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# H. R. 4051

To authorize appropriations for assistance for the National Urban League, the Raza Development Fund, the Housing Partnership Network, and the National Community Renaissance Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS (for herself and Mr. HINOJOSA) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Housing Assistance  
5       Authorization Act of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON USE OF AUTHORIZED AMOUNTS.**

7       None of the amounts authorized by this Act may be  
8       used to lobby, or retain a lobbyist, for the purpose of influ-

1 encing a Federal, State, or local governmental entity or  
2 officer.

3 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE.**

4 (a) USE.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
5 velopment may make a grant to the National Urban  
6 League for the purpose of providing technical and finan-  
7 cial assistance to local non-profit organizations to under-  
8 take community development and affordable housing  
9 projects and programs serving low- and moderate-income  
10 households, particularly through organizations located in  
11 neighborhoods with substantial populations of African  
12 American income-disadvantaged households. Assistance  
13 provided by the Secretary under this section may be used  
14 by National Urban League to—

15 (1) provide technical and financial assistance  
16 for site acquisition and development, construction fi-  
17 nancing, and short- and long-term financing for  
18 housing, community facilities, and economic develop-  
19 ment;

20 (2) leverage capital from private entities, in-  
21 cluding private financial institutions, insurance com-  
22 panies, and private philanthropic organizations;

23 (3) provide technical assistance, training, sup-  
24 port, and advice to develop the management, finan-  
25 cial, and administrative capabilities of housing devel-

1       opment organizations serving low-income households,  
2       including African American households; and

3               (4) conduct such other activities as may be de-  
4       termined by the Secretary and the National Urban  
5       League.

6       (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is  
7       authorized to be appropriated for grants under this sec-  
8       tion—

9               (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

10              (2) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009  
11       and 2010.

12       **SEC. 4. ASSISTANCE FOR RAZA DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

13       (a) **USE.**—The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
14       velopment may make a grant to the Raza Development  
15       Fund for the purpose of providing technical and financial  
16       assistance to local non-profit organizations to undertake  
17       community development and affordable housing projects  
18       and programs serving low- and moderate-income house-  
19       holds, particularly through organizations located in neigh-  
20       borhoods with substantial populations of income-disadvan-  
21       taged households of Hispanic origin. Assistance provided  
22       by the Secretary under this section may be used by the  
23       Raza Development Fund to—

24              (1) provide technical and financial assistance  
25       for site acquisition and development, construction fi-

1       nancing, and short- and long-term financing for  
 2       housing, community facilities, and economic develop-  
 3       ment;

4           (2) leverage capital from private entities, in-  
 5       cluding private financial institutions, insurance com-  
 6       panies, and private philanthropic organizations;

7           (3) provide technical assistance, training, sup-  
 8       port, and advice to develop the management, finan-  
 9       cial, and administrative capabilities of housing devel-  
 10      opment organizations serving low-income households,  
 11      including Hispanic households; and

12          (4) conduct such other activities as may be de-  
 13      termined by the Secretary and the Raza Develop-  
 14      ment Fund.

15      (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is  
 16      authorized to be appropriated for grants under this sec-  
 17      tion—

18           (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

19           (2) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009  
 20      and 2010.

21      **SEC. 5. ASSISTANCE FOR THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP NET-**  
 22                                      **WORK.**

23      (a) **USE.**—The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
 24      velopment may make a grant to the Housing Partnership  
 25      Network (in this section referred to as the “Network”)

1 for the purpose of creating, sustaining, and improving ac-  
2 cess to affordable housing and community facilities that  
3 benefit very low-, low-, and moderate-income households  
4 and communities. Assistance provided by the Secretary  
5 under this section may be used by the Network to—

6           (1) make investments, loans, and grants to its  
7 member nonprofits that demonstrate expertise in  
8 using such funds to leverage additional private cap-  
9 ital to build, operate, finance, and sustain affordable  
10 housing and related community development facili-  
11 ties;

12           (2) make investments in entities sponsored by  
13 the Network with the intent to leverage additional  
14 private capital for the purpose of furthering the pro-  
15 duction capacity, sustainability, or efficiency of its  
16 members;

17           (3) pay for the necessary and reasonable ex-  
18 penses of the Network to administer and oversee  
19 such investments, including the cost of underwriting,  
20 managing the assets of the Network, and reporting  
21 to the Secretary and other capital providers, pro-  
22 vided however, that such expenses do not exceed 6  
23 percent of any amounts made available pursuant to  
24 subsection (b); and

(4) conduct such other activities as may be determined by the Secretary and the Network.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for grants under this section—

6 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

7                   (2) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009  
8                   and 2010.

9 SEC. 6. ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE.  
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(a) USE.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may make a grant to the National Community Renaissance Program (hereafter in this section referred to as “National Core”) to undertake affordable housing projects that benefit very low-, low- and moderate-income households. Assistance provided by the Secretary under this section may be used by National CORE—

(1) for site acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily housing units, including development, construction financing, and short- and long-term financing for housing, community facilities, and economic development;

(2) to leverage capital from private entities, including private financial institutions, insurance companies, and private philanthropic organizations in

1 amounts not less than \$3 for every \$1 authorized in  
2 this section; and

3 (3) conduct such other activities as may be de-  
4 termined by the Secretary and National CORE.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
6 are authorized to be appropriated for grants under this  
7 section—

8 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

9 (2) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009  
10 and 2010.

11 **SEC. 7. AUDITS AND REPORTS.**

12 (a) AUDIT.—In any year in which an entity or organi-  
13 zation described under either section 3, 4, or 5 receives  
14 funds under this Act, the Comptroller General of the  
15 United States shall—

16 (1) audit the financial transactions and activi-  
17 ties of such entity or organization only with respect  
18 to such funds so received; and

19 (2) submit a report detailing such audit to the  
20 Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
21 Representatives and the Committee on Banking,  
22 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

23 (b) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the  
24 United States shall conduct a study and submit a report  
25 to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
2 and Urban Affairs of the Senate on the use of any funds  
3 appropriated to an entity or organization described under  
4 either section 3, 4, or 5 over the past 10 years.

5 **SEC. 8. PERSONS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED**  
6 **STATES.**

7       None of the funds made available under this Act may  
8 be used to provide direct housing assistance to any person  
9 not lawfully present in the United States.

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