide for reimbursement to the Secretary by the risk share partner(s) for either all or a portion of the losses incurred on the loans insured. The originating Housing Finance Agency cannot assign or otherwise be relieved of its risk share obligations under the risk-sharing agreement."

Explanation of this Section: This provision authorizes Ginnie Mae to securitize affordable multifamily loans made by Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) and insured under the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) 542(c) Risk-Sharing program.

SEC. 231. TRANSFERS TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND.— Of the amounts made available for salaries and expenses under all accounts under this title (except for the Office of Inspector General account), a total of up to \$10,000,000 may be transferred to and merged with amounts made available in the "Information Technology Fund" account under this title.

Explanation of this Section: This provision allows for the transfer of up to \$10 million in S&E funds to the Information Technology Fund.

SEC. 232. RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION.—The language under the heading "Rental Assistance Demonstration" in the Department of Housing and

Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112– 55), as most recently amended by Public Law 115–141, is further amended—

(a) in the initial undesignated matter, by striking "and 'Public Housing Operating Fund'" and inserting ", 'Public Housing Operating Fund', and 'Public Housing Fund';

(b) in the second proviso, by striking "until September 30, 2024" and inserting "for fiscal year 2012 and thereafter";

(c) by striking the fourth proviso and inserting the following new provisos: "Provided further, That at properties with assistance under section 9 of the Act requesting to partially convert such assistance, and where an event under section 18 of the Act occurs that results in the eligibility for tenant protection vouchers under section 8(o) of the Act, the Secretary may convert the tenant protection voucher assistance to assistance under a project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, or assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, so long as the property meets any additional requirements established by the Secretary to facilitate conversion: Provided further, That to facilitate the conversion of assistance under the previous proviso, the Secretary may transfer an amount equal to the total amount that would have been allocated for tenant protection voucher assistance for properties that have requested such conversions from amounts made available for tenant protection voucher assistance under the heading 'Tenant-Based Rental Assistance' to the heading 'Project-Based Rental Assistance': Provided further, That at properties with assistance previously converted hereunder to assistance under the heading "Project-Based Rental Assistance," which are also separately assisted under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, the Secretary may, with the consent of the public housing agency and owner, terminate such project-based subsidy contracts and immediately enter into one new project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, subject to the requirement that any residents assisted under section 8(o)(13) of the Act at the time of such termination of such project-based subsidy contract shall retain all rights accrued under section 8(o)(13)(E) of the Act under the new project-based subsidy contract and section 8(o)(13)(F)(iv) of the Act shall not apply: Provided further, That to carry out the previous proviso, the Secretary may transfer from the heading "Tenant-Based Rental Assistance" to the heading "Project-Based Rental Assistance" an amount equal to the amounts associated with such terminating contract under section 8(o)(13) of the Act:";

(d) in the thirteenth proviso, as reordered above, by

(1) inserting "'Public Housing Fund', 'Self-Sufficiency Programs', 'Family Self-Sufficiency'" following "'Public Housing Operating Fund','"; and

(2) inserting "or the ongoing availability of services for residents" after "effective conversion of assistance under the demonstration";

(e) by striking the twenty-first proviso, as reordered above, and inserting the following new provisos: "Provided further, That conversions

of assistance under the following provisos herein shall be considered as the 'Second Component' and shall be authorized for fiscal year 2012 and thereafter: Provided further, That owners of properties assisted under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act, or section 8(e)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, for which an event after October 1, 2006 has caused or results in the termination of rental assistance or affordability restrictions and the issuance of tenant protection vouchers under section 8(o) of the Act shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary, for conversion of assistance available for such vouchers or assistance contracts to assistance under a long term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act: Provided further, That owners of properties with a project rental assistance contract under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary, including but not limited to the subordination, restructuring, or both, of any capital advance documentation, including any note, mortgage, use agreement or other agreements, evidencing or securing a capital advance previously provided by the Secretary under section 202(c)(1) of the Housing Act of 1959 as necessary to facilitate the conversion of assistance while maintaining the affordability period and the designation of the property as serving elderly persons, and tenant consultation procedures, for conversion of assistance available for such assistance contracts to assistance under a long term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act: Provided further, That owners of properties with a senior preservation rental assistance contract under section 811 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (12 U.S.C. 1701q note), shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary as necessary to facilitate the conversion of assistance while maintaining the affordability period and the designation of the property as serving elderly families, and tenant consultation procedures, for conversion of assistance available for such assistance contracts to assistance under a long term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act: Provided further, That owners of properties with a project rental assistance contract under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary, including but not limited to the subordination, restructuring, or both, of any capital advance documentation, including any note, mortgage, use agreement or other agreements, evidencing or securing a capital advance previously provided by the Secretary under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act as necessary to facilitate the conversion of assistance while maintaining the affordability period and the designation of the property as serving persons with disabilities, and tenant consultation procedures, for conversion of assistance contracts to assistance under a long term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act; Provided further, That long term project-based subsidy contracts under section 8 of the Act which are established under this Second Component shall have a term of no less than 20 years, with

rent adjustments only by an operating cost factor established by the Secretary, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), or, subject to agreement of the administering public housing agency, to assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, to which the limitation under subparagraph (B) of section 8(o)(13) of the Act shall not apply and for which the Secretary may waive or alter the provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (D) of section 8(o)(13) of the Act.";

(f) after the twenty-seventh proviso, as reordered above, by inserting the following new proviso: "Provided further, That the Secretary may waive or alter the requirements of section 8(c)(1)(A) of the Act for contracts provided to properties converting assistance from section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 as necessary to ensure the ongoing provision and coordination of services or to avoid a reduction in project subsidy."; and

(g) in the thirty-third proviso, as reordered above, by—

- (1) striking "heading 'Housing for the Elderly'" and inserting "headings 'Housing for the Elderly' and 'Housing for Persons with Disabilities'"; and*
- (2) striking "any section 202 project rental assistance contract conversions" and inserting "the conversion of assistance from section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959, section 811 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000, or section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act".*

Explanation of this Section: This provision would eliminate the unit cap on the number of public housing conversions that can be completed relying solely on existing public housing funding levels. The proposal also eliminates the statutory application deadline. Such changes will ensure that HUD can maximize the number of public housing properties that can be preserved without additional funding. For a comprehensive explanation of changes please see the Project-Based Rental Assistance justification.

SEC. 233. LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION EXPENDITURE EXTENTION.—Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6) for “Lead Hazard Reduction” that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2020 are to remain available through fiscal year 2027 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2019 through 2020.

Explanation of this Section: This provision extends the expenditure period for Lead Hazard Reduction funds previously appropriated in 2019.

SEC. 234. MARK-TO-MARKET AMENDMENTS. The Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended—
(a) in section 515, by adding at the end the following new subsection:
"(d) RENT ADJUSTMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS. After the initial renewal of a section 8 contract pursuant to this section and notwithstanding any

other provision of law or contract regarding the adjustment of rents or subsequent renewal of such contract for a project, including such a provision in section 514 or this section, in the case of a project subject to any restrictions imposed pursuant to sections 514 or this section, the Secretary may, not more often than once every 10 years, adjust such rents or renew such contracts at rent levels that are equal to the lesser of budget-based rents or comparable market rents for the market area upon the request of an owner or purchaser who—

"(1)demonstrates that—

"(A) project income is insufficient to operate and maintain the project, as determined by the Secretary; or

"(B) the rent adjustment or renewal contract is necessary to support commercially reasonable financing (including any required debt service coverage and replacement reserve) for rehabilitation necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project, as determined by the Secretary; and

"(2)agrees to—

"(A) extend the affordability and use restrictions required under 514(e)(6) for an additional twenty years; and

"(B) enter into a binding commitment to continue to renew such contract for and during such extended term, provided that after the affordability and use restrictions required under 514(e)(6) have been maintained for a term of 30 years:

"(i) an owner with a contract for which rent levels were set at the time of its initial renewal under section 514(g)(2) shall request that the Secretary renew such contract under section 524 for and during such extended term; and

"(ii) an owner with a contract for which rent levels were set at the time of its initial renewal under section 514(g)(1) may request that the Secretary renew such contract under section 524.";

(b) in section 524, by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(h) RENT ADJUSTMENTS TO ADDRESS DISTRESS. In the case of a section 8 contract that will be eligible for renewal under this section when it expires or terminates, notwithstanding any provision of contract or law regarding the adjustment of rents, including such a provision in this section, the Secretary may adjust such rents, subject to the availability of funds for such rent adjustments, to rent levels that are equal to the lesser of budget-based rents or comparable market rents for the market area at the request of an owner or purchaser who demonstrates that such rent adjustment is needed to address project health and safety deficiencies and that—

"(1) project income is insufficient to operate and maintain the project, as determined by the Secretary; or

"(2) the rent adjustment is necessary to support commercially reasonable financing (including any required debt service coverage and replacement reserve) for rehabilitation necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the project, as determined by the Secretary."; and

(c) in section 579, by striking "October 1, 2022" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "October 1, 2027".

Explanation of this Section: This provision would allow for budget-based rent increases for certain at-risk multifamily properties in the Mark-to-Market (M2M) Program and for other PBRA properties with health and safety deficiencies. Also, this provision would extend authorization for M2M through September 30, 2027.

SEC. 235. CORRECTION OF ALLOCATION ERRORS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the Secretary determines, for any prior formula grant allocation administered by the Secretary under a program under the headings "Public and Indian Housing", "Community Planning and Development", or "Housing Programs" in this title, that a recipient received an allocation greater than the amount such recipient should have received for a formula allocation cycle pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations, the Secretary may adjust for any such funding error in the next applicable formula allocation cycle by—

- (a) offsetting each such recipient's formula allocation (if eligible for a formula allocation in the next applicable formula allocation cycle) by the amount of any such funding error; and*
- (b) reallocating any available balances that are attributable to the offset to the recipient or recipients that would have been allocated additional funds in the formula allocation cycle in which any such error occurred (if such recipient or recipients are eligible for a formula allocation in the next applicable formula allocation cycle) in an amount proportionate to such recipient's eligibility under the next applicable formula allocation cycle formula:*

Provided, That all offsets and reallocations from such available balances shall be recorded against funds available for the next applicable formula allocation cycle: Provided further, That the term "next applicable formula allocation cycle" means the first formula allocation cycle for a program that is reasonably available for correction following such a Secretarial determination: Provided further, That if, upon request by a recipient and giving consideration to all Federal resources available to the recipient for the same grant purposes, the Secretary determines that the offset in a next applicable formula allocation cycle would critically impair the recipient's ability to accomplish the purpose of the formula grant, the Secretary may adjust for the funding error across two or more formula allocation cycles.

Explanation of this Section: This provision allows the Department to correct any past formula allocation errors as part of the next applicable formula allocation cycle.

SEC. 236. SUNSET OF PROGRAMS.—Public housing agencies may not renew rental assistance contracts under the moderate rehabilitation program under section 8(e)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(e)(2)) or the moderate rehabilitation single room occupancy program under section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401) after September 30, 2027.

Explanation of this Section: This provision proposes a sunset of the Moderate Rehabilitation and Single Room Occupancy programs in five years to give owners time to develop plans for transition to one of the two

alternative Section 8 platforms (Project-Based Rental Assistance or Project Based Vouchers).

SEC. 237. TRIBAL PARTICIPATION IN CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM.—(a) With respect to the funds made available for the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under the heading "Homeless Assistance Grants" in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), under section 231 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C. 11364a), or in this title, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall not apply to applications by or awards for projects to be carried out—

- (1) on or off reservation or trust lands for awards made to Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities; or*
- (2) on reservation or trust lands for awards made to eligible entities as defined in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless-Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).*

(b) With respect to funds made available for the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under the heading "Homeless Assistance Grants" in this title or under section 231 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C. 11364a)—

- (1) applications for projects to be carried out on reservations or trust land shall contain a certification of consistency with an approved Indian housing plan developed under section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4112), notwithstanding section 106 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12706) and section 403 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11361);*
- (2) Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities that are recipients of awards for projects on reservations or trust land shall certify that they are following an approved housing plan developed under section 102 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4112); and*
- (3) a collaborative applicant for a Continuum of Care whose geographic area includes only reservation and trust land is not required to meet the requirement in section 402(f)(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360a(f)(2)).*

Explanation of this Section: This provision will eliminate barriers to tribes participating in the CoC Program as recipients and CoCs.

SEC. 238. ADDRESSING AN IRP DEFICIENCY.—Of the amounts made available under the heading "Project-Based Rental Assistance" in prior Acts, up to \$1,300,000 may be transferred to Treasury Account 86-X-0148 for the liquidation of obligations incurred in fiscal year 2018 in connection with the continued provision of interest reduction payments authorized under section 236 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1).

Explanation of this Section: This provision would transfer unobligated balances in the PBRA account to the Rental Housing Assistance account for liquidation of an Interest Reduction Payments (IRP) program obligation.