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The President’s FY2015 Budget provides a roadmap for accelerating economic growth, expanding access to opportunity for all Americans, and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

A thriving middle class has always been America’s engine of economic growth. Reigniting that engine is the defining challenge of our time, and requires:

- Making America a magnet for jobs and manufacturing
- Equipping every American with the skills they need to do those jobs
- Giving every child access to a world-class education
- Ensuring that hard work leads to a decent living

HUD’s FY2015 budget request helps to create opportunity for all Americans by providing housing, capital investments, and critical services for millions of families.
Overview – Accomplishments of HUD and its Partners

HUD and its partners have steered the housing market through one of the worst recessions in recent history, while continuing to serve the most vulnerable.....

✔ Reduced veteran homelessness by 24% and chronic homelessness by 16% since 2010

✔ Helped 3.9 million families buy a home in the last five years

✔ Assisted more than 26,000 households impacted by Hurricane Sandy through CDBG-DR funding

✔ Helped more than 450,000 families avoid foreclosure this past year through FHA’s loss mitigation and home retention servicing tools

✔ Guaranteed more than 3,800 loans for Native American families, totaling over $672 million last year through Section 184
Together, we have also continued to serve our nation’s most vulnerable under the harsh budget realities of the FY 2013 Sequestration...

When the FY 2013 Sequestration took effect, HUD was faced with cutting approximately 5% from its budget in just 7 months...

- Sadly, those cuts meant that approximately 74,000 families who could have moved from Housing Choice Voucher waiting lists and into housing remain on those waiting lists. And in other cases, families were unable to use vouchers they had in hand.

- Those cuts also meant that homeless individuals and families remained on the streets and in shelters, and means that we will not achieve our goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2015.

- In HUD’s other programs, block grants to every community were cut, capital improvements to public housing units were reduced and jobs were lost as a result.

The FY13 Sequestration cuts had real impacts – that’s why we are encouraged to see the FY2014 and FY2015 budgets begin to turn the page.
Despite the tight budget environment, we are building on bipartisan progress by stabilizing programs and growing investments...

The Murray-Ryan Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 set the discretionary spending caps for FY2014 and FY2015...

- The FY2014 Omnibus provided HUD’s first full appropriations bill since FY2012, paving the way forward on important legislative initiatives, including the streamlining of Section 8 Rental Assistance programs.

- Going into FY2015, the topline budget numbers are already set in law

- The Good News: Between FY2014 and FY2015, HUD is reversing most of the harmful sequestration cuts, allowing the agency to finally begin to stabilize programs and grow our investments.

- The Bad News: We continue to operate within a very tough budget environment
Overall, HUD’s 2015 President’s Budget increases gross Budget Authority by 2.6% over FY2014 levels, and by 10.1% over FY2013 levels, to $46.66 billion.

HUD’s FY2011 – FY2014 Enacted and FY2015 Request

* FY2013 Enacted level includes Sequestration reduction
HUD’s FY2015 President’s Budget request balances tough choices with President Obama’s call to create *opportunity and growth for all Americans* by following *four key budgetary principles*...

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HUD’s FY2015 budget request helps accelerate economic growth by strengthening the housing market, speeding the recovery, and providing opportunity and growth for all...

- Estimates that the FHA Mutual Mortgage Insurance (MMI) Fund will have a positive end-of-year capital reserve balance of $7.8 billion and will not require a mandatory appropriation from the U.S. Treasury this year.

- Strengthens the FHA and provides increased access to credit:
  - Creates HAWK – Homeowners Armed with Knowledge, a new housing counseling pilot to increase access to credit for first-time homebuyers and to embed counseling for troubled homeowners, further strengthening the FHA fund
  - Increases funding for housing counseling to $60 million, 33% more than last year
  - Proposes authority for FHA to collect an administrative fee, which will help FHA further its Quality Assurance efforts by expanding its capacity to more effectively monitor loans and also transform its business processes
  - Supports FHA Back to Work and Manual Underwriting
The Budget Principles – Providing Opportunity by Restoring and Increasing Assistance to Vulnerable Families

HUD’s FY2015 budget request maintains a core commitment to provide opportunity for families receiving rental assistance. This is a top priority because...

The need for rental and homeless assistance has grown as a result of the recession:

- Nearly 8.5 million very low-income renters pay over half of their income in rent or live in severely inadequate housing conditions.
- Worst case needs continue to grow from the previous record high in 2009 (7.1 million households) and by a striking 43.5 percent since 2007.
- Over 610,000 people were homeless on a single night in January 2013.
- The number of affordable and available rental units has decreased to 65 units per 100 very low-income renters and 36 units per 100 extremely low-income renters.

HUD assistance serves an extraordinarily vulnerable population:

- Extremely low income families make-up over 75% of HUD-assisted households.
- An additional 20% are very low-income, falling below 50% of area median income.
- 56% of HUD-assisted households are elderly and/or disabled.
The majority of HUD’s budget is required each year simply to hold ground—keeping current recipients in their homes and providing basic upkeep to the public housing stock...

In FY2015, 84% of HUD’s budget request will be used to:

- Renew Existing Rental Assistance/Operating Subsidies
- Fund accrued capital needs of Public Housing
- Renew Existing Homeless Assistance Grants

Funding for existing families increases with inflation - as a result, other programs must decrease.

For every 1% increase in renewals, other programs must decrease by 5% to keep the budget level.
HUD’s FY2015 budget request makes key investments in rental programs:

- Increases Tenant Based Rental Assistance above $20 billion to serve 2.2 million low-income families and reverse sequestration
- Funds Homeless Assistance Grants at $301 million above FY2014 levels, to get back on track with Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Includes $75 million to support 10,000 new Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers
- Includes Public Housing Capital at $1.925 billion and Operating Fund at $4.6 billion
- Proposes $600 million for Housing for the Elderly ($440 million) and Housing for Persons with Disabilities ($160 million)
- Proposes $1 billion in mandatory funding for the National Housing Trust Fund
Creating Stability and Efficiency in the Project-Based Rental Assistance Program

The FY2015 budget proposes a more stable, efficient funding cycle for HUD’s Project-Based Rental Assistance program, to ensure fiscal responsibility...

To introduce more stability to the program, the PBRA request of $9.746 billion proposes to change the program funding cycle from fiscal year to calendar year.

✓ This new funding cycle will minimize end-of-year budget disruptions and should result in more predictable funding cycles in future years.

✓ Improvements to HUD’s IT platform and business processes have enabled this change - during periods of reduced funding, HUD was consistently able to meet renewal needs and avoid disrupting the marketplace.
The Initiative proposes **$56 billion** in additional investment, split between defense and non-defense programs ($28 billion for each).

The Initiative is **fully paid for** by closing tax loopholes and making common sense mandatory reforms.

In addition to increased spending on several HUD programs (Choice Neighborhoods, Jobs-Plus Demonstration, and Integrated Planning and Investment Grants), the Initiative includes funding for items such as Universal Pre-K.
The Budget Principles – Creating Opportunity and Growth through Key Initiatives

HUD’s FY 2015 budget request supports several key programs to provide opportunity and growth for all...

- **Choice Neighborhoods:** While the base budget request is $120 million, the President’s Initiative provides an additional $280 million for the program, to fund comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategies in 7-10 additional high-poverty neighborhoods.

- **Integrated Planning and Investment Grants:** The initiative provides $75 million in funding to help communities create jobs and reduce the combined costs of housing and transportation.

- **Jobs-Plus:** The base budget request is $25 million, and the President’s initiative provides an additional $125 million to further expand the program to assist a total of 50,000 public housing residents to secure employment and increase their earnings.

**Other key initiatives:**

- **RAD:** Eliminates the RAD cap of 60,000 units and provides an appropriation of $10 million. This will enable HUD to address the more than 180,000 units of applications, and create approximately $6 billion in private financing for the recapitalization of public housing.

- **Project Rebuild:** Proposes $15 billion in mandatory spending for Project Rebuild, for neighborhood stabilization activities.
HUD’s FY 2015 budget request describes several key proposals that will ensure fiscal responsibility by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of HUD’s programs:

- Includes an energy efficiency **Pay for Success** pilot program
- Expands the **Family Self Sufficiency program** for families living in privately-owned HUD assisted Multifamily housing to participate
- Improves the efficiency and effectiveness of the **Multifamily Housing office** through a comprehensive reorganization
- Provides flexibility for the **Capital and Operating Funds**

The Administration’s forthcoming legislative package will recommend further items to increase efficiency and effectiveness, including:

- An expansion of the **Moving to Work** program
- Greater regional collaboration amongst **CDBG grantees**, and other reforms to improve accountability and efficiency
- The reduction of burdensome reporting by **Public Housing Authorities**
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HUD contributes to this commitment by...

1. Strengthening the Nation’s Housing Markets to Bolster the Economy and Protect Consumers

2. Meeting the Need for Quality Affordable Rental Homes

3. Utilizing Housing as a Platform for Improving Quality of Life

4. Building Inclusive and Sustainable Communities Free from Discrimination

5. Transforming the Way HUD Does Business
HUD’s FY 2013 Budget – Strengthening the Nation's Housing Market

HUD’s 2015 Budget request helps provide opportunity and growth for all by strengthening the nation’s housing market, which in turn strengthens the middle class...

Strengthening the Nation’s Housing Markets to Bolster the Economy and Protect Consumers

- $171.6 billion total FHA loan volume in 2015
- $297 billion GNMA new guarantees in 2015

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* FY2015 PH Capital Fund includes up to $25 million for the Jobs Plus initiative
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*Choice Neighborhoods receives another $280 million in the Opportunity, Growth and Security initiative*
HUD’s 2015 Budget request helps **provide opportunity and growth for all** and ensures fiscal responsibility by developing an agency that’s leaner, smarter, and more transparent.

Transforming the way HUD does business builds on the success of Transformation Initiative (TI) with up to $80 million TI Fund transfer for...

| 1. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building | ✓ Shifting to comprehensive, results-oriented capacity building through efforts like OneCPD  
✓ Providing Technical Assistance online to allow stakeholders to better access resources |
| 2. Program Demonstrations | ✓ Funding what works (e.g. scaling up Jobs Plus), stop funding what doesn’t  
✓ Support key interagency initiatives, and test innovations that get better outcomes for existing funds |
| 3. Research & Evaluation | ✓ Supporting priorities developed in a 5-year Research Roadmap, including RAD, Admin Fees, Homeless work  
✓ Revising utility models to better reflect energy usage in HUD assisted housing |