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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill, which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban
Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, $108,000,000, of which not to exceed $2,696,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not to exceed $1,011,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary; not to exceed $19,980,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel; not to exceed $10,300,000 shall be available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; not to exceed $12,676,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs; not to exceed $2,500,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs; not to exceed $27,131,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration; not to exceed $2,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Affairs; not to exceed $1,714,000 shall be available for the Office of the Executive Secretariat; not to exceed $1,414,000 shall be available for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; not to exceed
$10,778,000 shall be available for the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response; and not to exceed $15,800,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Information Officer. Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Secretary. Provided further, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent by all such transfers. Provided further, That notice of any change in funding greater than 5 percent shall be submitted for approval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. Provided further, That not to exceed $60,000 shall be for allocation within the Department for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine. Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, excluding fees authorized in Public Law 107–71, there may be credited to this appropriation up to $2,500,000 in funds received in user fees. Provided further, That none of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For necessary expenses related to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology,
$13,500,000, of which $8,218,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to be available until expended, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training: Provided further, That any reference in law, regulation, judicial proceedings, or elsewhere to the Research and Innovative Technology Administration shall be deemed to be a reference to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

For capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure, $550,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2018: Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation shall distribute funds provided under this heading as discretionary grants to be awarded to a State, local government, transit agency, or a collaboration among such entities on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region: Provided further, That projects eligible for funding provided under this heading shall include, but not be limited to, highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code; public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United
States Code; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure): Provided further, That the Secretary may use up to 35 percent of the funds made available under this heading for the purpose of paying the subsidy and administrative costs of projects eligible for Federal credit assistance under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code, if the Secretary finds that such use of the funds would advance the purposes of this paragraph: Provided further, That in distributing funds provided under this heading, the Secretary shall take such measures so as to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds, an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas, and the investment in a variety of transportation modes: Provided further, That a grant funded under this heading shall be not less than $10,000,000 and not greater than $200,000,000: Provided further, That not more than 25 percent of the funds made available under this heading may be awarded to projects in a single State: Provided further, That the Federal share of the costs for which an expenditure is made under this heading shall be, at the option of the recipient, up to 80 percent: Provided further, That the Secretary shall give priority to projects that require a contribution of Federal funds in order to complete an overall financing
package: *Provided further*, That not less than 20 percent of the funds provided under this heading shall be for projects located in rural areas: *Provided further*, That for projects located in rural areas, the minimum grant size shall be $1,000,000 and the Secretary may increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available under this heading, the Secretary may use an amount not to exceed $35,000,000 for the planning, preparation or design of projects eligible for funding under this heading: *Provided further*, That grants awarded under the previous proviso shall not be subject to a minimum grant size: *Provided further*, That projects conducted using funds provided under this heading must comply with the requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall conduct a new competition to select the grants and credit assistance awarded under this heading: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may retain up to $20,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading, and may transfer portions of those funds to the Administrators of the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Maritime Administration, to fund the award and oversight of
grants and credit assistance made under the National Infrastructure Investments program.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPITAL

For necessary expenses for upgrading and enhancing the Department of Transportation’s financial systems and re-engineering business processes, $5,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2016.

CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVES

For necessary expenses for cyber security initiatives, including necessary upgrades to wide area network and information technology infrastructure, improvement of network perimeter controls and identity management, testing and assessment of information technology against business, security, and other requirements, implementation of Federal cyber security initiatives and information infrastructure enhancements, implementation of enhanced security controls on network devices, and enhancement of cyber security workforce training tools, $5,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2016.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, $9,600,000.
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities, and making grants, to remain available until expended, $6,000,000.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

For necessary expenses for operating costs and capital outlays of the Working Capital Fund, not to exceed $182,000,000 shall be paid from appropriations made available to the Department of Transportation: Provided, That such services shall be provided on a competitive basis to entities within the Department of Transportation: Provided further, That the above limitation on operating expenses shall not apply to non-DOT entities: Provided further, That no funds appropriated in this Act to an agency of the Department shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without majority approval of the Working Capital Fund Steering Committee and approval of the Secretary: Provided further, That no assessments may be levied against any program, budget activity, subactivity or project funded by this Act unless notice of such assessments and the basis therefor are presented to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and are approved by such Committees.
MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM

For the cost of guaranteed loans, $333,000, as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 332: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed $18,367,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, $592,000.

MINORITY BUSINESS OUTREACH

For necessary expenses of Minority Business Resource Center outreach activities, $3,099,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That notwithstanding 49 U.S.C. 332, these funds may be used for business opportunities related to any mode of transportation.

PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

In addition to funds made available from any other source to carry out the essential air service program under 49 U.S.C. 41731 through 41742, $155,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until expended: Provided, That in determining between or among carriers competing to provide service
to a community, the Secretary may consider the relative subsidy requirements of the carriers: Provided further,
That basic essential air service minimum requirements shall not include the 15-passenger capacity requirement under subsection 41732(b)(3) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That none of the funds in this Act or any other Act shall be used to enter into a new contract with a community located less than 40 miles from the nearest small hub airport before the Secretary has negotiated with the community over a local cost share.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Sec. 101. None of the funds made available in this Act to the Department of Transportation may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to approve assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining to funds appropriated to the modal administrations in this Act, except for activities underway on the date of enactment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements have completed the normal reprogramming process for Congressional notification.

Sec. 102. The Secretary or his designee may engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities.
SEC. 103. Notwithstanding section 3324 of title 31, United States Code, in addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department’s Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to provide payments in advance to vendors that are necessary to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe benefit program under Executive Order 13150 and section 3049 of Public Law 109–59: Provided, That the Department shall include adequate safeguards in the contract with the vendors to ensure timely and high-quality performance under the contract.

SEC. 104. The Secretary shall post on the Web site of the Department of Transportation a schedule of all meetings of the Credit Council, including the agenda for each meeting, and require the Credit Council to record the decisions and actions of each meeting.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration, not otherwise provided for, including operations and research activities related to commercial space transportation, administrative expenses for research and development, establishment of air navigation facilities, the operation (including leasing) and maintenance of aircraft,
subsidizing the cost of aeronautical charts and maps sold to the public, lease or purchase of passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, in addition to amounts made available by Public Law 108–176, $9,750,000,000, of which $8,595,000,000 shall be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, of which not to exceed $7,396,654,000 shall be available for air traffic organization activities; not to exceed $1,215,458,000 shall be available for aviation safety activities; not to exceed $16,605,000 shall be available for commercial space transportation activities; not to exceed $765,047,000 shall be available for finance and management activities; not to exceed $60,089,000 shall be available for NextGen and operations planning activities; and not to exceed $296,147,000 shall be available for staff offices: Provided, That not to exceed 2 percent of any budget activity, except for aviation safety budget activity, may be transferred to any budget activity under this heading: Provided further, That no transfer may increase or decrease any appropriation by more than 2 percent: Provided further, That any transfer in excess of 2 percent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section: Provided further, That not later than March 31 of each fiscal
year hereafter, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall transmit to Congress an annual update to the report submitted to Congress in December 2004 pursuant to section 221 of Public Law 108–176: Provided further, That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by $100,000 for each day after March 31 that such report has not been submitted to the Congress: Provided further, That not later than March 31 of each fiscal year hereafter, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress a companion report that describes a comprehensive strategy for staffing, hiring, and training flight standards and aircraft certification staff in a format similar to the one utilized for the controller staffing plan, including stated attrition estimates and numerical hiring goals by fiscal year: Provided further, That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by $100,000 per day for each day after March 31 that such report has not been submitted to Congress: Provided further, That funds may be used to enter into a grant agreement with a nonprofit standard-setting organization to assist in the development of aviation safety standards: Provided further, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for new applicants for the second career training program: Provided further, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize
or implement any regulation that would promulgate new aviation user fees not specifically authorized by law after the date of the enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That there may be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections funds received from States, counties, municipalities, foreign authorities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred in the provision of agency services, including receipts for the maintenance and operation of air navigation facilities, and for issuance, renewal or modification of certificates, including airman, aircraft, and repair station certificates, or for tests related thereto, or for processing major repair or alteration forms: *Provided further,* That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than $149,000,000 shall be for the contract tower program, of which $10,350,000 is for the contract tower cost share program: *Provided further,* That none of the funds in this Act for aeronautical charting and cartography are available for activities conducted by, or coordinated through, the Working Capital Fund: *Provided further,* That none of the funds provided in this Act may be used for the Federal Aviation Administration to issue a job announcement for air traffic control specialists that renders ineligible any applicant who had been included in the air traffic control specialist applicant inven-
ory as of January 15, 2014, and who was born between
February 9, 1983 and October 1, 1984.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT
(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
for acquisition, establishment, technical support services,
improvement by contract or purchase, and hire of national
airspace systems and experimental facilities and equip-
ment, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title
49, United States Code, including initial acquisition of
necessary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service
testing, including construction of test facilities and acquisi-
tion of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction
and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations
for officers and employees of the Federal Aviation Admin-
istration stationed at remote localities where such accom-
modations are not available; and the purchase, lease, or
transfer of aircraft from funds available under this head-
ing, including aircraft for aviation regulation and certifi-
cation; to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust
Fund, $2,473,700,000, of which $458,000,000 shall re-
main available until September 30, 2015, and
$2,015,700,000 shall remain available until September 30,
2017: Provided, That there may be credited to this appro-
priation funds received from States, counties, municipali-
ties, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred in the establishment, improvement, and modernization of national airspace systems: Provided further, That upon initial submission to the Congress of the fiscal year 2016 President’s budget, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to the Congress a comprehensive capital investment plan for the Federal Aviation Administration which includes funding for each budget line item for fiscal years 2016 through 2020, with total funding for each year of the plan constrained to the funding targets for those years as estimated and approved by the Office of Management and Budget: Provided further, That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by $100,000 per day for each day after the initial submission of the fiscal year 2016 President’s budget that such report has not been submitted to Congress.

RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for research, engineering, and development, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, including construction of experimental facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant, $156,750,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until September 30,
Provided, That there may be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, which shall be available for expenses incurred for research, engineering, and development.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

For liquidation of obligations incurred for grants-in-aid for airport planning and development, and noise compatibility planning and programs as authorized under subchapter I of chapter 471 and subchapter I of chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, and under other law authorizing such obligations; for procurement, installation, and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and systems at airports of such title; for grants authorized under section 41743 of title 49, United States Code; and for inspection activities and administration of airport safety programs, including those related to airport operating certificates under section 44706 of title 49, United States Code, $3,200,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until ex-
Provided, That none of the funds under this heading shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the obligations for which are in excess of $3,480,000,000 in fiscal year 2015, notwithstanding section 47117(g) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of funds made available in the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2014, under section 48112 of title 49, United States Code, and limited under this heading, $130,000,000 shall be obligated for facilities and equipment of the Federal Aviation Administration that are located on airport property, including runway safety areas, runway status lights, landing and navigational lighting systems, and air traffic control tower improvements and replacements: Provided further, That the funds limited under this heading shall be deemed reduced by $130,000,000 for purposes of 47102(6) of Title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That none of the funds under this heading shall be available for the replacement of baggage conveyor systems, reconfiguration of terminal baggage areas, or other airport improvements that are necessary to install bulk explosive detection systems: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 47109(a) of title 49, United States Code, the Government’s share of allowable project costs under paragraph (2) for sub-
grants or paragraph (3) of that section shall be 95 percent for a project at other than a large or medium hub airport that is a successive phase of a multi-phased construction project for which the project sponsor received a grant in fiscal year 2011 for the construction project: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of funds limited under this heading, not more than $107,100,000 shall be obligated for administration, not less than $15,000,000 shall be available for the Airport Cooperative Research Program, not less than $29,750,000 shall be available for Airport Technology Research, and $8,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available and transferred to “Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses” to carry out the Small Community Air Service Development Program.

(RESCISSION)

Any amounts made available for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, under section 48112 of title 49, United States Code, are rescinded.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 110. None of the funds in this Act may be used to compensate in excess of 600 technical staff-years under the federally funded research and development center contract between the Federal Aviation Administration and the

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Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development during fiscal year 2014.

Sec. 111. None of the funds in this Act shall be used to pursue or adopt guidelines or regulations requiring airport sponsors to provide to the Federal Aviation Administration without cost building construction, maintenance, utilities and expenses, or space in airport sponsor-owned buildings for services relating to air traffic control, air navigation, or weather reporting: Provided, That the prohibition of funds in this section does not apply to negotiations between the agency and airport sponsors to achieve agreement on “below-market” rates for these items or to grant assurances that require airport sponsors to provide land without cost to the FAA for air traffic control facilities.

Sec. 112. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may reimburse amounts made available to satisfy 49 U.S.C. 41742(a)(1) from fees credited under 49 U.S.C. 45303 and any amount remaining in such account at the close of that fiscal year may be made available to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) for the subsequent fiscal year.

Sec. 113. Amounts collected under section 40113(e) of title 49, United States Code, shall be credited to the appropriation current at the time of collection, to be
merged with and available for the same purposes of such appropriation.

SEC. 114. None of the funds in this Act shall be available for paying premium pay under subsection 5546(a) of title 5, United States Code, to any Federal Aviation Administration employee unless such employee actually performed work during the time corresponding to such premium pay.

SEC. 115. None of the funds in this Act may be obligated or expended for an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration to purchase a store gift card or gift certificate through use of a Government-issued credit card.

SEC. 116. The Secretary shall apportion to the sponsor of an airport that received scheduled or unscheduled air service from a large certified air carrier (as defined in part 241 of title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, or such other regulations as may be issued by the Secretary under the authority of section 41709) an amount equal to the minimum apportionment specified in 49 U.S.C. 47114(c), if the Secretary determines that airport had more than 10,000 passenger boardings in the preceding calendar year, based on data submitted to the Secretary under part 241 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 117. None of the funds in this Act may be obligated or expended for retention bonuses for an employee
of the Federal Aviation Administration without the prior
written approval of the Assistant Secretary for Adminis-
tration of the Department of Transportation.

Sec. 118. Subparagraph (D) of section 47124(b)(3)
of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking
“benefit.” and inserting “benefit, with the maximum al-
lowable local cost share capped at 20 percent.”.

Sec. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, none of the funds made available under this Act or
any prior Act may be used to implement or to continue
to implement any limitation on the ability of any owner
or operator of a private aircraft to obtain, upon a request
to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-
tion, a blocking of that owner’s or operator’s aircraft reg-
istration number from any display of the Federal Aviation
Administration’s Aircraft Situational Display to Industry
data that is made available to the public, except data made
available to a Government agency, for the noncommercial
flights of that owner or operator.

Sec. 119A. None of the funds in this Act shall be
available for salaries and expenses of more than 9 political
and Presidential appointees in the Federal Aviation Ad-
ministration.

Sec. 119B. None of the funds made available under
this Act may be used to increase fees pursuant to section
44721 of title 49, United States Code, until the FAA provides to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report that justifies all fees related to aeronautical navigation products and explains how such fees are consistent with Executive Order 13642.

Sec. 119C. None of the funds appropriated or limited by this Act may be used to change weight restrictions or prior permission rules at Teterboro airport in Teterboro, New Jersey.

Sec. 119D. None of the funds in this Act may be used to close a regional operations center of the Federal Aviation Administration or reduce its services unless the Administrator notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 90 full business days in advance.

Sec. 119E. Section 916 of Public Law 112–95 is amended by striking “Advanced Materials in Transport Aircraft” and inserting “Joint Advanced Materials and Structures”.

Sec. 119F. Subsection 47109(c)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding before the period “, except that at a non-hub airport located in a State as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection that is within 15 miles of another State as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Government’s share shall be an
average of the Government share applicable to any project in each of the States’.

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

**LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

*(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

*(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

Not to exceed $426,100,000, together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Administration, shall be obligated for necessary expenses for administration and operation of the Federal Highway Administration. In addition, not to exceed $3,248,000 shall be transferred to the Appalachian Regional Commission in accordance with section 104 of title 23, United States Code.

**FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS**

**(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)**

*(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

Funds available for the implementation or execution of programs of Federal-aid Highways and highway safety construction programs authorized under titles 23 and 49, United States Code, and the provisions of Public Law 112–141 shall not exceed total obligations of $40,256,000,000 for fiscal year 2015: *Provided*, That the Secretary may collect and spend fees, as authorized by title 23, United States Code, to cover the costs of services
of expert firms, including counsel, in the field of municipal
and project finance to assist in the underwriting and serv-
ing of Federal credit instruments and all or a portion
of the costs to the Federal Government of servicing such
credit instruments: Provided further, That such fees are
available until expended to pay for such costs: Provided
further, That such amounts are in addition to administra-
tive expenses that are also available for such purpose, and
are not subject to any obligation limitation or the limita-
tion on administrative expenses under section 608 of title
23, United States Code.

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For the payment of obligations incurred in carrying
out Federal-aid Highways and highway safety construc-
tion programs authorized under title 23, United States
Code, $40,995,000,000 derived from the Highway Trust
Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), to remain
available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 120. (a) For fiscal year 2015, the Secretary of
Transportation shall—

(1) not distribute from the obligation limitation
for Federal-aid Highways—
(A) amounts authorized for administrative expenses and programs by section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code; and

(B) amounts authorized for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics;

(2) not distribute an amount from the obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways that is equal to the unobligated balance of amounts—

(A) made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) for Federal-aid Highways and highway safety construction programs for previous fiscal years the funds for which are allocated by the Secretary (or apportioned by the Secretary under sections 202 or 204 of title 23, United States Code); and

(B) for which obligation limitation was provided in a previous fiscal year;

(3) determine the proportion that—

(A) the obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways, less the aggregate of amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection; bears to

(B) the total of the sums authorized to be appropriated for the Federal-aid Highways and
highway safety construction programs (other than sums authorized to be appropriated for provisions of law described in paragraphs (1) through (12) of subsection (b) and sums authorized to be appropriated for section 119 of title 23, United States Code, equal to the amount referred to in subsection (b)(13) for such fiscal year), less the aggregate of the amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection;

(4) distribute the obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2), for each of the programs (other than programs to which paragraph (1) applies) that are allocated by the Secretary under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act and title 23, United States Code, or apportioned by the Secretary under sections 202 or 204 of that title, by multiplying—

(A) the proportion determined under paragraph (3); by

(B) the amounts authorized to be appropriated for each such program for such fiscal year; and
(5) distribute the obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and the amounts distributed under paragraph (4), for Federal-aid Highways and highway safety construction programs that are apportioned by the Secretary under title 23, United States Code (other than the amounts apportioned for the National Highway Performance Program in section 119 of title 23, United States Code, that are exempt from the limitation under subsection (b)(13) and the amounts apportioned under sections 202 and 204 of that title) in the proportion that—

(A) amounts authorized to be appropriated for the programs that are apportioned under title 23, United States Code, to each State for such fiscal year; bears to

(B) the total of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the programs that are apportioned under title 23, United States Code, to all States for such fiscal year.

(b) EXCEPTIONS FROM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways shall not apply to obligations under or for—

(1) section 125 of title 23, United States Code;
(2) section 147 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978 (23 U.S.C. 144 note; 92 Stat. 2714);

(3) section 9 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1981 (95 Stat. 1701);

(4) subsections (b) and (j) of section 131 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 2119);

(5) subsections (b) and (e) of section 149 of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (101 Stat. 198);

(6) sections 1103 through 1108 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2027);

(7) section 157 of title 23, United States Code (as in effect on June 8, 1998);

(8) section 105 of title 23, United States Code (as in effect for fiscal years 1998 through 2004, but only in an amount equal to $639,000,000 for each of those fiscal years);

(9) Federal-aid Highways programs for which obligation authority was made available under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (112 Stat. 107) or subsequent Acts for multiple years or to remain available until expended, but only
to the extent that the obligation authority has not
lapsed or been used;

(10) section 105 of title 23, United States Code
(as in effect for fiscal years 2005 through 2012, but
only in an amount equal to $639,000,000 for each
of those fiscal years);

(11) section 1603 of SAFETEA–LU (23
U.S.C. 118 note; 119 Stat. 1248), to the extent that
funds obligated in accordance with that section were
not subject to a limitation on obligations at the time
at which the funds were initially made available for
obligation; and

(12) section 119 of title 23, United States Code
(as in effect for fiscal years 2013 and 2014, but only
in an amount equal to $639,000,000 for each of
those fiscal years); and

(13) section 119 of title 12, United States Code
(but, for fiscal year 2015, only in an amount equal
to $639,000,000).

(c) REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED OBLIGATION AU-
THORITY.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary
shall, after August 1 of such fiscal year—

(1) revise a distribution of the obligation limita-
tion made available under subsection (a) if an
amount distributed cannot be obligated during that fiscal year; and

(2) redistribute sufficient amounts to those States able to obligate amounts in addition to those previously distributed during that fiscal year, giving priority to those States having large unobligated balances of funds apportioned under sections 144 (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Public Law 112–141) and 104 of title 23, United States Code.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION LIMITATIONS TO TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways shall apply to contract authority for transportation research programs carried out under—

(A) chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code; and

(B) division E of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Obligation authority made available under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) remain available for a period of 4 fiscal years; and
(B) be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on obligations for Federal-aid Highways and highway safety construction programs for future fiscal years.

(e) Redistributions of Certain Authorized Funds.—

(1) In General.—Not later than 30 days after the date of distribution of obligation limitation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall distribute to the States any funds (excluding funds authorized for the program under section 202 of title 23, United States Code) that—

(A) are authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal year for Federal-aid Highways programs; and

(B) the Secretary determines will not be allocated to the States (or will not be apportioned to the States under section 204 of title 23, United States Code), and will not be available for obligation, for such fiscal year because of the imposition of any obligation limitation for such fiscal year.

(2) Ratio.—Funds shall be distributed under paragraph (1) in the same proportion as the dis-
vention of obligation authority under subsection (a)(5).

(3) AVAILABILITY.—Funds distributed to each State under paragraph (1) shall be available for any purpose described in section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code.

SEC. 121. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds received by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the sale of data products, for necessary expenses incurred pursuant to chapter 63 of title 49, United States Code, may be credited to the Federal-aid Highways account for the purpose of reimbursing the Bureau for such expenses: Provided, That such funds shall be subject to the obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways and highway safety construction programs.

SEC. 122. Not less than 15 days prior to waiving, under his statutory authority, any Buy America requirement for Federal-aid Highways projects, the Secretary of Transportation shall make an informal public notice and comment opportunity on the intent to issue such waiver and the reasons therefor: Provided, That the Secretary shall provide an annual report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on any waivers granted under the Buy America requirements.
SEC. 123. None of the funds in this Act to the Department of Transportation may be used to provide credit assistance unless not less than 3 days before any application approval to provide credit assistance under sections 603 and 604 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation provides notification in writing to the following committees: the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations; the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives: Provided, That such notification shall include, but not be limited to, the name of the project sponsor; a description of the project; whether credit assistance will be provided as a direct loan, loan guarantee, or line of credit; and the amount of credit assistance.

SEC. 124. From the unobligated balances of funds apportioned among the States prior to October 1, 2012, under sections 104(b) of title 23, United States Code (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Public Law 112–141), the amount of $22,100,000 shall be made available in fiscal year 2015 for the administrative expenses of the Federal Highway Administration: Provided, That this provision shall not apply to funds distributed in accordance with section 104(b)(5) of title 23, United States Code.
States Code (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Public Law 112–141); section 133(d)(1) of such title (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Public Law 109–59); and the first sentence of section 133(d)(3)(A) of such title (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of Public Law 112–141):

Provided further, That such amount shall be derived on a proportional basis from the unobligated balances of appropriated funds to which this provision applies: Provided further, That the amount made available by this provision in fiscal year 2015 for the administrative expenses of the Federal Highway Administration shall be in addition to the amount made available in fiscal year 2015 for such purposes under section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in the implementation, execution and administration of motor carrier safety operations and programs pursuant to section 31104(i) of title 49, United States Code, and sections 4127 and 4134 of Public Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law
$271,000,000, to be derived from the Highway
Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), to-
gether with advances and reimbursements received by the
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the sum of
which shall remain available until expended: Provided,
That funds available for implementation, execution or ad-
ministration of motor carrier safety operations and pro-
grams authorized under title 49, United States Code, shall
not exceed total obligations of $271,000,000 for “Motor
Carrier Safety Operations and Programs” for fiscal year
2015, of which $9,000,000, to remain available for obliga-
tion until September 30, 2017, is for the research and
technology program, and of which $34,545,000, to remain
available for obligation until September 30, 2017, is for
information management: Provided further, That
$2,300,000 shall be made available for commercial motor
vehicle operator’s grants to carry out section 4134 of Pub-
lic Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141, of
which $1,300,000 is to be made available from prior year
unobligated contract authority provided in Public Law
112–141, or other appropriations or authorization acts:
Provided further, That of unobligated contract authority
provided in Public Law 112–141, or other appropriations
or authorization acts for “Motor Carrier Safety Oper-
ations and Programs”, $1,500,000 shall be made available
for enforcement and investigation activities related to the
safe transportation of energy products, $5,200,000 shall
be made available to augment funding to address informa-
tion management and technology needs related to the
monitoring of high-risk carriers and carriers operating
under consent agreements, and $4,000,000 shall be made
available to administer the study required under section
133 of this Act, to remain available for obligation until
September 30, 2017: Provided further, That the Federal
Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall transmit to
Congress a report by March 27, 2015, on the agency’s
ability to meet its requirement to conduct compliance re-
teds on mandatory carriers: Provided further, That the
Secretary shall complete final regulatory action on the im-
plementation of 49 United States Code 31137 no later
than January 30, 2015: Provided further, That the Sec-
retary shall initiate action on the Safety Fitness Deter-
mination rule no later than December, 31, 2013.

NATIONAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

Of the unobligated contract authority provided in the
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Public
Law 105–178) or other appropriation or authorization
acts for the national motor carrier safety program,
$8,300,000 shall be made available to augment funding
to execute the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administra-
tion’s Capital Improvement Plan for border facilities and
field offices, including physical information technology in-
frastructure: Provided, That such funds as necessary for
payment of obligations incurred in carrying out this sec-
tion shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other
than the Mass Transit Account) and total limitations of
these obligations shall not exceed $8,300,000.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS
(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)
(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)
(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out
sections 31102, 31104(a), 31106, 31107, 31109, 31309,
31313 of title 49, United States Code, and sections 4126
and 4128 of Public Law 109–59, as amended by Public
Law 112–141, $313,000,000, to be derived from the
Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Ac-
count) and to remain available until expended: Provided,
That funds available for the implementation or execution
of motor carrier safety programs shall not exceed total ob-
ligations of $313,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 for “Motor
Carrier Safety Grants”; of which $218,000,000 shall be
available for the motor carrier safety assistance program, $30,000,000 shall be available for commercial driver’s license program improvement grants, $32,000,000 shall be available for border enforcement grants, $5,000,000 shall be available for performance and registration information system management grants, $25,000,000 shall be available for the commercial vehicle information systems and networks deployment program, and $1,000,000 shall be available for safety data improvement grants: Provided further, That, of the funds made available herein for the motor carrier safety assistance program, $32,000,000 shall be available for audits of new entrant motor carriers.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 130. Funds appropriated or limited in this Act shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in section 350 of Public Law 107–87 and section 6901 of Public Law 110–28.

Sec. 131. None of the funds limited or otherwise made available under the heading “Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs” may be used to deny an application to renew a Hazardous Materials Safety Program permit for a motor carrier based solely on that carrier’s Hazardous Materials Out-of-Service rate, unless the carrier has the opportunity to submit a written description
of corrective actions taken, and other documentation the
carrier wishes the Secretary to consider, including submit-
ting a corrective action plan, and the Secretary determines
the actions or plan is insufficient to address the safety
commendations that resulted in that Hazardous Materials Out-
of-Service rate.

SEC. 132. None of the funds limited or otherwise
made available under this Act shall be used by the Sec-
retary to enforce any regulation prohibiting a State from
issuing a commercial learner’s permit to individuals under
the age of eighteen if the State had a law authorizing the
issuance of commercial learners permits to individuals
under eighteen years of age as of May 9, 2011.

SEC. 133. (a) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EN-
FORCEMENT.—None of the funds appropriated or other-
wise made available by this Act or any other Act shall
be used to enforce sections 395.3(c) and 395.3(d) of title
49, Code of Federal Regulations, and such sections shall
have no force or effect from the date of enactment of this
Act until the later of September 30, 2015, or upon submis-
sion of the final report issued by the Secretary under this
section. The restart provisions in effect on June 30, 2013,
shall be in effect during this period.

(b) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—As soon as possible
after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
of Transportation shall publish a Notice in the Federal Register and on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration website announcing that the provisions in the rule referred to in subsection (a) shall have no force or effect from the date of enactment of this Act through September 30, 2015, and the restart rule in effect on June 30, 2013, shall immediately be in effect.

(c) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE (CMV) DRIVER RESTART STUDY.—Within 90 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall initiate a naturalistic study of the operational, safety, health and fatigue impacts of the restart provisions in sections 395.3(c) and 395.3(d) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, on commercial motor vehicle drivers. The study required under this subsection shall—

(1) compare the work schedules and assess operator fatigue between the following two groups of commercial motor vehicle drivers, each large enough to produce statistically significant results:

(A) commercial motor vehicle drivers who operate under such provisions, in effect between July 1, 2013, and the day before the date of enactment of this Act, and
(B) commercial motor vehicle drivers who operate under the provisions as in effect on June 30, 2013.

(2) compare, at a minimum, the 5-month work schedules and assess safety critical events (crashes, near crashes and crash-relevant conflicts) and operator fatigue between the following two groups of commercial motor vehicle drivers, from a statistically significant sample of drivers comprised of fleets of all sizes, including long-haul, regional and short-haul operations in various sectors of the industry, including flat-bed, refrigerated, tank, and dry-van, to the extent practicable;

(3) assess drivers’ safety critical events, fatigue and levels of alertness and driver health outcomes by using both electronic and captured record of duty status, including the Psychomotor Vigilance Test (PVT), e-logging data, actigraph watches and cameras or other on-board monitoring systems that record or measure safety critical events and driver alertness;

(4) utilize data from electronic logging devices, consistent to the extent practicable, with the anticipated requirements for such devices in section 31137(b) of title 49, United States Code, from
motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles, notwithstanding any limitation on the use of such data under section 31137(e) of title 49, United States Code; and

(5) include the development of an initial study plan and final report, each of which shall be subject to an independent peer review panel of individuals with relevant medical and scientific expertise.

(d) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Prior to the study required under this subsection commencing, the Secretary shall submit a plan outlining the scope and methodology for the study to the Department of Transportation Inspector General within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

(1) Within 30 days of receiving the plan, the Office of Inspector General shall review and comment on the plan, including whether it includes—

(A) a sufficient number of drivers participating to produce statistically significant results and consistent with subsection (c)(2);

(B) an assessment of whether the technologies being used to assess the operational, safety and fatigue components of the study are reliable and will produce consistent and valid results;
(C) appropriate performance measures to properly evaluate the study outcomes; and

(D) assess the selection of the independent review panel under subsection (c)(5).

(2) The Office of Inspector General shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Secretary and to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of receipt of the plan.

(e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall submit a final report on the findings and conclusions of the study and the Department’s recommendations on whether the provisions in effect on July 1, 2013, provide a greater net benefit for the operational, safety, health and fatigue impacts of the restart provisions to the Inspector General within 210 days of receiving the Office of the Inspector General report required in subsection (d)(2).

(1) Within 60 days of receipt of the Secretary’s findings and recommendations in subsection (e), the Inspector General shall report to the Secretary and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the study’s compliance with the requirements outlined under subsection (e).

(2) Upon submission of the Office of the Inspector General report in paragraph (1), the Sec-
retary shall submit its report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and make the report publically available on its website.

(f) Certification.—The Secretary of Transportation shall certify in writing in a manner addressing the Inspector General’s findings and recommendations in subsection (d)(1) and (e)(1) of this section that the Secretary has met the requirements as described in section (c) and (d).

(g) Paperwork Reduction Act Exception.—The study and the Office of the Inspector General reviews shall not be subject to section 3506 or 3507 of title 44, United States Code.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

For expenses necessary to discharge the functions of the Secretary, with respect to traffic and highway safety authorized under chapter 301 and part C of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, $134,500,000, of which $20,000,000 shall remain available through September 30, 2016.
OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 403, and chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, $138,500,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2015, are in excess of $138,500,000, of which $133,500,000 shall be for programs authorized under 23 U.S.C. 403 and $5,000,000 shall be for the National Driver Register authorized under chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That within the $133,500,000 obligation limitation for operations and research, $20,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2016, and shall be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on obligations for future years: Provided further, That $20,000,000 of the total obligation limitation for operations and research in fiscal year 2015 shall be applied toward unobligated balances of contract authority provided in prior Acts
for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 403, and 
chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS
(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)
(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)
(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out provisions of 23 U.S.C. 402 and 405, section 2009 of Public Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141, and section 31101(a)(6) of Public Law 112–141, to remain available until expended, $561,500,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account): Provided, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2015, are in excess of $561,500,000 for programs authorized under 23 U.S.C. 402 and 405, section 2009 of Public Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141, and section 31101(a)(6) of Public Law 112–141, of which $235,000,000 shall be for “Highway Safety Programs” under 23 U.S.C. 402; $272,000,000 shall be for “National Priority Safety Programs” under 23 U.S.C. 405; $29,000,000 shall be for “High Visibility Enforcement Program” under section 2009 of Public Law 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141; $25,500,000 shall be
for “Administrative Expenses” under section 31101(a)(6) of Public Law 112–141: Provided further, That none of these funds shall be used for construction, rehabilitation, or remodeling costs, or for office furnishings and fixtures for State, local or private buildings or structures: Provided further, That not to exceed $500,000 of the funds made available for “National Priority Safety Programs” under 23 U.S.C. 405 for “Impaired Driving Countermeasures” (as described in subsection (d) of that section) shall be available for technical assistance to the States: Provided further, That with respect to the “Transfers” provision under 23 U.S.C. 405(a)(1)(G), any amounts transferred to increase the amounts made available under section 402 shall include the obligation authority for such amounts: Provided further, That the Administrator shall notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of any exercise of the authority granted under the previous proviso or under 23 U.S.C. 405(a)(1)(G) within 60 days.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 140. An additional $130,000 shall be made available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, out of the amount limited for section 402 of title 23, United States Code, to pay for travel and related expenses for State management reviews and to pay for core
competency development training and related expenses for highway safety staff.

SEC. 141. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration set in this Act shall not apply to obligations for which obligation authority was made available in previous public laws but only to the extent that the obligation authority has not lapsed or been used.

SEC. 142. None of the funds in this Act shall be used to implement section 404 of title 23, United States Code.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Administration, not otherwise provided for, $191,250,000, of which $15,400,000 shall remain available until expended.

RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for railroad research and development, $40,730,000, to remain available until expended.

RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to issue direct loans and loan guarantees pursuant to sections 501 through 504 of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–210), as
amended, such authority to exist as long as any such di-
rect loan or loan guarantee is outstanding: Provided, That,
pursuant to section 502 of such Act, as amended, no new
direct loans or loan guarantee commitments shall be made
using Federal funds for the credit risk premium during
fiscal year 2015.

GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER
CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make
grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation as
authorized by the Passenger Rail Investment and Im-
provement Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110–
432, hereafter referred to as “such law” for purposes of
this heading), $1,390,000,000, to remain available until
expended: Provided, That of the amounts available under
this heading, up to $149,000,000 shall be for debt service
obligations, up to $350,000,000 shall be for the operation
of intercity passenger rail, and not less than $50,000,000
shall be made available to bring Amtrak served facilities
and stations into compliance with the Americans with Dis-
abilities Act: Provided further, That after an initial dis-
tribution of up to $200,000,000, which shall be used by
Amtrak as a working capital account, all remaining capital
and debt service funds shall be provided only on a reim-
bursable basis: Provided further, That funding for the op-
eration of intercity passenger rail, as authorized by section 1
101 of such law, shall be distributed no more frequently
than quarterly: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may
retain up to one-half of 1 percent of the funds provided
under this heading to fund the costs of project manage-
ment and oversight of activities authorized by subsections
101(a) and 101(e) of such law: *Provided further*, That in
addition to the project management oversight funds au-
thorized under section 101(d) of such law, the Secretary
may retain up to an additional one-half of 1 percent of
the funds provided under this heading to fund expenses
associated with section 24905 of title 49, United States
Code: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after
the date of enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall
transmit, in electronic format, to the House and Senate
Committees on Appropriations a business plan and 5-year
Financial Plan for fiscal year 2015 as required under sec-
tion 204 of such law.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD
ADMINISTRATION**

Sec. 150. Hereafter, notwithstanding any other pro-
vision of law, funds provided in this Act for the National
Railroad Passenger Corporation shall immediately cease
to be available to said Corporation in the event that the
Corporation contracts to have services provided at or from
any location outside the United States. For purposes of this section, the word “services” shall mean any service that was, as of July 1, 2006, performed by a full-time or part-time Amtrak employee whose base of employment is located within the United States.

Sec. 151. The Secretary of Transportation may receive and expend cash, or receive and utilize spare parts and similar items, from non-United States Government sources to repair damages to or replace United States Government owned automated track inspection cars and equipment as a result of third-party liability for such damages, and any amounts collected under this section shall be credited directly to the Safety and Operations account of the Federal Railroad Administration, and shall remain available until expended for the repair, operation and maintenance of automated track inspection cars and equipment in connection with the automated track inspection program.

Sec. 152. The amounts available to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for the operation of intercity passenger rail shall be available for distribution by the Secretary only after receiving and reviewing a grant request for each specific train route accompanied by a detailed financial analysis, revenue projection, and capital
asset plan justifying the Federal support to the Secretary’s satisfaction.

SEC. 153. None of the funds provided to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation may be used to fund any overtime costs in excess of $35,000 for any individual employee: Provided, That the president of Amtrak may waive the cap set in the previous proviso for specific employees when the president of Amtrak determines such a cap poses a risk to the safety and operational efficiency of the system: Provided further, That Amtrak shall notify the House and Senate Committee on Appropriations within 30 days of waiving such cap and delineate the reasons for such waiver.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

For necessary administrative expenses of the Federal Transit Administration’s programs authorized by chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, $110,500,000, of which not less than $7,000,000 shall be available to carry out the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5329: Provided, That none of the funds provided or limited in this Act may be used to create a permanent office of transit security under this heading: Provided further, That upon submission to the Congress of the fiscal year 2016 President’s budget, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to Congress
the annual report on New Starts, including proposed allocations for fiscal year 2016.

TRANSIT FORMULA GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in the Federal Public Transportation Assistance Program in this account, and for payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5318, 5322(d), 5329(e)(6), 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340, as amended by Public Law 112–141; and section 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, $9,500,000,000, to be derived from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That funds available for the implementation or execution of programs authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5318, 5322(d), 5329(e)(6), 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340, as amended by Public Law 112–141, and section 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, shall not exceed total obligations of $8,595,000,000 in fiscal year 2015.

TRANSIT RESEARCH

For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5312 and 5313, $33,000,000, to remain available until exp-
Provided, That $30,000,000 shall be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5312 and $3,000,000 shall be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5313.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5314 and 5322(a), (b) and (e), $5,500,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That $5,000,000 shall be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5314 and $500,000 shall be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5322(a), (b) and (e).

CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS

For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5309, $2,161,000,000, to remain available until expended.

GRANTS TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

For grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority as authorized under section 601 of division B of Public Law 110–432, $150,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary shall approve grants for capital and preventive maintenance expenditures for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority only after receiving and reviewing a request for each specific project: Provided further, That prior to approving such grants, the Secretary shall certify that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
is making significant progress in eliminating the material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, and minor control deficiencies identified in the most recent Financial Management Oversight Review: Provided further, That the Secretary shall determine that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has placed the highest priority on those investments that will improve the safety of the system before approving such grants: Provided further, That the Secretary, in order to ensure safety throughout the rail system, may waive the requirements of section 601(e)(1) of title VI of Public Law 110–432 (112 Stat. 4968).

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 160. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the Federal Transit Administration shall not apply to any authority under 49 U.S.C. 5338, previously made available for obligation, or to any other authority previously made available for obligation.

Sec. 161. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated or limited by this Act under the Federal Transit Administration’s discretionary program appropriations headings for projects specified in this Act or identified in reports accompanying this Act not obligated by September 30, 2019, and other recoveries, shall
be directed to projects eligible to use the funds for the
purposes for which they were originally provided.

SEC. 162. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, any funds appropriated before October 1, 2014, under
any section of chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code,
that remain available for expenditure, may be transferred
to and administered under the most recent appropriation
heading for any such section.

SEC. 163. Hereafter, the Secretary may not enforce
regulations related to charter bus service under part 604
of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, for any transit
agency that during fiscal year 2008 was both initially
granted a 60-day period to come into compliance with part
604, and then was subsequently granted an exception from
said part.

SEC. 164. For purposes of applying the project jus-
tification and local financial commitment criteria of 49
U.S.C. 5309(d) to a New Starts project, the Secretary
may consider the costs and ridership of any connected
project in an instance in which private parties are making
significant financial contributions to the construction of
the connected project; additionally, the Secretary may con-
sider the significant financial contributions of private par-
ties to the connected project in calculating the non-Federal
share of net capital project costs for the New Starts project.

SEC. 165. In developing guidance implementing 49 U.S.C. 5309(i) Program of Interrelated Projects, the Secretary shall consider projects eligible under section 5309(h) Small Starts Projects, including streetcars.

SEC. 166. New bus rapid transit projects recommended in the President’s budget submission to the Congress of the United States for funds appropriated under the heading “CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS” in this Act shall be funded from $20,000,000 in unobligated amounts that were made available to carry out the discretionary bus and bus facilities program under 49 U.S.C. 5309 in fiscal years 1984 through 2012: Provided, That all such projects shall remain subject to the Capital Investment Grants Program requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309 for New Starts, Small Starts, or Core Capacity projects as applicable.

SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal
year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the Corporation’s budget for the current fiscal year.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

(HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses to conduct the operations, maintenance, and capital asset renewal activities of those portions of the St. Lawrence Seaway owned, operated, and maintained by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, $31,500,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 99–662, and of which $14,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017, for the Asset Renewal Program.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a U.S.-flag merchant fleet to serve the national security needs of the United States, $186,000,000, to remain available until expended.

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses of operations and training activities authorized by law, $149,900,000, of which $11,300,000 shall remain available until expended for
maintenance and repair of training ships at State Maritime Academies, and of which $2,400,000 shall remain available through September 30, 2016, for the Student Incentive Program at State Maritime Academies, and of which $1,200,000 shall remain available until expended for training ship fuel assistance payments, and of which $15,954,000 shall remain available until expended for facilities maintenance and repair, equipment, and capital improvements at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and of which $3,000,000 shall remain available through September 16, 2016, for Maritime Environment and Technology Assistance grants and cooperative agreement: Provided, That amounts apportioned for the United States Merchant Marine Academy shall be available only upon allotments made personally by the Secretary of Transportation or the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs: Provided further, That the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and the Director of the Office of Resource Management of the United State Merchant Marine Academy may not be allotment holders for the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and the Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall hold all allotments made by the Secretary of Transportation or the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs under the previous proviso: Provided further, That 50 percent of the funding
made available for the United States Merchant Marine Academy under this heading shall be available only after the Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent and the Maritime Administrator, completes a plan detailing by program or activity how such funding will be expended at the Academy, and this plan is submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That not later than January 12, 2015, the Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall transmit to Congress the biennial survey and report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at the United States Merchant Marine Academy as required pursuant to section 3507 of Public Law 110–417: Provided further, That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by $100,000 for each day after January 12, 2015 that such report has not been submitted to the Congress.

SHIP DISPOSAL

For necessary expenses related to the disposal of obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet of the Maritime Administration, $4,800,000, to remain available until expended.
MARITIME GUARANTEED LOAN (TITLE XI) PROGRAM

ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized, $7,100,000, of which $4,000,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That not to exceed $3,100,000 shall be available for necessary administrative expenses to carry out the maritime guaranteed loan program, which shall be paid to the appropriations for “Operations and Training, Maritime Administration”.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 170. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Maritime Administration is authorized to furnish utilities and services and make necessary repairs in connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving Government property under control of the Maritime Administration: Provided, That payments received therefor shall be credited to the appropriation charged with the cost thereof and shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That rental payments under any such lease, contract, or occupancy for items other than such
utilities, services, or repairs shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Operational Expenses

(Pipeline Safety Fund)

(Including Transfer of Funds)

For necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, $22,225,000: Provided, That $1,500,000 shall be transferred to “Pipeline Safety” in order to fund “Pipeline Safety Information Grants to Communities” as authorized under section 60130 of title 49, United States Code.

Hazardous Materials Safety

For expenses necessary to discharge the hazardous materials safety functions of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, $52,000,000, of which $7,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That up to $800,000 in fees collected under 49 U.S.C. 5108(g) shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts: Provided further, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to be available until expended, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training, for reports
publication and dissemination, and for travel expenses incurred in performance of hazardous materials exemptions and approvals functions.

PIPELINE SAFETY

(Pipeline Safety Fund)

(Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund)

(Pipeline Safety Design Review Fund)

For expenses necessary to conduct the functions of the pipeline safety program, for grants-in-aid to carry out a pipeline safety program, as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 60107, and to discharge the pipeline program responsibilities of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, $158,000,000, of which $19,500,000 shall be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and shall remain available until September 30, 2017; and of which $136,500,000 shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Fund, of which $78,309,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2017; and of which $2,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Design Review Fund.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

(Emergency Preparedness Fund)

For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5128(b), $188,000 to be derived from the Emergency Preparedness Fund, to remain available until September 30,
2016: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the fiscal year limitation specified in 49 U.S.C. 5116, not more than $28,318,000 shall be made available for obligation in fiscal year 2015 from amounts made available by 49 U.S.C. 5116(i), and 5128(b) and (c): *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available by 49 U.S.C. 5116(i), 5128(b), or 5128(e) shall be made available for obligation by individuals other than the Secretary of Transportation, or his designee: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding 49 U.S.C. 5128(b) and (e) and the current year obligation limitation, prior year recoveries recognized in the current year shall be available to develop a hazardous materials response training curriculum for emergency responders, including response activities for crude oil, ethanol and other flammable liquids by rail, consistent with National Fire Protection Association standards, and to make such training available through an electronic format and a competitive process to non-profit organizations to train public sector employees to respond to an accident or incident involving the transportation of hazardous materials.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

Sec. 180. Subsection (i)(4) of section 5116 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “2 percent” and inserting “4 percent”.

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SEC. 181. Notwithstanding section 60117(n)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code, the Secretary may require the person proposing any project with design and construction costs over $2,500,000,000 for the construction, expansion, or operation of a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facility or liquefied natural gas pipeline facility to pay the costs incurred by the Secretary relating to a facility design safety review.

SEC. 182. The Secretary is directed to initiate a rule-making or alternative risk-based compliance regime for the siting of small-scale liquefaction facilities that generate and package liquefied natural gas for use as a transportation fuel for domestic delivery via non-pipeline means. The rulemaking or alternative risk-based compliance regime should incorporate the 2013 National Fire Protection Association Standard 59A and industry best practices while ensuring appropriate public safety protections.

Office of Inspector General

Salaries and Expenses

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector General to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $86,223,000: Provided, that the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspect-
tor General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to inves-
tigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to
the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity
that is subject to regulation by the Department: Provided
further, That the funds made available under this heading
may be used to investigate, pursuant to section 41712 of
title 49, United States Code: (1) unfair or deceptive prac-
tices and unfair methods of competition by domestic and
foreign air carriers and ticket agents; and (2) the compli-
ance of domestic and foreign air carriers with respect to
item (1) of this proviso.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Surface Transpor-
tation Board, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C.
3109, $31,500,000: Provided, That notwithstanding any
other provision of law, not to exceed $1,250,000 from fees
established by the Chairman of the Surface Transpor-
tation Board shall be credited to this appropriation as off-
setting collections and used for necessary and authorized
expenses under this heading: Provided further, That the
sum herein appropriated from the general fund shall be
reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis as such offsetting col-
lections are received during fiscal year 2014, to result in
a final appropriation from the general fund estimated at no more than $30,250,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sec. 190. During the current fiscal year, applicable appropriations to the Department of Transportation shall be available for maintenance and operation of aircraft; hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; purchase of liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in foreign countries on official department business; and uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902).

Sec. 191. Appropriations contained in this Act for the Department of Transportation shall be available for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for an Executive Level IV.

Sec. 192. None of the funds in this Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than 110 political and Presidential appointees in the Department of Transportation: Provided, That none of the personnel covered by this provision may be assigned on temporary detail outside the Department of Transportation.

Sec. 193. (a) No recipient of funds made available in this Act shall disseminate personal information (as de-

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall not withhold funds provided in this Act for any grantee if a State is in noncompliance with this provision.

SEC. 194. Funds received by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Railroad Administration from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training may be credited respectively to the Federal Highway Administration’s “Federal-Aid Highways” account, the Federal Transit Administration’s “Technical Assistance and Training” account, and to the Federal Railroad Administration’s “Safety and Operations” account, except for State rail safety inspectors participating in training pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 20105.

SEC. 195. None of the funds in this Act to the Department of Transportation may be used to make a grant unless the Secretary of Transportation notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before any project competitively selected to receive a discretionary grant award, any discre-
tionary grant award, letter of intent, or full funding grant agreement is announced by the department or its modal administrations from:

(1) any discretionary grant program of the Federal Highway Administration including the emergency relief program;

(2) the airport improvement program of the Federal Aviation Administration;

(3) any program of the Federal Railroad Administration;

(4) any program of the Federal Transit Administration other than the formula grants and fixed guideway modernization programs;

(5) any program of the Maritime Administration; or

(6) any funding provided under the headings “National Infrastructure Investments” in this Act:

Provided, That the Secretary gives concurrent notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for any “quick release” of funds from the emergency relief program: Provided further, That no notification shall involve funds that are not available for obligation.

Sec. 196. Rebates, refunds, incentive payments, minor fees and other funds received by the Department
of Transportation from travel management centers, charge card programs, the subleasing of building space, and miscellaneous sources are to be credited to appropriations of the Department of Transportation and allocated to elements of the Department of Transportation using fair and equitable criteria and such funds shall be available until expended.

SEC. 197. Amounts made available in this or any other Act that the Secretary determines represent improper payments by the Department of Transportation to a third-party contractor under a financial assistance award, which are recovered pursuant to law, shall be available—

(1) to reimburse the actual expenses incurred by the Department of Transportation in recovering improper payments; and

(2) to pay contractors for services provided in recovering improper payments or contractor support in the implementation of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002: Provided, That amounts in excess of that required for paragraphs (1) and (2)—

(A) shall be credited to and merged with the appropriation from which the improper payments were made, and shall be available for the purposes and period for which such appropria-
tions are available: Provided further, That
where specific project or accounting information
associated with the improper payment or pay-
ments is not readily available, the Secretary
may credit an appropriate account, which shall
be available for the purposes and period associ-
ated with the account so credited; or

(B) if no such appropriation remains avail-
able, shall be deposited in the Treasury as mis-
cellaneous receipts: Provided further, That prior
to the transfer of any such recovery to an ap-
propriations account, the Secretary shall notify
the House and Senate Committees on Approp-
riations of the amount and reasons for such
transfer: Provided further, That for purposes of
this section, the term “improper payments” has
the same meaning as that provided in section
2(d)(2) of Public Law 107–300.

Sec. 198. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, if any funds provided in or limited by this Act are
subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to
be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
propriations, transmission of said reprogramming notice
shall be provided solely to the Committees on Appropria-
tions, and said reprogramming action shall be approved
or denied solely by the Committees on Appropriations:

Provided, That the Secretary may provide notice to other congressional committees of the action of the Committees on Appropriations on such reprogramming but not sooner than 30 days following the date on which the reprogramming action has been approved or denied by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Sec. 199. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used by the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation to charge or collect any filing fee for rate or practice complaints filed with the Board in an amount in excess of the amount authorized for district court civil suit filing fees under section 1914 of title 28, United States Code.

Sec. 199A. Funds appropriated in this Act to the modal administrations may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary for the costs related to assessments or reimbursable agreements only when such amounts are for the costs of goods and services that are purchased to provide a direct benefit to the applicable modal administration or administrations.

Sec. 199B. The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to carry out a program that establishes uniform standards for developing and supporting agency transit
pass and transit benefits authorized under section 7905
of title 5, United States Code, including distribution of
transit benefits by various paper and electronic media.
This title may be cited as the "Department of Trans-
portation Appropriations Act, 2015".

TITLE II
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
For necessary salaries and expenses for Executive Of-
ices, which shall be comprised of the offices of the Sec-
retary, Deputy Secretary, Adjudicatory Services, Congres-
sional and Intergovernmental Relations, Public Affairs,
Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and the
Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships,
$14,700,000: Provided, That not to exceed $25,000 of the
amount made available under this heading shall be avail-
able to the Secretary for official reception and representa-
tion expenses as the Secretary may determine.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICES
For necessary salaries and expenses for Administra-
tive Support Offices, $519,867,000, of which not to exceed
$48,000,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief
Financial Officer; not to exceed $94,640,000 shall be
available for the Office of the General Counsel; not to exceed $198,800,000 shall be available for the Office of Administration; not to exceed $58,000,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer; not to exceed $51,135,000 shall be available for the Office of Field Policy and Management; not to exceed $16,330,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer; not to exceed $3,202,000 shall be available for the Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity; not to exceed $4,560,000 shall be available for the Office of Strategic Planning and Management; and not to exceed $45,200,000 shall be available for the Office of Information Officer: Provided, That funds provided under this heading may be used for necessary administrative and non-administrative expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, not otherwise provided for, including purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated under this heading may be used for advertising and promotional activities that support the housing mission area: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide the Committees on Appropriations quarterly written notification regarding the
status of pending congressional reports: Provided further,
That the Secretary shall provide in electronic form all
signed reports required by Congress.

PROGRAM OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING
For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
Public and Indian Housing, $205,525,000.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
Community Planning and Development, $103,300,000.

HOUSING
For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
Housing, $386,677,000, of which at least $9,000,000 shall
be for the Office of Risk and Regulatory Affairs.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH
For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
Policy Development and Research, $22,300,000.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, $69,700,000.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY
HOMES
For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, $7,075,000.
PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION

For continuing activities under the heading “Rental Assistance Demonstration” in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112–55), and in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary, $10,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2018: Provided, That such funds shall only be available to properties converting from assistance under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For activities and assistance for the provision of tenant-based rental assistance authorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (“the Act” herein), not otherwise provided for, $15,562,160,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2014 (in addition to the $4,000,000,000 previously appropriated under this heading that shall be available on October 1, 2014), and $4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2015: Provided, That the amounts made available under this heading are provided as follows:
(1) $17,719,000,000 shall be available for renewals of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual contributions contracts (including renewals of enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act) and including renewal of other special purpose incremental vouchers: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, from amounts provided under this paragraph and any carryover, the Secretary for the calendar year 2015 funding cycle shall provide renewal funding for each public housing agency based on validated voucher management system (VMS) leasing and cost data for the prior calendar year and by applying an inflation factor as established by the Secretary, by notice published in the Federal Register, and by making any necessary adjustments for the costs associated with the first-time renewal of vouchers under this paragraph including tenant protection, HOPE VI, and Choice Neighborhoods vouchers: Provided further, That in determining calendar year 2015 funding allocations under this heading for public housing agencies, including agencies participating in the Moving To Work (MTW) demonstration, the Secretary may take into account the anticipated impact of changes
in targeting and utility allowances, on public housing agencies’ contract renewal needs: Provided further,
That none of the funds provided under this paragraph may be used to fund a total number of unit months under lease which exceeds a public housing agency’s authorized level of units under contract, except for public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration, which are instead governed by the terms and conditions of their MTW agreements:
Provided further, That the Secretary shall, to the extent necessary to stay within the amount specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise modified under this paragraph), prorate each public housing agency’s allocation otherwise established pursuant to this paragraph: Provided further, That except as provided in the following provisos, the entire amount specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise modified under this paragraph) shall be obligated to the public housing agencies based on the allocation and pro rata method described above, and the Secretary shall notify public housing agencies of their annual budget by the latter of 60 days after enactment of this Act or March 1, 2015: Provided further, That the Secretary may extend the notification period with the prior written approval of the House
and Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall be funded pursuant to their MTW agreements and shall be subject to the same pro rata adjustments under the previous provisos: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may offset public housing agencies’ calendar year 2015 allocations based on the excess amounts of public housing agencies’ net restricted assets accounts, including HUD held programmatic reserves (in accordance with VMS data in calendar year 2014 that is verifiable and complete), as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall also be subject to the offset, as determined by the Secretary, excluding amounts subject to the single fund budget authority provisions of their MTW agreements, from the agencies’ calendar year 2015 MTW funding allocation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall use any offset referred to in the previous two provisos throughout the calendar year to prevent the termination of rental assistance for families as the result of insufficient funding, as determined by the Secretary, and to avoid or reduce the proration of renewal funding allocations: *Provided
further, That up to $75,000,000 shall be available only: (1) for adjustments in the allocations for public housing agencies, after application for an adjustment by a public housing agency that experienced a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in renewal costs of vouchers resulting from unforeseen circumstances or from portability under section 8(r) of the Act; (2) for vouchers that were not in use during the 12-month period in order to be available to meet a commitment pursuant to section 8(o)(13) of the Act; (3) for adjustments for costs associated with HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD–VASH) vouchers; and (4) for public housing agencies that despite taking reasonable cost savings measures, as determined by the Secretary, would otherwise be required to terminate rental assistance for families as a result of insufficient funding: Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate amounts under the previous proviso based on need, as determined by the Secretary; (2) $130,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental assistance for relocation and replacement of housing units that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to section 18 of the Act, conversion of section 23 projects to assistance under section 8, the family
unification program under section 8(x) of the Act, relocation of witnesses in connection with efforts to combat crime in public and assisted housing pursuant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecution agency, enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act, HOPE VI and Choice Neighborhood vouchers, mandatory and voluntary conversions, and tenant protection assistance including replacement and relocation assistance or for project-based assistance to prevent the displacement of unassisted elderly tenants currently residing in section 202 properties financed between 1959 and 1974 that are refinanced pursuant to Public Law 106–569, as amended, or under the authority as provided under this Act: Provided, That when a public housing development is submitted for demolition or disposition under section 18 of the Act, the Secretary may provide section 8 rental assistance when the units pose an imminent health and safety risk to residents: Provided further, That the Secretary may only provide replacement vouchers for units that were occupied within the previous 24 months that cease to be available as assisted housing, subject only to the availability of funds: Provided further, That of the
amounts made available under this paragraph, $5,000,000 may be available to provide tenant protection assistance, not otherwise provided under this paragraph, to residents residing in low vacancy areas and who may have to pay rents greater than 30 percent of household income, as the result of (1) the maturity of a HUD-insured, HUD-held or section 202 loan that requires the permission of the Secretary prior to loan prepayment; (2) the expiration of a rental assistance contract for which the tenants are not eligible for enhanced voucher or tenant protection assistance under existing law; or (3) the expiration of affordability restrictions accompanying a mortgage or preservation program administered by the Secretary: Provided further, That such tenant protection assistance made available under the previous proviso may be provided under the authority of section 8(t) or section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(t)): Provided further, That the Secretary shall issue guidance to implement the previous provisos, including, but not limited to, requirements for defining eligible at-risk households within 120 days of the enactment of this Act: Provided further, That any tenant protection voucher made available from
amounts under this paragraph shall not be reissued
by any public housing agency, except the replace-
ment vouchers as defined by the Secretary by notice,
when the initial family that received any such vouch-
er no longer receives such voucher, and the authority
for any public housing agency to issue any such
voucher shall cease to exist: Provided further, That
the Secretary, for the purpose under this paragraph,
may use unobligated balances, including recaptures
and carryovers, remaining from amounts appro-
priated in prior fiscal years under this heading for
voucher assistance for nonelderly disabled families
and for disaster assistance made available under
Public Law 110–329;

(3) $1,555,000,000 shall be for administrative
and other expenses of public housing agencies in ad-
ministering the section 8 tenant-based rental assist-
ance program, of which up to $10,000,000 shall be
available to the Secretary to allocate to public hous-
ing agencies that need additional funds to admin-
ister their section 8 programs, including fees associ-
ated with section 8 tenant protection rental assist-
ance, the administration of disaster related vouchers,
Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers, and
other special purpose incremental vouchers: Pro-
vided, That no less than $1,545,000,000 of the amount provided in this paragraph shall be allocated to public housing agencies for the calendar year 2015 funding cycle based on section 8(q) of the Act (and related Appropriation Act provisions) as in effect immediately before the enactment of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–276): Provided further, That if the amounts made available under this paragraph are insufficient to pay the amounts determined under the previous proviso, the Secretary may decrease the amounts allocated to agencies by a uniform percentage applicable to all agencies receiving funding under this paragraph or may, to the extent necessary to provide full payment of amounts determined under the previous proviso, utilize unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryovers, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading from prior fiscal years, excluding special purpose vouchers, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That all public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall be funded pursuant to their MTW agreements, and shall be
subject to the same uniform percentage decrease as
under the previous proviso: Provided further, That
amounts provided under this paragraph shall be only
for activities related to the provision of tenant-based
rental assistance authorized under section 8, includ-
ing related development activities;

(4) $83,160,000 for the renewal of tenant-
based assistance contracts under section 811 of the
Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
(42 U.S.C. 8013), including necessary administra-
tive expenses: Provided, That administrative and
other expenses of public housing agencies in admin-
istering the special purpose vouchers in this para-
graph shall be funded under the same terms and be
subject to the same pro rata reduction as the per-
cent decrease for administrative and other expenses
to public housing agencies under paragraph (3) of
this heading;

(5) $75,000,000 for incremental rental voucher
assistance for use through a supported housing pro-
gram administered in conjunction with the Depart-
ment of Veterans Affairs as authorized under section
8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937:
Provided, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development shall make such funding available, not-
withstanding section 204 (competition provision) of this title, to public housing agencies that partner with eligible VA Medical Centers or other entities as designated by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, based on geographical need for such assistance as identified by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, public housing agency administrative performance, and other factors as specified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Provided further, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may waive, or specify alternative requirements for (in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs), any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development administers in connection with the use of funds made available under this paragraph (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective delivery and administration of such voucher assistance: Provided further, That the Secretary shall set
aside an amount provided under this paragraph for
a rental assistance and supportive housing dem-
onstration program for Native American veterans
that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness living
on or near a reservation or other Indian areas: Pro-
vided further, That such demonstration program
shall be modeled after, with necessary and appro-
priate adjustments for Native American grant recipi-
ients and veterans, the rental assistance and sup-
portive housing program funded under this para-
graph, including administration in conjunction with
the Department of Veterans Affairs and overall im-
plementation of section 8(o)(19) of the Act: Provided
further, That amounts for rental assistance and as-
associated administrative costs shall be made available
by grants to recipients eligible to receive block
grants under the Native American Housing Assist-
section 4101 et seq.): Provided further, That funds
shall be awarded based on need, administrative ca-
pacity, and any other funding criteria established by
the Secretary in a Notice published in the Federal
Register after coordination with the Secretary of the
Department of Veterans Affairs within 180 days of
enactment of this Act: Provided further, That such
rental assistance shall be administered by block grant recipients in accordance with program requirements under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996: Provided further, That the second and third provisos under this paragraph shall apply to use of funds made available for this demonstration, as appropriate: Provided further, That the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, shall coordinate with block grant recipients and any other appropriate tribal organizations on the design of such demonstration and shall ensure the effective delivery of supportive services to Native American veterans that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness eligible to receive assistance under this demonstration: Provided further, That grant recipients shall report to the Secretary, as prescribed by the Secretary, utilization of such rental assistance provided under this demonstration: Provided further, That assistance made available under this paragraph shall continue to remain available for homeless veterans upon turn-over; and

(6) The Secretary shall separately track all special purpose vouchers funded under this heading.
HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND
(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

Unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading, the heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing” and the heading “Project-Based Rental Assistance”, for fiscal year 2015 and prior years may be used for renewal of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts and for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated: Provided, That any obligated balances of contract authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior that have been terminated shall be rescinded: Provided further, That amounts heretofore recaptured, or recaptured during the current fiscal year, from section 8 project-based contracts from source years fiscal year 1975 through fiscal year 1987 are hereby rescinded, and an amount of additional new budget authority, equivalent to the amount rescinded is hereby appropriated, to remain available until expended, for the purposes set forth under this heading, in addition to amounts otherwise available.

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program to carry out capital and management activities for public
housing agencies, as authorized under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (the “Act”) $1,900,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2018: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2015 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may not delegate to any Department official other than the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing any authority under paragraph (2) of section 9(j) regarding the extension of the time periods under such section: Provided further, That for purposes of such section 9(j), the term “obligate” means, with respect to amounts, that the amounts are subject to a binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately or in the future: Provided further, That up to $5,000,000 shall be to support ongoing Public Housing Financial and Physical Assessment activities: Provided further, That up to $3,000,000 shall be to support the costs of administrative and judicial receiverships: Provided further, That of the total amount provided under this heading, not to exceed $23,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to make grants, notwithstanding section 204 of this Act, to public housing agencies for emergency capital needs including safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug-related activity as well as needs resulting
from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and nat-
ural disasters excluding Presidentially declared emer-
gencies and natural disasters under the Robert T. Stafford
Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurring in fiscal year 2015: Provided further, That
of the amount made available under the previous proviso,
not less than $6,000,000 shall be for safety and security
measures: Provided further, That of the total amount pro-
vided under this heading $45,000,000 shall be for sup-
portive services, service coordinator and congregate serv-
ices as authorized by section 34 of the Act (42 U.S.C.
1437z-6) and the Native American Housing Assistance
and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.): Provided further, That of the total amount made
available under this heading, up to $15,000,000 may be
used for incentives as part of a Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative
modeled after the Jobs-Plus demonstration: Provided fur-
ther, That the funding provided under the previous proviso
shall provide competitive grants to partnerships between
public housing authorities, local workforce investment
boards established under section 117 of the Workforce In-
vestment Act of 1998, and other agencies and organiza-
tions that provide support to help public housing residents
obtain employment and increase earnings: Provided fur-
ther, That applicants must demonstrate the ability to pro-
vide services to residents, partner with workforce investment boards, and leverage service dollars: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may set aside a portion of the funds provided for the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program to support the services element of the Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may allow PHAs to request exemptions from rent and income limitation requirements under sections 3 and 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as necessary to implement the Jobs-Plus program, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may approve upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective implementation of the Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative as a voluntary program for residents: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall publish by notice in the Federal Register any waivers or alternative requirements pursuant to the preceding proviso no later than 10 days before the effective date of such notice: *Provided further*, That for funds provided under this heading, the limitation in section 9(g)(1)(A) of the Act shall be 30 percent: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may waive the limitation in the previous proviso to allow public housing agencies to fund activities authorized under section 9(e)(1)(C) of the Act: *Provided further*, That from the funds made available under this heading, the
Secretary shall provide bonus awards in fiscal year 2015 to public housing agencies that are designated high performers: Provided further, That the Department shall notify public housing agencies of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

For 2015 payments to public housing agencies for the operation and management of public housing, as authorized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)), $4,475,000,000.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

For competitive grants under the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (subject to section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v), unless otherwise specified under this heading), for transformation, rehabilitation, and replacement housing needs of both public and HUD-assisted housing and to transform neighborhoods of poverty into functioning, sustainable mixed income neighborhoods with appropriate services, schools, public assets, transportation and access to jobs, $90,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That grant funds may be used for resident and community services, community development, and affordable housing needs in the community, and for conversion of vacant or foreclosed properties to affordable housing: Provided further, That
the use of funds made available under this heading shall not be deemed to be public housing notwithstanding section 3(b)(1) of such Act: *Provided further,* That grantees shall commit to an additional period of affordability determined by the Secretary of not fewer than 20 years: *Provided further,* That grantees shall undertake comprehensive local planning with input from residents and the community, and that grantees shall provide a match in State, local, other Federal or private funds: *Provided further,* That grantees may include local governments, tribal entities, public housing authorities, and nonprofits: *Provided further,* That for-profit developers may apply jointly with a public entity: *Provided further,* That for purposes of environmental review, a grantee shall be treated as a public housing agency under section 26 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437x), and grants under this heading shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Secretary to implement such section: *Provided further,* That of the amount provided, not less than $55,000,000 shall be awarded to public housing authorities: *Provided further,* That such grantees shall create partnerships with other local organizations including assisted housing owners, service agencies, and resident organizations: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall consult with the Secretaries of Education, Labor, Transportation, Health and
Human Services, Agriculture, and Commerce, the Attorney General, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate and leverage other appropriate Federal resources: Provided further, That no more than $5,000,000 of funds made available under this heading may be provided to assist communities in developing comprehensive strategies for implementing this program or implementing other revitalization efforts in conjunction with community notice and input: Provided further, That the Secretary shall develop and publish guidelines for the use of such competitive funds, including but not limited to eligible activities, program requirements, and performance metrics: Provided further, That unobligated balances, including recaptures, remaining from funds appropriated under the heading “Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI)” in fiscal year 2011 and prior fiscal years may be used for purposes under this heading, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

For the Family Self-Sufficiency program to support family self-sufficiency coordinators under section 23 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under sections 8(o) and 9 of such Act with public
and private resources, and enable eligible families to
achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency,
$75,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2016: Provided, That the Secretary may, by Federal Reg-
ister notice, waive or specify alternative requirements
under sections b(3), b(4), b(5), or c(1) of section 23 of
such Act in order to facilitate the operation of a unified
self-sufficiency program for individuals receiving assist-
ance under different provisions of the Act, as determined
by the Secretary: Provided further, That owners of a pri-
vately owned multifamily property with a section 8 con-
tract may voluntarily make a Family Self-Sufficiency pro-
gram available to the assisted tenants of such property
in accordance with procedures established by the Sec-
retary: Provided further, That such procedures established
pursuant to the previous proviso shall permit participating
tenants to accrue escrow funds in accordance with section
23(d)(2) and shall allow owners to use funding from resid-
ual receipt accounts to hire coordinators for their own
Family Self-Sufficiency program: Provided further, That
the Secretary may carry out a demonstration testing the
effectiveness of combining vouchers for homeless youth
under the Family Unification Program authorized under
section 8(x) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
(42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (“the Act” herein) with assist-
ance under the Family Self-Sufficiency program authorized under section 23 of the Act: Provided further, That the Secretary may establish alternative requirements to those contained in section 8(x) of the Act to facilitate such a demonstration: Provided further, That any public housing agency that has existing Family Unification Program vouchers and an established Family Self-Sufficiency program may participate in such demonstration provided that they can demonstrate (1) an agreement with the public child welfare agency or agencies to serve the target population; (2) capacity to serve the target population; (3) the success of the agency’s existing Family Self-Sufficiency program in serving residents; (4) partnerships with local organizations that serve homeless youth; and (5) any other factors established by the Secretary: Provided further, That the Secretary shall monitor and evaluate the demonstration and report on whether the demonstration helped homeless youth achieve self-sufficiency.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

For the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), $650,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2019: Provided, That, notwithstanding the Native American Housing As-
assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to determine the amount of the allocation under title I of such Act for each Indian tribe, the Secretary shall apply the formula under section 302 of such Act with the need component based on single-race census data and with the need component based on multi-race census data, and the amount of the allocation for each Indian tribe shall be the greater of the two resulting allocation amounts: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, $4,000,000 shall be contracted for assistance for a national organization representing Native American housing interests for providing training and technical assistance to Indian housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities as authorized under section 703 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4212); and up to $2,000,000 shall be to support the inspection of Indian housing units, contract expertise, training, and technical assistance in the training, oversight, and management of such Indian housing and tenant-based assistance, including up to $300,000 for related travel: Provided further, That of the amount provided under this heading, $2,000,000 shall be made available for the cost of guaranteed notes and other obligations, as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA: Provided further, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such notes and other obligations, shall be as defined in section
502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amend-
ed: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to sub-
idize the total principal amount of any notes and other
obligations, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to
exceed $16,530,000: *Provided further*, That the Depart-
ment will notify grantees of their formula allocation within
60 days of the date of enactment of this Act.

**NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT**

For the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant pro-
gram, as authorized under title VIII of the Native Amer-
ican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), $10,000,000, to remain
available until September 30, 2019: *Provided*, That of this
amount, $300,000 shall be for training and technical as-
sistance activities, including up to $100,000 for related
travel by Hawaii-based employees of the Department of
Housing and Urban Development.

**INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM**

**ACCOUNT**

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by
section 184 of the Housing and Community Development
Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a), $6,000,000, to re-
main available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs,
including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as
defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, up to $714,290,000, to remain available until expended: Provided further, That up to $750,000 of this amount may be for administrative contract expenses including management processes and systems to carry out the loan guarantee program.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b) and for such costs for loans used for refinancing, $100,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, up to $16,130,000, to remain available until expended.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.),
$330,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2017, except that amounts allocated pursuant to section 854(c)(3) of such Act shall remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That the Secretary shall renew all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing that initially were funded under section 854(c)(3) of such Act from funds made available under this heading in fiscal year 2010 and prior fiscal years that meet all program requirements before awarding funds for new contracts under such section: Provided further, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

For assistance to units of State and local government, and to other entities, for economic and community development activities, and for other purposes, $3,090,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2017, unless otherwise specified: Provided, That of the total amount provided, $3,020,000,000 is for carrying out the community development block grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (the “Act” herein) (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.): Provided further, That unless explicitly provided for under this heading, not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with funds appropriated under this heading.
shall be expended for planning and management development and administration: Provided further, That a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives funds under this heading may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such funds to another such entity in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 105(e)(1) of the Act, no funds provided under this heading may be provided to a for-profit entity for an economic development project under section 105(a)(17) unless such project has been evaluated and selected in accordance with guidelines required under subparagraph (e)(2): Provided further, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That $70,000,000 shall be for grants to Indian tribes notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such Act, of which, notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 204 of this Act), up to $3,960,000 may be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under the previous proviso, $10,000,000 shall be for grants for mold remediation and
prevention that shall be awarded through one national
competition to Native American tribes with the greatest
need.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES
PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Subject to section 502 of the Congressional Budget
Act of 1974, during fiscal year 2015, commitments to
guarantee loans under section 108 of the Housing and
Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308),
any part of which is guaranteed, shall not exceed a total
principal amount of $500,000,000: Provided, That the
Secretary shall collect fees from borrowers to result in a
cost of zero for guaranteeing such loans, and any such
fees shall be collected in accordance with section 502(7)

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

For the HOME investment partnerships program, as
authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
tional Affordable Housing Act, as amended,
$950,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2018: Provided, That notwithstanding the amount made
available under this heading, the threshold reduction re-
quirements in sections 216(10) and 217(b)(4) of such Act
shall not apply to allocations of such amount: Provided
further, That the requirements under provisos 2 through
6 under this heading for fiscal year 2012 and such re-
quirements applicable pursuant to the “Full-Year Con-
minating Appropriations Act, 2013”, shall not apply to any
project to which funds were committed on or after August
23, 2013, but such projects shall instead be governed by
the Final Rule titled “Home Investment Partnerships
Program; Improving Performance and Accountability; Up-
dating Property Standards” which became effective on
such date: Provided further, That the Department shall
notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days
of enactment of this Act.

SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP

OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

For the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Op-
portunity Program, as authorized under section 11 of the
Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, as
amended, $50,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2017: Provided, That of the total amount pro-
vided under this heading, $10,000,000 shall be made
available to the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership
Opportunity Program as authorized under section 11 of
the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996,
as amended: Provided further, That $35,000,000 shall be
made available for the second, third, and fourth capacity
building activities authorized under section 4(a) of the
HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note), of which not less than $5,000,000 shall be made available for rural capacity-building activities: Provided further, That $5,000,000 shall be made available for capacity building by national rural housing organizations with experience assessing national rural conditions and providing financing, training, technical assistance, information, and research to local nonprofits, local governments and Indian Tribes serving high need rural communities.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For the emergency solutions grants program as authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; the continuum of care program as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of such Act; and the rural housing stability assistance program as authorized under subtitle D of title IV of such Act, $2,145,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2017: Provided, That any rental assistance amounts that are recaptured under such continuum of care program shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That not less than $250,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for such emergency solutions grants program: Provided further, That not less than $1,848,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for such
continuum of care and rural housing stability assistance programs: Provided further, That up to $7,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for the national homeless data analysis project: Provided further, That all funds awarded for supportive services under the continuum of care program and the rural housing stability assistance program shall be matched by not less than 25 percent in cash or in kind by each grantee: Provided further, That a grantee may use State and local funds from any source to satisfy match requirements applicable to funds made available under this heading, so long as the funds are used in accordance with their authorized purpose: Provided further, That the Secretary may renew on an annual basis expiring contracts or amendments to contracts funded under the continuum of care program if the program is determined to be needed under the applicable continuum of care and meets appropriate program requirements, performance measures, and financial standards, as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That all awards of assistance under this heading shall be required to coordinate and integrate homeless programs with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which homeless populations may be eligible: Provided further, That with respect to funds provided under this heading for the con-
tinuum of care program for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, provision of permanent housing rental assistance may be administered by private nonprofit organizations: Provided further, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation from amounts allocated (which may represent initial or final amounts allocated) for the emergency solutions grant program within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For activities and assistance for the provision of project-based subsidy contracts under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (“the Act”), not otherwise provided for, $9,346,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2014 (in addition to the $400,000,000 previously appropriated under this heading that shall be available on October 1, 2014), and $400,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2015: Provided, That the amounts made available under this heading shall be available for expiring or terminating section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for contracts entered
into pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401), for renewal of senior preservation rental assistance contracts, as authorized by section 811(e) of the American Housing and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701q note), for renewal of section 8 contracts for units in projects that are subject to approved plans of action under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and for administrative and other expenses associated with project-based activities and assistance funded under this paragraph: 

_Provided further_, That of the total amounts provided under this heading, not to exceed $210,000,000 shall be available for performance-based contract administrators for section 8 project-based assistance, for carrying out 42 U.S.C. 1437(f): _Provided further_, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may also use such amounts in the previous proviso for performance-based contract administrators for the administration of: interest reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1(a)); rent supplement payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s); section 236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C.
1715z–1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the elderly under section 202(e)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); project rental assistance contracts for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2)); project assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667); and loans under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667): Provided further, That amounts recaptured under this heading, the heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing”, or the heading “Housing Certificate Fund”, may be used for renewals of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts or for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the request of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 8 project-based Housing Assistance Payments contract that authorizes HUD or a Housing Finance Agency to require that surplus project funds be deposited in an interest-bearing residual receipts account and that are in excess of an amount to be deter-
mined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Depart-
ment and deposited in this account, to be available until
expended: *Provided further*, That amounts deposited pur-
suant to the previous proviso shall be available in addition
to the amount otherwise provided by this heading for uses
authorized under this heading.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

For amendments to capital advance contracts for
housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of
the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for project
rental assistance for the elderly under section 202(c)(2)
of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such
assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such as-
stance for up to a 1-year term, and for senior preserva-
tion rental assistance contracts, as authorized by section
811(e) of the American Housing and Economic Oppor-
tunity Act of 2000, as amended, and for supportive serv-
ices associated with the housing, $420,000,000, to remain
available until September 30, 2018: *Provided*, That of the
amount provided under this heading, up to $70,000,000
shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of
existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted
housing projects: *Provided further*, That amounts under
this heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment
Center inspections and inspection-related activities associ-
ated with section 202 projects: Provided further, That the
Secretary may waive the provisions of section 202 gov-
erning the terms and conditions of project rental assist-
ance, except that the initial contract term for such assist-
ance shall not exceed 5 years in duration: Provided further,
That upon request of the Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development, project funds that are held in residual re-
cceipts accounts for any project subject to a section 202
project rental assistance contract, and that upon termi-
nation of such contract are in excess of an amount to be
determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the De-
partment and deposited in this account, to be available
until September 30, 2018.

HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

For amendments to capital advance contracts for
supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as author-
ized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), for project rental
assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabil-
ities under section 811(d)(2) of such Act and for project
assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the
Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667),
including amendments to contracts for such assistance
and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for
up to a 1-year term, for project rental assistance to State
housing finance agencies and other appropriate entities as authorized under section 811(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Housing Act, and for supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act, $135,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2018: Provided, That amounts made available under this heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment Center inspections and inspection-related activities associated with section 811 projects: Provided further, That, in this fiscal year, upon the request of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 811 project rental assistance contract and that upon termination of such contract are in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this account, to be available until September 30, 2018: Provided further, That amounts deposited in this account pursuant to the previous proviso shall be available in addition to the amounts otherwise provided by this heading for the purposes authorized under this heading: Provided further, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appropriated under this heading may be used for the current
purposes authorized under this heading notwithstanding
the purposes for which such funds originally were appro-
priated.

HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

For contracts, grants, and other assistance excluding
loans, as authorized under section 106 of the Housing and
Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended,
$49,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2016, including up to $4,500,000 for administrative con-
tract services: Provided, That grants made available from
amounts provided under this heading shall be awarded
within 180 days of enactment of this Act: Provided further,
That funds shall be used for providing counseling and ad-
vice to tenants and homeowners, both current and pro-
spective, with respect to property maintenance, financial
management/literacy, and such other matters as may be
appropriate to assist them in improving their housing con-
ditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the re-
sponsibilities of tenancy or homeownership; for program
administration; and for housing counselor training.

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

For amendments to contracts under section 101 of
the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12
U.S.C. 1701s) and section 236(f)(2) of the National
Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1) in State-aided, non-
insured rental housing projects, $28,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That such amount, together with unobligated balances from recaptured amounts appropriated prior to fiscal year 2006 from terminated contracts under such sections of law, and any unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated under this heading after fiscal year 2005, shall also be available for extensions of up to one year for expiring contracts under such sections of law.

PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

For necessary expenses as authorized by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which $10,000,000 is to be derived from the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund: Provided, That not to exceed the total amount appropriated under this heading shall be available from the general fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the receipt of collections to the Fund pursuant to section 620 of such Act: Provided further, That the amount made available under this heading from the general fund shall be reduced as such collections are received...
during fiscal year 2015 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2015 appropriation from the general fund estimated at not more than zero, and fees pursuant to such section 620 shall be modified as necessary to ensure such a final fiscal year 2015 appropriation: Provided further, That for the dispute resolution and installation programs, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may assess and collect fees from any program participant: Provided further, That such collections shall be deposited into the Fund, and the Secretary, as provided herein, may use such collections, as well as fees collected under section 620, for necessary expenses of such Act: Provided further, That, notwithstanding the requirements of section 620 of such Act, the Secretary may carry out responsibilities of the Secretary under such Act through the use of approved service providers that are paid directly by the recipients of their services.

Federal Housing Administration

Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account

New commitments to guarantee single family loans insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund shall not exceed $400,000,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That during fiscal year 2015, obligations to make direct loans to carry out the purposes of section 204(g) of the National Housing Act,
as amended, shall not exceed $20,000,000: Provided further, That the foregoing amount in the previous proviso shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with sales of single family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund: Provided further, That for administrative contract expenses of the Federal Housing Administration, $145,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided further, That to the extent guaranteed loan commitments exceed $200,000,000,000 on or before April 1, 2015, an additional $1,400 for administrative contract expenses shall be available for each $1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments (including a pro rata amount for any amount below $1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by this proviso exceed $30,000,000: Provided further, That receipts from administrative support fees collected pursuant to section 202 of the National Housing Act, as amended by section 240 of this title, shall be credited as offsetting collections to this account.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

New commitments to guarantee loans insured under the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds, as authorized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act
(12 U.S.C. 1715z–3 and 1735c), shall not exceed $30,000,000,000 in total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, to remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That during fiscal year 2015, gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed $20,000,000, which shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with the sale of single family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under such Act: Provided further, That $10,000,000 previously provided under this heading is hereby permanently rescinded.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN
GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out the purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed $500,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That $24,000,000 shall be available for necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of Government National Mortgage Association: Provided further, That to the extent that guaranteed loan commitments will and do exceed $155,000,000,000 on or before April 1,
2015, an additional $100 for necessary salaries and expenses shall be available until expended for each $1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments (including a pro rata amount for any amount below $1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by this proviso exceed $3,000,000: Provided further, That receipts from Commitment and Multiclass fees collected pursuant to title III of the National Housing Act, as amended, shall be credited as offsetting collections to this account.

**Policy Development and Research**

**Research and Technology**

For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of programs of research and studies relating to housing and urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 et seq.), including carrying out the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968, $46,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That with respect to amounts made available under this heading, notwithstanding section 204 of this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements funded with philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies, or State or local govern-
ments and their agencies for research projects: *Provided further*, That with respect to the previous proviso, such partners to the cooperative agreements must contribute at least a 50 percent match toward the cost of the project: *Provided further*, That for non-competitive agreements entered into in accordance with the previous two provisos, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall comply with section 2(b) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–282, 31 U.S.C. note) in lieu of compliance with section 102(a)(4)(C) with respect to documentation of award decisions.

**Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity**

**Fair Housing Activities**

For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, $66,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016, of which $40,600,000 shall be to carry out activities pursuant to such section 561: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Secretary may assess and collect fees to cover the costs of the Fair Housing Training Academy, and may use such funds to provide such train-
ing: Provided further, That no funds made available under this heading shall be used to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, $300,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for the creation and promotion of translated materials and other programs that support the assistance of persons with limited English proficiency in utilizing the services provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

Lead Hazard Reduction

For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as authorized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, $110,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That up to $15,000,000 of that amount shall be for the Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 that shall include research, studies, testing, and demonstration efforts, including education and outreach concerning lead-based paint poisoning and other housing-related diseases and hazards: Provided further, That for purposes of envi-
ronmental review, pursuant to the National Environ-
mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and
other provisions of the law that further the purposes of
such Act, a grant under the Healthy Homes Initiative, or
the Lead Technical Studies program under this heading
or under prior appropriations Acts for such purposes
under this heading, shall be considered to be funds for
a special project for purposes of section 305(c) of the Mul-
tifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of
1994: Provided further, That of the total amount made
available under this heading, $45,000,000 shall be made
available on a competitive basis for areas with the highest
lead paint abatement needs: Provided further, That each
recipient of funds provided under the third proviso shall
make a matching contribution in an amount not less than
25 percent: Provided further, That each applicant shall
certify adequate capacity that is acceptable to the Sec-
retary to carry out the proposed use of funds pursuant
to a notice of funding availability: Provided further, That
amounts made available under this heading in this or prior
appropriations Acts, and that still remain available, may
be used for any purpose under this heading notwith-
standing the purpose for which such amounts were appro-
priated if a program competition is undersubscribed and
there are other program competitions under this heading that are oversubscribed.

**Information Technology Fund**

For the development of, modifications to, and infrastructure for Department-wide and program-specific information technology systems, for the continuing operation and maintenance of both Department-wide and program-specific information systems, and for program-related maintenance activities, $250,000,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That any amounts transferred to this Fund under this Act shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That any amounts transferred to this Fund from amounts appropriated by previously enacted appropriations Acts may be used for the purposes specified under this Fund, in addition to any other information technology purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, the amount, as determined by the Secretary, to be used for Development, Modernization, and Enhancement, including development and deployment of a Next Generation Management System and development and deployment of modernized Federal Housing Administration systems, may not be obligated, except for 25 percent of such amount, until the Secretary submits to the Committees on Appro-
priations and the Comptroller General of the United States a plan for expenditure that—(A) provides for all information technology investments: (i) the cost and schedule baselines with explanations for each associated variance, (ii) the status of functional and performance capabilities delivered or planned to be delivered, and (iii) mitigation strategies to address identified risks; (B) outlines activities to ensure strategic, consistent, and effective application of information technology management controls: (i) enterprise architecture, (ii) project management, (iii) investment management, and (iv) human capital management.

Office of Inspector General

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $129,000,000: Provided, That the Inspector General shall have independent authority over all personnel issues within this office.

Transformation Initiative

(including transfer of funds)

Of the amounts made available in this Act under each of the following headings under this title, the Secretary may transfer to, and merge with, this account up to 0.5 percent from each such account, and such transferred amounts shall be available until September 30, 2017, for
(1) research, evaluation, and program metrics; (2) program demonstrations; and (3) technical assistance and capacity building: “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative”, “Community Development Fund”, “Fair Housing Activities”, “Family Self-Sufficiency”, “HOME Investment Partnerships Program”, “Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program”, “Housing Counseling Assistance”, “Housing for Persons with Disabilities”, “Housing for the Elderly”, “Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS”, “Lead Hazard Reduction”, “Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account”, “Native American Housing Block Grants”, “Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant”, “Project-Based Rental Assistance”, “Public Housing Capital Fund”, “Public Housing Operating Fund”, “Rental Assistance Demonstration”, “Rental Housing Assistance”, and “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance”: Provided, That the Secretary may not transfer more than $40,000,000 to this account under the authority provided in the previous proviso: Provided further, That any such amounts, or portion thereof, transferred to this account, may be transferred back to be merged with any such other account and to be available for the same purpose and same time period as provided under this Act: Provided further, That with respect to amounts made available under this heading for research, evaluation and program metrics or
program demonstrations, notwithstanding section 204 of this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements funded with philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies, or State or local governments and their agencies for research projects: Provided further, That with respect to the previous proviso, such partners to the cooperative agreements must contribute at least a 50 percent match toward the cost of the project.

General Provisions—Department of Housing and Urban Development

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

Sec. 201. 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. 1437 note) shall be rescinded or in the case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded 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 rescinded or remitted to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

SEC. 202. None of the amounts made available under this Act may be used during fiscal year 2015 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.

SEC. 203. Sections 203 and 209 of division C of Public Law 112–55 (125 Stat. 693–694) shall apply during fiscal year 2015 as if such sections were included in this title, except that during such fiscal year such sections shall be applied by substituting “fiscal year 2015” for “fiscal year 2011” and “fiscal year 2012” each place such terms appear.

SEC. 204. Except as otherwise 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.

SEC. 205. 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).

SEC. 206. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act or through a reprogramming of funds, no part of any appropriation for the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be available for any program, project or activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget estimates submitted to Congress.

SEC. 207. 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 2015 for such corporation or agen-
cy except as hereinafter provided: Provided, That collec-
tions 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 pro-
viso shall not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty
operations of these corporations, or where loans or mort-
gage purchases are necessary to protect the financial in-
terest of the United States Government.

Sec. 208. The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
velopment shall provide quarterly reports to the House
and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding all
uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured and excess funds in
each program and activity within the jurisdiction of the
Department and shall submit additional, updated budget
information to these Committees upon request.

Sec. 209. The President’s formal budget request for
fiscal year 2016, as well as the Department of Housing
and Urban Development’s congressional budget justifications to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall use the identical account and sub-account structure provided under this Act.

SEC. 210. A public housing agency or such other entity that administers Federal housing assistance for the Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, California, and the States of Alaska, Iowa, and Mississippi shall not be required to include a resident of public housing or a recipient of assistance provided under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 on the board of directors or a similar governing board of such agency or entity as required under section (2)(b) of such Act. Each public housing agency or other entity that administers Federal housing assistance under section 8 for the Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, California and the States of Alaska, Iowa and Mississippi that chooses not to include a resident of public housing or a recipient of section 8 assistance on the board of directors or a similar governing board shall establish an advisory board of not less than six residents of public housing or recipients of section 8 assistance to provide advice and comment to the public housing agency or other administering entity on issues related to public housing and see-
tion 8. Such advisory board shall meet not less than quarterly.

SEC. 211. No funds provided under this title may be used for an audit of the Government National Mortgage Association that makes applicable requirements under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

SEC. 212. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to the conditions listed under this section, for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, 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).

(e) 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.

(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 re-
siding in the transferring project and provide a cer-
tification of approval by all appropriate local govern-
mental 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 re-
ceiving project or projects meets the condition speci-
fied in subsection (d)(2)(A), any lien on the receiv-
ing project resulting from additional financing ob-
tained 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 deter-
mination that such a waiver is necessary to facilitate
the financing of acquisition, construction, and/or re-
habilitation of the receiving project or projects.

(8) If the transferring project meets the re-
quirements of subsection (d)(2), the owner or mort-
gagor of the receiving project or projects shall exe-
cute 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, as amended) 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-in-
come” shall have the meanings provided by the stat-
ute 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 con-
ditions—

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

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

(C) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended by section 801 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act;

(D) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, 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; 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;

(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;

(D) interest reduction payments under section 236 and/or additional assistance payments under section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act;

(E) assistance payments made under section 202(e)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959; and

(F) assistance payments made under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act;

(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) PUBLIC NOTICE AND RESEARCH REPORT.—

(1) The Secretary shall publish by notice in the Federal Register the terms and conditions, including criteria for HUD approval, of transfers pursuant to this section no later than 30 days before the effective date of such notice.

(2) 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.

SEC. 213. (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; and

(7) 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 an institution of higher education (as defined under 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.

SEC. 214. The funds made available for Native Alaskans under the heading “Native American Housing Block Grants” 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.

SEC. 215. Notwithstanding the limitation in the first sentence of section 255(g) of the National Housing Act
(12 U.S.C. 1715z–20(g)), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may, until September 30, 2015, insure and enter into commitments to insure mortgages under such section 255.

SEC. 216. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2015, 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 or 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 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”) and (2) environmental conditions that can-
not 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 under this section, the contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall be subject to the requirements under section 524 of MAHRAA.

Sec. 217. Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by inserting “States on behalf of non-entitlement communities,” after “issued by eligible public entities,”;

(2) by striking subsection (k) and inserting the following:
“(k) The Secretary shall monitor the use by eligible public entities and States of commitment amounts authorized in appropriation Acts for any fiscal year. If the Secretary finds that 50 percent of the annual commitment amount has been committed, the Secretary may impose a limitation on the amount of guarantees any one entity may receive in any fiscal year of $35,000,000 for units of general local government receiving grants under section 106(b) or States receiving grants under section 106(d) and $7,000,000 for units of general local government receiving grants under section 106(d); or request the enactment of legislation increasing the annual commitment authority for guarantees under this section.”; and

(3) by striking subsection (m) and inserting the following new subsection:

“(m) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN NON-ENTITLEMENT AREAS.—Any State receiving a guarantee or commitment on behalf of non-entitlement areas shall distribute all funds that are subject to such guarantee to the units of general local government in non-entitlement areas that received the commitment.”.

SEC. 218. 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 of Housing and Urban Development in con-
nection 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.

Sec. 219. 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) and (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 section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2) 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 section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2), unless otherwise specified under this title.

Sec. 220. 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 sub-office under the accounts “Executive Offices” and “Administrative Support Offices,” as well as each account receiving appropriations for “Program Office Salaries and Expenses”, “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.

Sec. 221. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall report annually to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the status of all section 8 project-based housing, including the number of all project-based units by region as well as an analysis of all federally subsidized housing being refinanced under the Mark-to-Market program. The Secretary shall identify all existing units maintained by region as section 8 project-based units, all project-based units that have opted out or have otherwise been eliminated, and the reasons these units opted out or otherwise were lost as section 8 project-based units.

Sec. 222. The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall, for fiscal year 2015 and
subsequent fiscal years, 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 availability (NOFA) 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 2015 and subsequent fiscal years, the Secretary may make the NOFA available only on the Internet at the appropriate Government Web site or through other electronic media, as determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 223. Payment of attorney fees in program-related litigation must be paid from the individual program office and Office of General Counsel personnel funding. The annual budget submissions for program offices and Office of General Counsel personnel funding must include program-related litigation costs for attorney fees as a separate line item request.

SEC. 224. The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to transfer up to 5 percent or $5,000,000, whichever is less, of the funds appropriated for any office funded under the heading “Administrative Support Offices” to any other office funded under such heading: Provided, That no appropriation for any office funded under the heading “Administrative Sup-

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port Offices” shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent or $5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior written approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the Secretary is authorized to transfer up to 5 percent or $5,000,000, whichever is less, of the funds appropriated for any account funded under the general heading “Program Office Salaries and Expenses” to any other account funded under such heading: Provided further, That no appropriation for any account funded under the general heading “Program Office Salaries and Expenses” shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent or $5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior written approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the Secretary may transfer funds made available for salaries and expenses between any office funded under the heading “Administrative Support Offices” and any account funded under the general heading “Program Office Salaries and Expenses”, but only with the prior written approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Sec. 225. The Disaster Housing Assistance Programs, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, shall be considered a “program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”
under section 904 of the McKinney Act for the purpose of income verifications and matching.

SEC. 226. (a) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall take the required actions under subsection (b) when a multifamily housing project with a section 8 contract or contract for similar project-based assistance:

(1) receives a Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) score of 30 or less; or

(2) receives a REAC score between 31 and 59 and:

(A) fails to certify in writing to HUD within 60 days that all deficiencies have been corrected; or

(B) receives consecutive scores of less than 60 on REAC inspections.

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 do not apply to such units assisted under section 8(o)(13) (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).
(b) The Secretary shall take the following required actions as authorized under subsection (a)—

(1) The Secretary shall notify the owner and provide an opportunity for response within 30 days. If the violations remain, the Secretary shall develop a Compliance, Disposition and Enforcement Plan within 60 days, with a specified timetable for correcting all deficiencies. The Secretary shall provide notice of the Plan to the owner, tenants, the local government, any mortgagees, and any contract administrator.

(2) At the end of the term of the Compliance, Disposition and Enforcement Plan, if the owner fails to fully comply with such plan, the Secretary may require immediate replacement of project management with a management agent approved by the Secretary, and shall take one or more of the following actions, and provide additional notice of those actions to the owner and the parties specified above:

(A) impose civil money penalties;

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

(C) pursue transfer of the project to an owner, approved by the Secretary under estab-
lished procedures, which will be obligated to
promptly make all required repairs and to ac-
cept renewal of the assistance contract as long
as such renewal is offered; or

(D) seek judicial appointment of a receiver
to manage the property and cure all project de-
ficiencies or seek a judicial order of specific per-
formance requiring the owner to cure all project
deficiencies.

(c) The Secretary shall also 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 imminent major threats
to health and safety after written notice to and informed
consent of the affected tenants and use of other remedies
set forth above. To the extent the Secretary determines,
in consultation with the tenants and the local government,
that the property is not feasible for continued rental as-
sistance 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, 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 report semi-annually on all properties covered by this section that are assessed through the Real Estate Assessment Center and have physical inspection scores of less than 30 or have consecutive physical inspection scores of less than 60. The report shall include:

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

(2) Actions that the Department of Housing and Urban Development is taking to protect tenants of such identified properties.

Sec. 227. 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 pub-
lic housing agency fiscal year 2015.

SEC. 228. Section 24 of the United States Housing
Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v) is amended—

    (1) in subsection (m)(1), by striking “fiscal
year” and all that follows through the period at the
end and inserting “fiscal year 2015.”; and

    (2) in subsection (o), by striking “September”
and all that follows through the period at the end
and inserting “September 30, 2015.”.

SEC. 229. 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.

SEC. 230. None of the funds in this Act may be avail-
able for the doctoral dissertation research grant program
at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 231. The language under the heading Rental
Assistance Demonstration in the Department of Housing
and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public
Law 112–55), is amended—
(1) by striking ``(except for funds allocated under such section for single room occupancy dwellings as authorized by title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)'' in both places it appears;

(2) in the second proviso, by striking ``2015'' and inserting ``2018'';

(3) in the third proviso, after ``associated with such conversion'', by inserting ``in excess of amounts made available under this heading'';

(4) in the fourth proviso, by striking ``60,000'' and inserting ``185,000'';

(5) in the penultimate proviso, by—

\[\text{(A) striking ``December 31, 2014'' and inserting ``2016'';}\]

\[\text{(B) striking ``and agreement of the administering public housing agency'';}\]

\[\text{and}\]

\[\text{(C) inserting ``a long-term project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall have a term of no less than 20 years, with rent adjustments only by an operating cost factor established by the Secretary, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C.}\]

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1437f note), or, subject to agreement of the administering public housing agency, to assistance under” following “vouchers to assistance under”;

(6) by inserting the following provisos before the final proviso: “Provided further, That amounts made available under the heading ‘Rental Housing Assistance’ during the period of conversion under the previous proviso, which may extend beyond fiscal year 2016 as necessary to allow processing of all timely applications, shall be available for project-based subsidy contracts entered into pursuant to the previous proviso: Provided further, That amounts, including contract authority, recaptured from contracts following a conversion under the previous two provisos are hereby rescinded and an amount of additional new budget authority, equivalent to the amount rescinded is hereby appropriated, to remain available until expended for such conversions: Provided further, That the Secretary may transfer amounts made available under the heading ‘Rental Housing Assistance’, amounts made available for tenant protection vouchers under the heading ‘Tenant-Based Rental Assistance’ and specifically associated with any such conversions, and amounts made
available under the previous proviso as needed to the account under the ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’ heading to facilitate conversion under the three previous provisos and any increase in cost for ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’ associated with such conversion shall be equal to amounts so transferred.”; and

(7) in the final proviso, by—

(A) striking “with respect to the previous proviso” and inserting “with respect to the previous four provisos”; and

(B) striking “impact of the previous proviso” and inserting “impact of the fiscal year 2012 and 2013 conversion of tenant protection vouchers to assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act”.

SEC. 232. None of the funds in this Act provided to the Department of Housing and Urban Development may be used to make a grant award unless the Secretary notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before any project, State, locality, housing authority, tribe, nonprofit organization, or other entity selected to receive a grant award is announced by the Department or its offices.
SEC. 233. Section 579 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act (MAHRA) of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended by striking “October 1, 2015” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “October 1, 2018”.

SEC. 234. Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) is amended by—

(a) Inserting at the end of subsection (j)—

“(7) Treatment of Replacement Reserve.—The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to funds held in replacement reserves established in subsection (9)(n).”; and

(b) Inserting at the end of subsection (m)—

“(n) Establishment of Replacement Reserves.—

“(1) In General.—Public Housing authorities shall be permitted to establish a Replacement Reserve to fund any of the capital activities listed in subparagraph (d)(1).

“(2) Source and Amount of Funds for Replacement Reserve.—At any time, a public housing authority may deposit funds from that agency’s Capital Fund into a Replacement Reserve subject to the following:
“(A) At the discretion of the Secretary, PHAs may be allowed to transfer and hold in a Replacement Reserve, funds originating from additional sources.

“(B) No minimum transfer of funds to a Replacement Reserve shall be required.

“(C) At any time, a public housing authority may not hold in a Replacement Reserve more than the amount the public housing authority has determined necessary to satisfy the anticipated capital needs of properties in its portfolio assisted under 42 U.S.C. 1437g as outlined in its Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan, or a comparable plan, as determined by the Secretary.

“(D) The Secretary may establish by regulation a maximum replacement reserve level or levels that are below amounts determined under subparagraph (C), which may be based upon the size of the portfolio assisted under 42 U.S.C. 1437g or other factors.

“(3) In first establishing a replacement reserve, the Secretary may allow public housing agencies to transfer more than 20 percent of its operating funds into its replacement reserve.
“(4) EXPENDITURE.—Funds in a Replacement Reserve may be used for purposes authorized by subparagraph (d)(1) and contained in its Capital Fund 5 Year Action Plan.

“(5) MANAGEMENT AND REPORT.—The Secretary shall establish appropriate accounting and reporting requirements to ensure that public housing agencies are spending funding on eligible projects and that funding in the reserve is connected to capital needs.”.

SEC. 235. Section 9(g)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)) is amended by—

(1) inserting “(A)” immediately after the paragraph designation;

(2) by striking the period and inserting the following at the end: “; and”;

(3) insert the following new paragraph:

“(B) FLEXIBILITY FOR OPERATING FUND AMOUNTS.—Of any amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2015 or any fiscal year thereafter that are allocated for fiscal year 2015 or any fiscal year thereafter from the Operating Fund for any public housing agency, the agency may use not more than 20 percent for activities that are eligible under subsection (d) for assistance
with amounts from the Capital Fund, but only
if the public housing plan for the agency pro-
vides for such use.”.

Sec. 236. (a) Subsection (b) of section 225 of the
Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
U.S.C. 12755) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
lowing new sentence: “Such 30-day waiting period is not
required if the grounds for the termination or refusal to
renew involve a direct threat to the safety of the tenants
or employees of the housing, or an imminent and serious
threat to the property (and the termination or refusal to
renew is in accordance with the requirements of State or
local law).”.

(b) Section 104(6) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National
Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704) is amended by
adding at the end of the undesignated matter after sub-
paragraph (D) the following sentence: “In the case of an
organization funded by the State under title II of this Act,
the organization may serve all counties within the State.”.

Sec. 237. (a) Establishment.—The Secretary of
Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this sec-
tion as the “Secretary”) shall establish a demonstration
program under which, during the period beginning on the
date of enactment of this Act, and ending on September
30, 2017, the Secretary may enter into budget-neutral,
performance-based agreements that result in a reduction in energy or water costs with such entities as the Secretary determines to be appropriate under which the entities shall carry out projects for energy or water conservation improvements at not more than 20,000 residential units in multifamily buildings participating in—

(1) the project-based rental assistance program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), other than assistance provided under section 8(o) of that Act;

(2) the supportive housing for the elderly program under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); or

(3) the supportive housing for persons with disabilities program under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2)).

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) Payments contingent on savings.—

(A) In general.—The Secretary shall provide to an entity a payment under an agreement under this section only during applicable years for which an energy or water cost savings is achieved with respect to the applicable multifamily portfolio of properties, as determined by
the Secretary, in accordance with subparagraph (B).

(B) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Each agreement under this section shall include a pay-for-success provision—

(I) that will serve as a payment threshold for the term of the agreement; and

(II) pursuant to which the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall share a percentage of the savings at a level determined by the Secretary that is sufficient to cover the administrative costs of carrying out this section.

(ii) LIMITATIONS.—A payment made by the Secretary under an agreement under this section shall—

(I) be contingent on documented utility savings; and

(II) not exceed the utility savings achieved by the date of the payment, and not previously paid, as a result of
the improvements made under the agreement.

(C) Third party verification.—Savings payments made by the Secretary under this section shall be based on a measurement and verification protocol that includes at least—

(i) establishment of a weather-normalized and occupancy-normalized utility consumption baseline established preretrofit;

(ii) annual third party confirmation of actual utility consumption and cost for owner-paid utilities;

(iii) annual third party validation of the tenant utility allowances in effect during the applicable year and vacancy rates for each unit type; and

(iv) annual third party determination of savings to the Secretary.

(2) Term.—The term of an agreement under this section shall be not longer than 12 years.

(3) Entity eligibility.—The Secretary shall—

(A) establish a competitive process for entering into agreements under this section; and
(B) enter into such agreements only with entities that demonstrate significant experience relating to—

(i) financing and operating properties receiving assistance under a program described in subsection (a);

(ii) oversight of energy and water conservation programs, including oversight of contractors; and

(iii) raising capital for energy and water conservation improvements from charitable organizations or private investors.

(4) GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY.—Each agreement entered into under this section shall provide for the inclusion of properties with the greatest feasible regional and State variance.

(c) PLAN AND REPORTS.—

(1) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed plan for the implementation of this section.
(2) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall—

(A) conduct an evaluation of the program under this section; and

(B) submit to Congress a report describing each evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A).

(d) FUNDING.—For each fiscal year during which an agreement under this section is in effect, the Secretary may use to carry out this section any funds appropriated to the Secretary for the renewal of contracts under a program described in subsection (a).

Sec. 238. Section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 12805 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1) after “new dwellings” insert “or the rehabilitation of existing dwellings”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2) after “new” insert “or rehabilitated”;

(3) in subsection (d)(1) after “dwellings” insert “or rehabilitating existing dwellings to make them decent, safe and sanitary”;

(4) in subsection (d)(2) by inserting at the end the following new subparagraph:
“(C) Planning, Administration, and Management.—Planning, administration, and management of grant programs and activities, provided that such expenses do not exceed 20 percent of any grant made under this section.”;

(5) in subsection (i)(5) by—

(A) striking “24” and inserting “36”; and

(B) striking “except that” and all that follows through “such grant amounts”; 

(6) in subsection (j) by—

(A) inserting after the heading “(1) Redistribution of Funds.—”; 

(B) striking “24” and inserting “36”; 

(C) striking “(or, in the case” and all that follows through “within 36 months)”; and 

(D) inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) Deadline for completion and conveyance.—The Secretary shall establish a deadline (which may be extended for good cause as determined by the Secretary) by which time all units that have been assisted with grant funds under this section must be completed and conveyed.”. 

(7) by striking subsection (q).
Sec. 239. Section 184(h)(1)(B) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(h)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: “Exhausting all reasonable possibilities of collection by the holder of the guarantee shall include a good faith consideration of loan modification as well as meeting standards for servicing loans in default, as determined by the Secretary.”.

Sec. 240. Section 202 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1708) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) Administration.—Notwithstanding any provision of law, and in addition to any other fees charged in connection with the provision of insurance under this title, in each fiscal year the Secretary may charge and collect a fee not to exceed 4 basis points of the original principal balance of mortgages originated by the mortgagee that were insured under this title during the previous fiscal year. Such fee collected from each mortgagee shall be used as offsetting collections for part of the administrative contract expenses funding and any necessary salaries and expenses funding provided under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account under this title. The Secretary may establish the amount of such fee through regulations,
notice, Mortgagee Letter, or other administrative issuance.”.

SEC. 241. Paragraph (1) of section 8(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amend-
ed—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after the paragraph des-
ignation;

(2) by striking the fourth, seventh, eighth, and
 ninth sentences; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) Publication of fair market rentals.—Not less than annually:

“(i) The Secretary shall publish a no-
tice in the Federal Register that proposed fair market rentals for an area have been published on the site of the Department on the Internet and in any other manner spec-
ifed by the Secretary. Such notice shall describe proposed material changes in the methodology for estimating fair market rentals and shall provide reasonable time for public comment.

“(ii) The Secretary shall publish a no-
tice in the Federal Register that final fair
market rentals have been published on the
site of the Department on the internet and in any other manner specified by the Secretary. Such notice shall include the final decisions regarding proposed substantial methodological changes for estimating fair market rentals and responses to public comments.”.

SEC. 242. Of the unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the heading “Brownfields Redevelopment”, $2,913,000 is hereby permanently rescinded: Provided, That of the unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the heading “Rural Housing and Economic Development”, $2,300,000 is hereby permanently rescinded: Provided further, That all unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the heading “Drug Elimination Grants for Low Income Housing” are hereby permanently rescinded: Provided further, That all unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for
Youthbuild program activities authorized by subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act are hereby permanently rescinded.

Sec. 243. Such sums as may be necessary to implement the Homeowners Armed With Knowledge pilot shall be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this act.

Sec. 244. Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(j) Financial Assistance.—For purposes of this section, the Secretary may enter into multiyear agreements as is appropriate, subject to the availability of annual appropriations.”.

Sec. 245. Section 526 (12 U.S.C. 1735f–4) of the National Housing Act is amended by inserting at the end of subsection (b)—

“(c) The Secretary may establish an exception to any minimum property standard established under this section in order to address alternative water systems, including cisterns, which meet requirements of State and local building codes that ensure health and safety standards.”

Sec. 246. Notwithstanding section 106(c)(4) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Secretary additionally shall provide assistance pursuant to such section to any State for use by any nonentitlement
area of any such State in which there was a major disaster
declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford
Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in 2014:
Provided, That the Secretary shall issue a notice with re-
spect to any such assistance for States within 45 days of
enactment of this Act.

This title may be cited as the “Department of Hous-
ing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2015”.

TITLE III

RELATED AGENCIES

ACCESS BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Access Board, as au-
thorized by section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
as amended, $7,548,000: Provided, That, notwithstanding
any other provision of law, there may be credited to this
appropriation funds received for publications and training
expenses.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Federal Maritime
Commission as authorized by section 201(d) of the Mer-
chant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 307), in-
cluding services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; hire of
passenger motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C.
1343(b); and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902, $25,660,000: Provided, That not to exceed $2,000 shall be available for official reception and representation expenses: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal Maritime Commission is authorized to collect user fees in this fiscal year and may retain up to $300,000 per fiscal year of such fees for necessary and authorized expenses under this heading.

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $23,499,000: Provided, That the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to investigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Provided further, That the Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies
and with private persons, subject to the applicable laws
and regulations that govern the obtaining of such services
within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Pro-
vided further, That the Inspector General may select, ap-
point, and employ such officers and employees as may be
necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and du-
ties of the Office of Inspector General, subject to the appli-
cable laws and regulations that govern such selections, ap-
pointments, and employment within Amtrak: Provided fur-
ther, That concurrent with the President’s budget request
for fiscal year 2016, the Inspector General shall submit
to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
a budget request for fiscal year 2016 in similar format
and substance to those submitted by executive agencies
of the Federal Government.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the National Transpor-
tation Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor ve-
hicles and aircraft; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per
diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS–15; uniforms,
or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C.
5901–5902), $103,981,000, of which not to exceed $2,000
may be used for official reception and representation ex-
penses. The amounts made available to the National Transportation Safety Board in this Act include amounts necessary to make lease payments on an obligation incurred in fiscal year 2001 for a capital lease.

**Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation**

**Payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation**

For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities, as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), $136,600,000, of which $5,000,000 shall be for a multi-family rental housing program: Provided, That in addition, $50,000,000 shall be made available until expended to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for mortgage foreclosure mitigation activities, under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation ("NRC") shall make grants to counseling intermediaries approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (with match to be determined by the NRC based on affordability and the economic conditions of an area; a match also may be waived by the NRC based on the aforementioned conditions) to provide mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance primarily to States and areas
with high rates of defaults and foreclosures to help eliminate the default and foreclosure of mortgages of owner-occupied single-family homes that are at risk of such foreclosure. Other than areas with high rates of defaults and foreclosures, grants may also be provided to approved counseling intermediaries based on a geographic analysis of the United States by the NRC which determines where there is a prevalence of mortgages that are risky and likely to fail, including any trends for mortgages that are likely to default and face foreclosure. A State Housing Finance Agency may also be eligible where the State Housing Finance Agency meets all the requirements under this paragraph. A HUD-approved counseling intermediary shall meet certain mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance counseling requirements, as determined by the NRC, and shall be approved by HUD or the NRC as meeting these requirements.

(2) Mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance shall only be made available to homeowners of owner-occupied homes with mortgages in default or in danger of default. These mortgages shall likely be subject to a foreclosure action and homeowners will be provided such assistance that shall consist of activities that are likely to prevent foreclosures and re-
sult in the long-term affordability of the mortgage
retained pursuant to such activity or another posi-
tive outcome for the homeowner. No funds made
available under this paragraph may be provided di-
rectly to lenders or homeowners to discharge out-
standing mortgage balances or for any other direct
debt reduction payments.

(3) The use of mortgage foreclosure mitigation
assistance by approved counseling intermediaries
and State Housing Finance Agencies shall involve a
reasonable analysis of the borrower’s financial situa-
tion, an evaluation of the current value of the prop-
erty that is subject to the mortgage, counseling re-
arding the assumption of the mortgage by another
non-Federal party, counseling regarding the possible
purchase of the mortgage by a non-Federal third
party, counseling and advice of all likely restruc-
turing and refinancing strategies or the approval of
a work-out strategy by all interested parties.

(4) NRC may provide up to 15 percent of the
total funds under this paragraph to its own charter
members with expertise in foreclosure prevention
counseling, subject to a certification by the NRC
that the procedures for selection do not consist of
any procedures or activities that could be construed
as a conflict of interest or have the appearance of
impropriety.

(5) HUD-approved counseling entities and
State Housing Finance Agencies receiving funds
under this paragraph shall have demonstrated expe-
rience in successfully working with financial institu-
tions as well as borrowers facing default, delin-
quency, and foreclosure, as well as documented
counseling capacity, outreach capacity, past success-
ful performance and positive outcomes with docu-
mented counseling plans (including post mortgage
foreclosure mitigation counseling), loan workout
agreements, and loan modification agreements. NRC
may use other criteria to demonstrate capacity in
underserved areas.

(6) Of the total amount made available under
this paragraph, up to $2,500,000 may be made
available to build the mortgage foreclosure and de-
fault mitigation counseling capacity of counseling
intermediaries through NRC training courses with
HUD-approved counseling intermediaries and their
partners, except that private financial institutions
that participate in NRC training shall pay market
rates for such training.
(7) Of the total amount made available under this paragraph, up to 5 percent may be used for associated administrative expenses for the NRC to carry out activities provided under this section.

(8) Mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance grants may include a budget for outreach and advertising, and training, as determined by the NRC.

(9) The NRC shall continue to report bi-annually to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as well as the Senate Banking Committee and House Financial Services Committee on its efforts to mitigate mortgage default.

UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses (including payment of salaries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental of conference rooms, and the employment of experts and consultants under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code) of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness in carrying out the functions pursuant to title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, $3,530,000. Title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11319) is amended
by striking section 209 and in section 204(a) by striking “level V” and inserting “level IV”.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

Sec. 401. None of the funds in this Act shall be used for the planning or execution of any program to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings funded in this Act.

Sec. 402. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year, nor may any be transferred to other appropriations, unless expressly so provided herein.

Sec. 403. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through a procurement contract pursuant to section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

Sec. 404. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be obligated or expended for any employee training that—
(1) does not meet identified needs for knowledge, skills, and abilities bearing directly upon the performance of official duties;

(2) contains elements likely to induce high levels of emotional response or psychological stress in some participants;

(3) does not require prior employee notification of the content and methods to be used in the training and written end of course evaluation;

(4) contains any methods or content associated with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or “new age” belief systems as defined in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Notice N–915.022, dated September 2, 1988; or

(5) is offensive to, or designed to change, participants’ personal values or lifestyle outside the workplace.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict, or otherwise preclude an agency from conducting training bearing directly upon the performance of official duties.

SEC. 405. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, none of the funds provided in this Act, provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2015, or provided from any ac-
counts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees and available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that:

(1) creates a new program;

(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

(3) increases funds or personnel 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;

(6) reduces existing programs, projects, or activities by $5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less; or

(7) creates, reorganizes, or restructures a branch, division, office, bureau, board, commission, agency, administration, or department different from the budget justifications submitted to the Committees on Appropriations or the table accompanying the explanatory statement accompanying this Act, whichever is more detailed, unless prior approval is
received from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each agency funded by this Act 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 further, That the 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) a delineation in the table for each appropriation and its respective prior year enacted level by object class and program, project, and activity as detailed in the budget appendix for the respective appropriation; and

(C) an identification of items of special congressional interest: Provided further, That the amount appropriated or limited for salaries and expenses for an agency shall be reduced by $100,000 per day for each day after the re-
quired date that the report has not been sub-
mitted to the Congress.

SEC. 406. Except as otherwise specifically provided
by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances
remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2015 from
appropriations made available for salaries and expenses
for fiscal year 2015 in this Act, shall remain available
through September 30, 2016, for each such account for
the purposes authorized: Provided, That a request shall
be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
propriations for approval prior to the expenditure of such
funds: Provided further, That these requests shall be made
in compliance with reprogramming guidelines under sec-
tion 405 of this Act.

SEC. 407. No funds in this Act may be used to sup-
port any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use
the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is
employed only for a public use: Provided, That for pur-
poses of this section, public use shall not be construed to
include economic development that primarily benefits pri-
ivate entities: Provided further, That any use of funds for
mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway
projects, as well as utility projects which benefit or serve
the general public (including energy-related, communica-
tion-related, water-related and wastewater-related infra-
structure), other structures designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfields as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownsfield Revitalization Act (Public Law 107–118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

SEC. 408. All Federal agencies and departments that are funded under this Act shall issue a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all sole-source contracts in effect during the preceding fiscal year by no later than March 30, 2015. Such report shall include the contractor, the amount of the contract and the rationale for using a sole-source contract.

SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriations Act.

SEC. 410. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available to pay the salary for any person filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed
Forces of the United States and has satisfactorily com-
pleted his or her period of active military or naval service,
and has within 90 days after his or her release from such
service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge
for a period of not more than 1 year, made application
for restoration to his or her former position and has been
certified by the Office of Personnel Management as still
qualified to perform the duties of his or her former posi-
tion and has not been restored thereto.

SEC. 411. No funds appropriated pursuant to this
Act may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees
that in expending the assistance the entity will comply
with sections 2 through 4 of the Buy American Act (41

SEC. 412. No funds appropriated or otherwise made
available under this Act shall be made available to any
person or entity that has been convicted of violating the

SEC. 413. None of the funds made available in this
Act may be used for first-class airline accommodations in
contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of

SEC. 414. None of the funds made available under
this Act or any prior Act may be provided to the Associa-
tion of Community Organizations for Reform Now
(ACORN), or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or allied
organizations.

SEC. 415. None of the funds made available by this
Act may be used to enter into a contract, memorandum
of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a
grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to any cor-
poration that was convicted of a felony criminal violation
under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months,
where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, un-
less the agency has considered suspension or debarment
of the corporation and has made a determination that this
further action is not necessary to protect the interests of
the Government.

SEC. 416. None of the funds made available by this
Act may be used to enter into a contract, memorandum
of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a
grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to, any cor-
poration with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has
been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative
remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that
is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agree-
ment with the authority responsible for collecting the tax
liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid
tax liability, unless the agency has considered suspension
or debarment of the corporation and has made a deter-
mination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

Sec. 417. It is the sense of the Congress that the Congress should not pass any legislation that authorizes spending cuts that would increase poverty in the United States.

Sec. 418. All agencies and departments funded by the Act shall send to Congress at the end of the fiscal year a report containing a complete inventory of the total number of vehicles owned, leased, permanently retired, and purchased during fiscal year 2015, as well as the total cost of the vehicle fleet, including maintenance, fuel, storage, purchasing, and leasing.

Sec. 419. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to pay for the painting of a portrait of an officer or employee of the Federal Government, including the head of an Executive branch agency, as defined in section 133 of title 41, U.S.C.

Sec. 420. (a) The head of any Executive branch department, agency, board, commission, or office funded by this Act shall submit annual reports to the Inspector General or senior ethics official for any entity without an Inspector General, regarding the costs and contracting procedures related to each conference held by any such department, agency, board, commission, or office during fis-
cal year 2015 for which the cost to the United States Gov-
ernment was more than $100,000.

(b) Each report submitted shall include, for each con-
ference described in subsection (a) held during the applica-
ble period—

(1) a description of its purpose;

(2) the number of participants attending;

(3) a detailed statement of the costs to the
United States Government, including—

(A) the cost of any food or beverages;

(B) the cost of any audio-visual services;

(C) the cost of employee or contractor
travel to and from the conference; and

(D) a discussion of the methodology used
to determine which costs relate to the con-
ference; and

(4) a description of the contracting procedures
used including—

(A) whether contracts were awarded on a
competitive basis; and

(B) a discussion of any cost comparison
conducted by the departmental component or
office in evaluating potential contractors for the
conference.
(c) Within 15 days of the date of a conference held by any Executive branch department, agency, board, commission, or office funded by this Act during fiscal year 2015 for which the cost to the United States Government was more than $20,000, the head of any such department, agency, board, commission, or office shall notify the Inspector General or senior ethics official for any entity without an Inspector General, of the date, location, and number of employees attending such conference.

(d) A grant or contract funded by amounts appropriated by this Act to an Executive branch agency may not be used for the purpose of defraying the costs of a conference described in subsection (c) that is not directly and programmatically related to the purpose for which the grant or contract was awarded, such as a conference held in connection with planning, training, assessment, review, or other routine purposes related to a project funded by the grant or contract.

(e) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for travel and conference activities that are not in compliance with Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M–12–12 dated May 11, 2012.
partment of the United States Government, who are stationed in the United States, at any single international conference unless the relevant Secretary reports to the Committees on Appropriations at least 5 days in advance that such attendance is important to the national interest: Provided, That for purposes of this section the term “international conference” shall mean a conference occurring outside of the United States attended by representatives of the United States Government and of foreign governments, international organizations, or nongovernmental organizations.

Sec. 422. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act and except as provided in subsection (b), any report required to be submitted by a Federal agency to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate or the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under this Act shall be posted on the public Web site of that agency 30 days following its receipt by the committee.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—
(1) the public posting of the report compromises national security; or
(2) the report contains proprietary information.

Sec. 423. Each department funded by this Act shall submit a report by March 1st providing a detailed sum-
mary of advertising by the department in the prior fiscal year, including the total amount spent. The report shall also include:

(1) a description of the purpose and intent of the advertising (such as promoting awareness of a program, promoting services or participation, or public relations to improve the attitudes about a program or agency);

(2) a breakdown of the costs of advertising by medium, including on-line (with a specific total for social media), brochures, billboards, sponsorships (including the list of all sponsorships), television, mail, and newspaper; and

(3) the cost of development, production, and staffing, including the amount spent on the salaries of department employees and payments to contractors and consultants.

Sec. 424. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to make bonus awards to contractors for work on projects that are behind schedule or over budget.

Sec. 425. None of the funds in this Act may be used for premium travel by an agency that did not provide a report on premium travel to GSA in the prior fiscal year.

Sec. 426. Each department funded by this Act shall submit a report by March 2, 2015, detailing its efforts
to address the duplication identified in the annual reports
on duplication issued by the Government Accountability
Office, along with legal barriers preventing the depart-
ment’s ability to further reduce duplication.

Sec. 427. None of the funds made available in this
Act may be used to purchase a light bulb for an office
building unless the light bulb has, to the extent prac-
ticable, an Energy Star or Federal Energy Management
Program designation.

Sec. 428. Any Federal agency or department that is
funded under this Act shall respond to any recommenda-
tion made to such agency or department by the Govern-
ment Accountability Office in a timely manner.

This Act may be cited as the “Transportation, Hous-
ing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appro-
priations Act, 2015”.
A BILL

Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

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