

## FY 2022 Conference Spending (reported January 31, 2023)

HUD has implemented a departmental conference review, approval, and reporting process to ensure that appropriated funds are spent properly relative to our essential mission. Managers throughout the department are thoroughly evaluating ways to leverage technology when possible and maximize the benefit from the expenditures on conferences and travel. To this end, HUD has also increased the use of webcasts and online trainings in place of in-person conferences and meetings. The conference process includes input from within HUD and from our constituents on the required training and information exchange that is best accomplished in-person. With proper internal controls, HUD's leadership is confident that we will continue to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

### Conferences in excess of \$500,000

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 (FY 2022), HUD did not sponsor any conferences which expended appropriated federal funds in excess of \$500,000.

### Conference in excess of \$100,000

One conference sponsored by HUD during FY 2022 incurred the expenditure of appropriated funds in excess of \$100,000. The following information is presented, per the guidance, for this conference:

- sponsoring HUD program office
- conference name
- location
- date
- total number of individuals whose travel expenses or other conference expenses were paid by HUD
- total conference expenses incurred
- brief explanation how the conference advanced HUD's mission

The table below contains the required information for the conference that HUD sponsored during FY 2022 which cost more than \$100k.

Listing of FY 2022 HUD-Sponsored Conference Over \$100k				
Program Office <i>(The link to each program office home page is provided below)</i>	Conference (Name, Location and Date)	Number of Payees	Total Conference Expenses	How the Conference Advanced the Mission of the Agency
<b>Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&amp;R)</b>	Innovative Housing Showcase  <u>Location:</u> Washington, DC  <u>Date:</u> June 10-12, 2022	4,000 (estimated)	\$369,000	HUD is focused on the increasing need for housing affordability, building performance, and resilience in the face of natural disasters or climate events. The Innovative Housing Showcase provided a venue to expand the awareness of housing design and construction approaches that would serve to address those concerns. Because government leaders, builders, and the general public may not be familiar with such products or processes, approaches that would contribute to improved housing for America's families may not be considered. The Showcase helped to increase that awareness among the attendees.

In each program and administrative office, the Senior Official (Assistant Secretary or equivalent) authorized any HUD-sponsored conference over \$50k. The Second-most Senior Official (General Deputy Assistant Secretary (GDAS) or equivalent) authorized any HUD-sponsored conference over \$20k. For those HUD-sponsored greater than \$100k, these office executives also requested two additional approvals from the Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Secretary. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer served as the single channel for both these approvals and reporting.

Conferences are an important component of our mission critical activity. Through these efforts we continue to reduce spending and properly prioritize the limited funding available.