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# H. R. 2231

To transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty by reforming the public housing demolition and disposition rules to require one-for-one replacement and tenant protections, and to provide public housing agencies with additional resources and flexibility to preserve public housing units, and for other purposes.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. Maxine Waters of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

### 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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Public Housing Tenant Protection and Reinvestment Act
- 6 of 2015".

#### 1 (b) Table of Contents for

#### 2 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.

## TITLE I—PUBLIC HOUSING ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT AND TENANT PROTECTION

- Sec. 101. Short title.
- Sec. 102. Demolition and disposition of public housing.
- Sec. 103. Authority to convert public housing to vouchers.
- Sec. 104. Required conversion of distressed public housing to tenant-based assistance.
- Sec. 105. Limitation of public housing dwelling units.
- Sec. 106. Regulations.

### TITLE II—PUBLIC HOUSING PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION

- Sec. 201. Short title.
- Sec. 202. Authorizations of appropriations for Capital and Operating Funds.
- Sec. 203. Leveraging of other assistance.
- Sec. 204. Capital Fund flexibility.

#### TITLE III—CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Grant authority.
- Sec. 303. Eligible entities.
- Sec. 304. Eligible neighborhoods.
- Sec. 305. Authorized activities.
- Sec. 306. Submission and selection of transformation plans.
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- Sec. 311. Phase-specific underwriting.
- Sec. 312. Administration by other entities.
- Sec. 313. Withdrawal of funding.
- Sec. 314. Annual report; public availability of grant information.
- Sec. 315. Definitions.
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## TITLE IV—PILOT PROGRAM TO TRAIN PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE HOME-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

- Sec. 401. Short title.
- Sec. 402. Pilot grant program to train public housing residents to provide covered home-based health services.

#### 1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

2	(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—
3	(1) public housing is a critical public asset that
4	has served an important role on the continuum of
5	affordable housing since the 1930s, and is integral
6	to our Nation's social safety net, providing housing
7	for 1.2 million families;
8	(2) the public housing program serves a popu-
9	lation of "hard-to-house" people who face challenges
10	that often make it impossible for them to obtain
11	adequate and affordable housing in the private mar-
12	ket;
13	(3) public housing has been plagued by chronic
14	underfunding, resulting in a backlog of capital needs
15	of over \$26 billion, a large amount of severely dis-
16	tressed public housing concentrated in neighbor-
17	hoods of extreme poverty, and resident families fac-
18	ing deteriorating living conditions;
19	(4) as a result of this disinvestment, the pro-
20	gram has lost thousands of units due to demolition
21	and disposition as well as due to previous revitaliza-
22	tion programs' failure to require one-for-one replace-
23	ment, and many more units are at risk of being lost;
24	and
25	(5) a holistic approach is now needed to fully

support the revitalization of public housing, includ-

ing efforts to stop the loss of public housing units through full-funding, one-for-one replacement of units and robust tenant protections during the revitalization process, and the creation of the financial tools necessary to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into communities that will improve the quality of life of current and future residents.

#### (b) Purposes.—The purposes of this Act are—

- (1) to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty by revitalizing severely distressed public housing while improving access to economic opportunities and investing and leveraging investments in supportive services, education programs, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs;
- (2) to require the one-for-one replacement of public and assisted housing dwelling units that are demolished or disposed of;
- (3) to provide for increased tenant protections through the revitalization process;
- (4) to ensure that current residents benefit from transformation by preserving affordable housing in the neighborhood and, to the maximum extent possible, providing residents the choice to stay in their communities or move to affordable housing in another neighborhood of opportunity;

1	(5) to protect public housing as a critical public
2	asset;
3	(6) to restore robust funding for the public
4	housing program; and
5	(7) to support public housing residents through
6	job training to provide for increased earnings and
7	positive life outcomes.
8	TITLE I—PUBLIC HOUSING ONE-
9	FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT AND
10	TENANT PROTECTION
11	SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.
12	This title may be cited as the "Public Housing One-
13	for-One Replacement and Tenant Protection Act of
14	2015".
15	SEC. 102. DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC HOUS-
16	ING.
17	(a) Amendments to Section 18.—Section 18 of
18	the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)
19	is amended—
20	(1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (h)
21	as subsections (b) through (i), respectively;
22	(2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so re-
23	designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) the
24	following new subsection:

1	"(a) Applicability.—Notwithstanding any other
2	provision of law, this section shall apply to—
3	"(1) demolition, disposition, or demolition or
4	disposition or both pursuant to conversion under
5	section 22 or 33 of any public housing unit; and
6	"(2) the taking of public housing units, directly
7	or indirectly, through the use of eminent domain.";
8	(3) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated by
9	paragraph (1) of this subsection)—
10	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph
11	(1)—
12	(i) by striking "subsection (b)" and
13	inserting "subsection (c)"; and
14	(ii) by striking "if the public housing
15	agency certifies" and inserting "only if the
16	Secretary determines that";
17	(B) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by striking
18	"low-income housing" and inserting "housing
19	for low-income, very-low income, and extremely
20	low-income families consistent with the needs
21	identified pursuant to section 5A(d)(1) in the
22	public housing agency plan for the agency and
23	with targeting requirements under section 16(a)
24	for public housing";
25	(C) by striking paragraph (4);

1	(D) in paragraph (5)(B)(ii), by striking
2	"and" at the end;
3	(E) in paragraph (6), by striking "sub-
4	section (c)" and inserting "subsection (d)";
5	(F) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and
6	(6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and
7	(G) by inserting after paragraph (5) (as so
8	redesignated) the following new paragraph:
9	"(6) that the public housing agency has ob-
10	tained from each resident information pursuant to
11	subsection (f)(3)(B) and has established a replace-
12	ment housing preference for each such resident.";
13	(4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated by
14	paragraph (1) of this subsection)—
15	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
16	by striking "subsection (a)" and inserting "sub-
17	section (b)";
18	(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "or" at
19	the end;
20	(C) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking the
21	period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
22	and
23	(D) by adding at the end the following new
24	paragraphs:

"(3) the application does not provide for the active involvement and participation of, and consultation with, residents, resident advisory boards, and resident councils of the public housing development that is subject to the application during the planning and implementation of the plan for demolition, relocation, and replacement of the units;

"(4) the proposed relocation, demolition, disposition, demolition or disposition or both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or 33, or the provision of replacement housing will not be carried out in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing, as described in section 808(e) of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)), or that the measures proposed by the public housing agency to mitigate potential adverse impacts of the proposed relocation, demolition, disposition, demolition or disposition or both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or 33, or the provision of replacement housing on persons protected by section 804 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3604), are clearly insufficient or inappropriate; or

"(5) the proposed plan for relocation, demolition, disposition, demolition or disposition or both subsequent to conversion pursuant to section 22 or

1	33, or the provision of replacement housing does
2	not—
3	"(A) comply with the requirements of sub-
4	section (e) of this section;
5	"(B) include such certifications as the Sec-
6	retary shall require of compliance with the re-
7	quirements of subsection (f)(3); or
8	"(C) include a relocation plan that meets
9	the requirements of subsection (h)(2).";
10	(5) by striking subsection (e) (as so redesig-
11	nated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) and in-
12	serting the following new subsection:
13	"(e) Replacement Units.—
14	"(1) Requirement to replace or maintain
15	EACH UNIT.—
16	"(A) Replacement.—Except for demoli-
17	tion pursuant to subsection (g) or as provided
18	in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each public
19	housing dwelling unit that undergoes demoli-
20	tion, disposition, or demolition or disposition or
21	both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or
22	33, or that is the subject of a taking, directly
23	or indirectly, through the use of eminent do-
24	main, after the date of the enactment of the
25	Public Housing Tenant Protection and Rein-

vestment Act of 2015, shall be replaced with a newly constructed, rehabilitated, acquired, or converted rental unit that complies with all of the requirements of this subsection.

"(B) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO REPLACEMENT UNITS.—Such replacement or converted units shall be subject to the same requirements regarding eligibility for occupancy
(including income eligibility), tenant contribution toward rent (including tenant authority to
select rental payment determination method),
eviction protections and procedures, and affordability restrictions that are applicable to public
housing dwelling units. Such requirements shall
not terminate unless units are replaced with a
comparable number of units that are subject to
the same requirements.

"(C) Tenant protection vouchers to Replace demolished, disposed of, or converted units on one-for-one basis.—Subject only to the availability of amounts provided in appropriation Acts, the Secretary shall provide replacement vouchers for rental assistance under section 8 for all dwelling units in projects that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to

1	this section or converted pursuant to section 22
2	or 33.
3	"(D) Inapplicability of certain
4	PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER REQUIREMENTS.—
5	Subparagraphs (B) and (D) of section 8(o)(13)
6	of the United States Housing Act of 1936 (re-
7	lating to percentage limitation and income mix-
8	ing requirement of project-based assistance)
9	shall not apply with respect to vouchers used to
10	comply with the requirements of this para-
11	graph.
12	"(2) Waiver.—The requirement under para-
13	graph (1) may be waived by the Secretary with re-
14	spect to up to 10 percent of the total number of
15	public housing units owned by a public housing
16	agency in any 10-year period, if—
17	"(A) a judgment, consent decree, or other
18	order of a court limits the ability of the appli-
19	cant to comply with such requirements; or
20	"(B) the public housing agency dem-
21	onstrates that there is an excess supply of af-
22	fordable rental housing in areas of low poverty
23	and provides data showing that, in the area
24	surrounding the project or projects in which
25	such units are located—

1 "(i) at least 90 percent of	f vouchers
issued under section 8(o) of the	he United
States Housing Act of 1937 over	er the last
4 24 months to comparable fam	ilies were
successfully used to lease a dwe	elling unit
within 120 days of issuance or,	if a suffi-
7 cient number of comparable fan	nilies have
not received vouchers, an alterna	tive meas-
9 ure, as the Secretary shall design	gn, is met;
O "(ii) existing voucher ho	olders are
widely dispersed geographically i	n areas of
low poverty with access to public	transpor-
tation, education, and other am	enities, as
determined by the Secretary, a	mong the
available private rental housing	stock; and
6 "(iii) the applicant provides	a market
analysis demonstrating that—	
3 "(I) there is a relatively	y high va-
eancy rate among units the	hat would
meet or exceed housing qua	lity stand-
ards, as determined by the	Secretary,
within the market area with	rent and
utility costs not exceeding th	ne applica-
ble payment standard und	er section

1 8(o) of the United States Housing Act
2 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)); and
3 "(II) such high vacancy rate
4 within the market area is expected to
5 continue for the next 5 years or
6 longer.

"(3) Continuation of use restrictions.— In the event of a foreclosure or bankruptcy of an owner of such a property, notwithstanding any other provision of State or Federal law, such property shall remain subject to the requirements of any project-based rental assistance contract in existence at the time of the foreclosure or bankruptcy, the lease between the prior owner and tenants assisted under such contract, and any use agreement in effect immediately before the foreclosure or bankruptcy filing, and a successor in interest in such property shall assume such contract, extensions, leases, and use agreement obligations, provided that the Secretary may modify this requirement if the Secretary determines that the converted units are not physically viable.

"(4) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Admission to, administration of, and eviction from replacement housing units that are not public housing dwelling

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1	units shall be subject to the following provisions to
2	the same extent as public housing dwelling units:
3	"(A) Section 578 of the Quality Housing
4	and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (42
5	U.S.C. 13663; relating to ineligibility of dan-
6	gerous sex offenders).
7	"(B) Section 16(f) of the United States
8	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n(f); re-
9	lating to ineligibility of certain drug offenders).
10	"(C) Sections 20 and 21 of the United
11	States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437r.
12	1437s; relating to resident management).
13	"(D) Section 25 of the United States
14	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437w; relat-
15	ing to transfer of management at request of
16	residents).
17	"(E) Section 6(k) of the United States
18	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(k); re-
19	lating to administrative grievance procedure).
20	"(F) Section 6(f) of the United States
21	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(f); re-
22	lating to housing quality requirements).
23	"(G) Part 964 of title 24, Code of Federal
24	regulations (relating to tenant participation and
25	opportunities).

1	"(5) Retention of rights.—Tenants occu-
2	pying a replacement housing unit shall have all
3	rights provided to tenants of public housing under
4	this Act.
5	"(6) Size.—
6	"(A) In General.—Replacement units
7	shall be of comparable size, unless a market
8	analysis shows a need for other sized units, in
9	which case such need shall be addressed.
10	"(B) Bedrooms.—The number of bed-
11	rooms within each replacement unit shall be
12	sufficient to serve families displaced as a result
13	of the demolition or disposition.
14	"(7) Location on site and in neighbor-
15	HOOD.—
16	"(A) On-site requirement relating to
17	DEMOLITION.—Subject to subparagraph (B), at
18	least one-third of all replacement units for pub-
19	lic housing units demolished shall be public
20	housing units constructed on the original public
21	housing location, unless the Secretary deter-
22	mines that—
23	"(i) construction on such location
24	would result in the violation of a consent
25	decree; or

1	"(ii) the land on which the public
2	housing is located is environmentally un-
3	safe or geologically unstable.
4	"(B) Tenant Choice.—A public housing
5	agency shall ensure that, in providing replace-
6	ment units pursuant to paragraph (1), suffi-
7	cient units are provided on the original location
8	of any public housing demolished or in the same
9	neighborhood of the public housing dwelling
10	units being replaced to accommodate all tenants
11	residing in the units demolished or disposed of
12	at the time of such demolition or disposition
13	who elect to remain in such location or neigh-
14	borhood.";
15	(6) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated by
16	paragraph (1) of this subsection)—
17	(A) by striking the subsection designation
18	and all that follow through "Nothing" and in-
19	serting the following:
20	"(f) Treatment of Occupancy.—
21	"(1) Consolidation of occupancy within
22	OR AMONG BUILDINGS.—Nothing";
23	(B) by inserting before the period at the
24	end the following: ", except that, a public hous-
25	ing agency submitting an application for demo-

lition or disposition pursuant to this section may not consolidate any units during the period that begins upon submission of such application and ends upon approval of the application by the Secretary, except in cases of an imminent and substantial threat to health or safety"; and

- (C) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:
- "(2) Determination of occupancy.—For purposes of this subsection, the number of public housing residents residing in a development shall be determined as of the date the initial public housing agency plan or a proposed amendment thereto indicating an intent to apply for a demolition application pursuant to subsection (b) of this section is or should have been presented to the resident advisory board for consideration, or in the case of a demolition application due to a natural disaster, on the date of the natural disaster.
- "(3) Resident preferences.—A public housing agency shall, not later than 90 days before submitting an application to the Secretary for demolition, disposition, or demolition or disposition or both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or 33—

1	"(A) meet with and inform in writing all
2	residents who occupied a public housing unit on
3	the date determined in accordance with para-
4	graph (2) of this subsection of—
5	"(i) the public housing agency's intent
6	to submit an application for demolition,
7	disposition, or both;
8	"(ii) their right to return and reloca-
9	tion housing options; and
10	"(iii) all planned replacement housing
11	units; and
12	"(B) solicit from each resident information
13	regarding the resident's desire to return to the
14	replacement housing units constructed upon the
15	original public housing location or in the same
16	neighborhood, interest in moving to other neigh-
17	borhoods or communities, or interest in retain-
18	ing a voucher for rental assistance."; and
19	(7) by striking subsection (h) (as so redesig-
20	nated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) and in-
21	serting the following new subsection:
22	"(h) Relocation, Notice, Application for
23	Vouchers, and Data.—In the case of all relocation ac-
24	tivities resulting from, or that will result from, demolition,
25	disposition, or demolition or disposition or both pursuant

1	to conversion under section 22 or 33 of this Act, of public
2	housing dwelling units:
3	"(1) Uniform relocation and real prop-
4	ERTY ACQUISITION ACT.—The Uniform Relocation
5	and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970
6	$(42~\mathrm{U.S.C.}~4601~\mathrm{et}~\mathrm{seq.})$ shall apply. To the extent
7	the provisions of this subsection and such Act con-
8	flict, the provisions that provide greater protection
9	to residents displaced by the demolition, disposition,
10	or demolition and disposition, shall apply.
11	"(2) Relocation plan.—The public housing
12	agency shall submit to the Secretary, together with
13	the application for demolition or disposition, a relo-
14	cation plan providing for the relocation of residents
15	occupying the public housing for which the demoli-
16	tion or disposition application is proposed, which
17	shall include—
18	"(A) a statement of the estimated number
19	of vouchers for rental assistance under section
20	8 that will be needed for such relocation;
21	"(B) identification of the location of the
22	replacement dwelling units that will be made
23	available for permanent occupancy; and
24	"(C) a statement of whether any tem-
25	porary, off-site relocation of any residents is

1	necessary and a description of the plans for
2	such relocation.
3	"(3) Notice upon approval of applica-
4	TION.—Within a reasonable time after notice to the
5	public housing agency of the approval of an applica-
6	tion for demolition or disposition, the public housing
7	agency shall provide notice in writing, in plain and
8	non-technical language, to the residents of the public
9	housing subject to the approved application that—
10	"(A) states that the application has been
11	approved;
12	"(B) describes the process involved to relo-
13	cate the residents, including a statement that
14	the residents may not be relocated until the
15	conditions set forth in paragraph (10) have
16	been met;
17	"(C) provides information regarding relo-
18	cation options;
19	"(D) advises residents of the availability of
20	relocation counseling as required in paragraph
21	(8); and
22	"(E) provides information on the location
23	of tenant-based vouchers issued by the agency.
24	"(4) Notice before relocation.—Except in
25	cases of a substantial and imminent threat to health

1	or safety, not later than 90 days before the date on
2	which residents will be relocated, the public housing
3	agency shall provide notice in writing, in plain and
4	non-technical language, to each family residing in a
5	public housing project that is subject to an approved
6	demolition or disposition application, and in accord-
7	ance with such guidelines as the Secretary may issue
8	governing such notifications, that—
9	"(A) the public housing project will be de-
10	molished or disposed of;
11	"(B) the demolition of the building in
12	which the family resides will not commence
13	until each resident of the building is relocated;
14	and
15	"(C) if temporary, off-site relocation is
16	necessary, each family displaced by such action
17	shall be offered comparable housing—
18	"(i) that meets housing quality stand-
19	ards;
20	"(ii) that is located in an area that is
21	generally not less desirable than the loca-
22	tion of the displaced family's housing,
23	which shall include at least one unit lo-
24	cated in an area of low poverty and one

1	unit located within the neighborhood of the
2	original public housing site;
3	"(iii) that is identified and available
4	to the family; and
5	"(iv) which shall include—
6	"(I) tenant-based assistance, ex-
7	cept that the requirement under this
8	subparagraph regarding offering of
9	comparable housing shall be fulfilled
10	by use of tenant-based assistance only
11	upon the relocation of the family into
12	such housing;
13	"(II) project-based assistance;
14	"(III) occupancy in a unit oper-
15	ated or assisted by the public housing
16	agency at a rental rate paid by the
17	family that is comparable to the rent-
18	al rate applicable to the unit from
19	which the family is relocated; and
20	"(IV) other comparable housing.
21	"(5) Search Period.—Notwithstanding any
22	other provision of law, in the case of a household
23	that is provided tenant-based assistance for reloca-
24	tion of the household under this section, the period
25	during which the household may lease a dwelling

unit using such assistance shall not be shorter in duration than the 150-day period that begins at the time a comparable replacement unit is made available to the family. If the household is unable to lease a dwelling unit using such assistance during such period, the public housing agency shall extend the period during which the household may lease a dwelling unit using such assistance, or at the tenant's request, shall provide the tenant with the next available comparable public housing unit or comparable housing unit for which project-based assistance is provided.

- "(6) Payment of Relocation expenses.—
  The public housing agency shall provide for the payment of the actual and reasonable relocation expenses, including security deposits, of each resident to be displaced and any other relocation expenses as are required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
- "(7) Comparable Housing.—The public housing agency shall ensure that each displaced resident is offered comparable housing in accordance with the notice under paragraph (4).
- 24 "(8) COMPREHENSIVE RELOCATION COUN-25 SELING.—The public housing agency shall provide

all advisory programs and services as required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and counseling for residents who are displaced that shall fully inform residents to be displaced of all relocation options, which may include relocating to housing in a neighborhood with a lower concentration of poverty than their current residence, a neighborhood where relocation will not increase racial segregation, or remaining in the current neighborhood. Such counseling shall also include providing school options for children and comprehensive housing search assistance for household that receive a voucher for tenant-based assistance.

- "(9) TIMING OF DEMOLITION OR DISPOSI-TION.—The public housing agency shall not commence demolition or complete disposition of a building subject to the approved application until all residents residing in the building are relocated.
- "(10) Affirmative furtherance of fair Housing.—The public housing agency shall have obtained data regarding, and analyzed the potential impact of, the proposed demolition or disposition and relocation on persons protected by section 804 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3604),

including the tenants residing in the public housing project, occupants of the surrounding neighborhood, and neighborhoods into which project tenants are likely to be relocated, and persons on the agency's waiting list, has described in the application for demolition or disposition actions that the public housing agency has taken or will take to mitigate those adverse impacts, and has certified in the public housing agency plan for the agency, with supporting information, that the proposed demolition or disposition, relocation, or replacement housing will be carried out in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing, as described in section 808(e) of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)).

"(11) TIMING OF RELOCATION.—The public housing agency shall not commence relocation prior to approval by the Secretary of the application for demolition or disposition, except in the case of a substantial and imminent threat to health or safety.

"(12) APPLICATION FOR VOUCHERS.—The public housing agency shall submit to the Secretary an application for vouchers consistent with the obligations in subsection (e) (relating to replacement units) and the relocation obligations of this sub-

- section at the same time that the agency submits the application for demolition or disposition.";
  - (8) in subsection (i) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection), by striking "may" and inserting "shall"; and
    - (9) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

#### "(j) Right of Return.—

- "(1) RIGHT.—Any person who, on the date determined in accordance with subsection (f)(2), occupies a public housing unit that is the subject of an application for demolition, disposition, or demolition or disposition or both subsequent to conversion pursuant to section 22 or 33, and whose tenancy or right of occupancy has not been validly terminated pursuant to section 6 or 8(o), shall be eligible to occupy a replacement federally assisted housing unit or voucher.
- "(2) Requirement to allow return.—A public housing agency or any other manager of replacement housing units shall not, through the application of any additional eligibility, screening, occupancy, or other policy or practice, prevent any person otherwise eligible under paragraph (1) from occupying a replacement housing unit. Such replace-

- 1 ment dwelling unit shall be made available to each
- 2 household displaced as a result of a demolition, dis-
- 3 position, or demolition or disposition or both pursu-
- 4 ant to conversion under section 22 or 33 before any
- 5 replacement dwelling unit is made available to any
- 6 other eligible household.
- 7 "(k) Enforcement.—Any affected person shall
- 8 have the right to enforce this section pursuant to section
- 9 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (42
- 10 U.S.C. 1983). Nothing in this section may be construed
- 11 to limit the rights and remedies available under State or
- 12 local law to any affected person.".
- 13 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 14 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the date of the enact-
- 15 ment of this Act and shall apply to any demolition, disposi-
- 16 tion, or demolition and disposition, or both pursuant to
- 17 conversion under section 22 or 33 of the United States
- 18 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437t, 1437z–5) that
- 19 is approved by the Secretary after such date of the enact-
- 20 ment.
- 21 SEC. 103. AUTHORITY TO CONVERT PUBLIC HOUSING TO
- vouchers.
- 23 Section 22 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
- 24 (42 U.S.C. 1437t) is amended—
- 25 (1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (3);

1	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2	section:
3	"(g) Administration.—
4	"(1) In General.—The Secretary may require
5	a public housing agency to provide to the Secretary
6	or to public housing residents such information as
7	the Secretary considers to be necessary for the ad-
8	ministration of this section.
9	"(2) Applicability of Section 18.—Section
10	18 shall apply to the subsequent demolition or dis-
11	position of public housing dwelling units removed
12	from the inventory of the public housing agency pur-
13	suant to this section."; and
14	(3) in subsection (d)(5), by striking "section
15	18(a)(5)" and inserting "section $18(b)(5)$ ".
16	SEC. 104. REQUIRED CONVERSION OF DISTRESSED PUBLIC
17	HOUSING TO TENANT-BASED ASSISTANCE.
18	Section 33(h)(2) of the United States Housing Act
19	of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z–5(h)(2)) is amended by striking
20	"shall not apply to the demolition of public housing
21	projects" and inserting "shall apply to the subsequent
22	demolition or disposition of public housing dwelling units"

#### 1 SEC. 105. LIMITATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLING

- 2 UNITS.
- 3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section
- 4 85.31 of the regulations of the Secretary of Housing and
- 5 Urban Development (24 C.F.R. 85.31) and any regula-
- 6 tions implementing subpart B of part 970 of the Sec-
- 7 retary's proposed regulations published in the Federal
- 8 Register on October 16, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 62250; Dock-
- 9 et No. FR-5399-P-01) or any substantially similar regu-
- 10 lations shall not apply to real property that includes any
- 11 dwelling units in public housing.
- 12 SEC. 106. REGULATIONS.
- Not later than the expiration of the 120-day period
- 14 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
- 15 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall issue
- 16 regulations to carry out this title and the amendments
- 17 made by this title.

#### 18 TITLE II—PUBLIC HOUSING

### 19 PRESERVATION AND REHA-

- 20 **BILITATION**
- 21 SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.
- This title may be cited as the "Public Housing Pres-
- 23 ervation and Rehabilitation Act of 2015".

#### SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAP-2 ITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS. 3 Paragraph (2) of section 9(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(c)(2)) is amended 4 5 to read as follows: 6 "(2) Funding.—There is authorized to be ap-7 propriated for assistance under this section for pub-8 lic housing agencies the following amounts: "(A) CAPITAL FUND.—For each of fiscal 9 10 years 2016 through 2025, for allocations of as-11 sistance from the Capital Fund— "(i) such sums as may be necessary to 12 13 fully fund for each such year the estimated 14 need of public housing agencies for assist-15 ance from such Fund; and 16 "(ii) \$5,000,000,000 for each such 17 year for addressing backlogged need for as-18 sistance from such Fund. 19 "(B) OPERATING FUND.—For each of fis-20 cal years 2016 through 2025, for allocations of 21 assistance from the Operating Fund, such sums 22 as may be necessary to fully fund for each such 23 year the estimated need of public housing agen-24 cies for assistance from such Fund.".

#### 1 SEC. 203. LEVERAGING OF OTHER ASSISTANCE.

2	(a) Capital Fund Loan Guarantees.—Subsection
3	(d) of section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
4	(42 U.S.C. 1437g(d)) is amended by adding at the end
5	the following new paragraph:
6	"(4) Loan guarantees.—
7	"(A) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may,
8	upon such terms and conditions as the Sec-
9	retary may prescribe, guarantee and make com-
10	mitments to guarantee notes or other obliga-
11	tions issued by public housing agencies for the
12	purposes of financing—
13	"(i) the rehabilitation of public hous-
14	ing owned by the agency;
15	"(ii) the modernization, through en-
16	ergy efficiency improvements, of public
17	housing units owned by the agency; or
18	"(iii) the construction, rehabilitation,
19	purchase, or conversion of units to replace
20	public housing units that are demolished or
21	disposed of pursuant to section 18 or con-
22	verted pursuant to section 22 or 33.
23	"(B) Terms.—Notes or other obligations
24	guaranteed pursuant to this paragraph shall be
25	in such form and denominations, have such ma-
26	turities, and be subject to such conditions as

may be prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary. The term of such loan guarantee shall not exceed 20 years.

- "(C) Limitation on Percentage.—A guarantee made pursuant to this paragraph shall guarantee repayment of 95 percent of the unpaid principal and interest due on the notes or other obligations guaranteed.
- "(D) USE OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS.—Funds allocated to an issuer pursuant to this subsection or subsection (e) may be used for payment of principal and interest due (including such servicing, underwriting, or other costs as may be specified in regulations of the Secretary) on notes or other obligations guaranteed pursuant to this paragraph.

#### "(E) Repayment.—

"(i) CONTRACT; PLEDGE.—To ensure the repayment of notes or other obligations guaranteed under this paragraph and charges incurred under this paragraph and as a condition for receiving such guarantees, the Secretary shall require the issuer of any such note or obligation to—

1	"(I) enter into a contract, in a
2	form acceptable to the Secretary, for
3	repayment of notes or other obliga-
4	tions so guaranteed; and
5	"(II) pledge any grant or alloca-
6	tion for which the issuer is or may be-
7	come eligible under this subsection or
8	subsection (e) for the repayment of
9	notes or other obligations so guaran-
10	teed.
11	"(ii) Crediting of grants.—The
12	Secretary may, notwithstanding any other
13	provision of this Act, apply grants pledged
14	pursuant to clause (i)(II) of this subpara-
15	graph to any repayments due the United
16	States as a result of such guarantees.
17	"(F) FULL FAITH AND CREDIT.—The full
18	faith and credit of the United States is pledged
19	to the payment of all guarantees made under
20	this paragraph. Any such guarantee made by
21	the Secretary shall be conclusive evidence of the
22	eligibility of the obligations for such guarantee
23	with respect to principal and interest, and the
24	validity of any such guarantee so made shall be

incontestable in the hands of a holder of the guaranteed obligations.

- "(G) Amount.—Subject only to the absence of qualified requests for guarantees and to the availability of amounts to cover the costs (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a)), as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts, the Secretary shall enter into commitments to guarantee notes and obligations under this paragraph having an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000,000 each for fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018."
- 14 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES WITH HOUS-15 ING TAX CREDITS.—Section 9 of the United States Hous-16 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) is amended by adding 17 at the end the following new subsection:
- "(n) Requirements for Properties With Hous-19 Ing Tax Credits.—A public housing agency that utilizes 20 tax credits under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code 21 of 1986 for rental housing units that are currently or for-22 merly assisted under subsection (d) or (e) shall ensure,
- 24 "(1) all significant tenant and applicants rights 25 are continued and enforceable;

with respect to such units, that—

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- 1 "(2) the agency retains its interest in the prop-2 erty to the maximum extent possible, including 3 through the use of a ground lease when feasible;
  - "(3) the agency maintains an active role in property management decisions and operations of such housing sufficient to guarantee access to relevant information and public accountability;
  - "(4) long-term affordability protections are enforced, including such protections applicable in the event of default or foreclosure; and
  - "(5) affected tenants are provided information about the proposal for use of the property, before submission of the proposal to the Secretary, and an opportunity to comment on such proposal, pursuant to processes and requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements for tenant notice and comment under section 18.".

#### 18 SEC. 204. CAPITAL FUND FLEXIBILITY.

- 19 Subsection (g) of section 9 of the United States
- 20 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)) is amended
- 21 by striking paragraph (3).

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## 1 TITLE III—CHOICE 2 NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

- 3 SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This title may be cited as the "Choice Neighborhoods
- 5 Initiative Act of 2015".
- 6 SEC. 302. GRANT AUTHORITY.
- 7 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- 8 may make competitive grants to eligible entities that sub-
- 9 mit transformation plans for eligible neighborhoods that
- 10 will further the purposes of this title in such neighbor-
- 11 hoods.
- 12 SEC. 303. ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.
- 13 (a) PRIMARY APPLICANTS.—A grant under this title
- 14 may be made only to a unit of local government, a public
- 15 housing agency, or a nonprofit entity that owns a major
- 16 housing project that is proposed to be assisted under a
- 17 grant under this title, either as a sole applicant or as a
- 18 co-applicant with another unit of local government or pub-
- 19 lie housing agency or with an entity specified in subsection
- 20 (b). A nonprofit entity may be a sole applicant only if the
- 21 application has the support of a local government.
- (b) Co-Applicants.—
- 23 (1) Community Development Corpora-
- 24 Tions.—A community development corporation (as
- such term is defined in section 204(b) of the Depart-

- 1 ments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban
- 2 Development, and Independent Agencies Appropria-
- 3 tions Act, 1997 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–11a(b))) may, at
- 4 the request of an entity specified in subsection (a),
- 5 be a co-applicant for a grant under this title.
- 6 (2) For-profit entity
- 7 that owns a major housing project that is proposed
- 8 to be assisted under a grant under this title made
- 9 in fiscal year 2016 or thereafter and that has an es-
- tablished presence in the community may be a co-ap-
- plicant for a grant under this title.
- 12 (3) REQUIRED CO-APPLICANTS.—A grant under
- this title may not be made for an application that
- will involve transformation of a major public housing
- project unless the public housing agency having ju-
- risdiction with respect to such project is the sole ap-
- plicant or a co-applicant for such application.
- 18 (c) Partners.—Nothing in this section may be con-
- 19 strued to limit the ability of an applicant to partner with
- 20 any entity in carrying out activities with a grant under
- 21 this title.
- 22 SEC. 304. ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS.
- A grant under this title may be made only for activi-
- 24 ties to be conducted in neighborhoods that have—

1	(1) a concentration of extreme poverty (as such
2	term is defined in section 315); and
3	(2) housing that is severely distressed housing
4	(as such term is defined in section 315).
5	SEC. 305. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.
6	(a) In General.—Amounts from a grant under this
7	title may be used only for transformational programs and
8	activities in accordance with a transformation plan ap-
9	proved under section 306 that will further the purposes
10	of this title.
11	(b) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—Each transformation
12	plan submitted pursuant to section 306 and implemented
13	by a grantee under this title shall include the following
14	activities:
15	(1) The transformation of housing through re-
16	habilitation, preservation, or demolition and replace-
17	ment of severely distressed housing projects, expan-
18	sion of affordable housing opportunities, or any com-
19	bination thereof, which may incorporate energy-effi-
20	cient design principles.
21	(2) The one-for-one replacement of any public
22	and assisted housing units demolished or disposed or
23	in accordance with the requirements under section

308.

- 1 (3) Activities that promote economic self-suffi-2 ciency of residents of the revitalized housing and of 3 the surrounding neighborhood.
  - (4) Activities that preserve affordable housing in the neighborhood and other activities necessary to ensure that existing public and assisted housing residents have access to the benefits of the neighborhood transformation.
  - (5) Activities that demonstrate that each resident of housing assisted by the grant who is displaced by the transformation plan and who wishes to return to the revitalized on-site housing in the neighborhood or to replacement housing outside of the neighborhood, can return, and shall be provided a preference in accordance with the program requirements under section 307.
  - (6) Activities that meet the program requirements for replacement of housing units under section 308.
  - (7) Activities that meet the fair housing program requirements under section 309(a) and the accessibility requirements under section 309(b).
  - (8) Appropriate service coordination and supportive services.

- 1 (9) Resident involvement, as described in sec-2 tion 307, in planning and implementation of the 3 transformation plan, including reasonable steps to 4 help ensure meaningful participation for residents 5 who, as a result of their national origin, are limited 6 in their English language proficiency.
- 7 (10) Monitoring, under section 307(g), of resi-8 dents relocated during redevelopment throughout the 9 term of the grant or until full occupancy of replace-10 ment housing, whichever is completed later.
  - (11) Relocation assistance, including tenant-based rental assistance renewable under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), mobility or relocation counseling over multiple years, reasonable moving costs, and security deposits.
  - (12) Establishment of links to local education efforts, as described in subsection (c)(3) of this section.
- 20 (13) Activities to comply with section 3 of the 21 Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 22 U.S.C. 1701u).
- 23 (c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts from a grant 24 under this title may be used for the following activities:

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- (1) Construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of affordable housing (as such term is defined in section 315), which may include energy efficiency improvements and sustainable design features for such housing.
  - (2) Acquisition or disposition of residential properties, including properties subject to a mort-gage previously insured, and foreclosed upon, by the Federal Housing Administration, and demolition.
  - (3) Outreach to local educators, and engaging in local community planning, to help increase access to educational opportunities, a continuum of effective community services, and strong family supports, and to improve the educational and life outcomes which have a significant benefit to residents of housing assisted under this title, including children and youth and, as appropriate, for adult residents, including the elderly or persons with disabilities.
  - (4) Providing supportive services (as such term is defined in section 315) which have a significant benefit to residents of housing assisted under this title, primarily focused on services described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 315(14).
  - (5) Rehabilitation and physical improvement of community facilities that are primarily intended to

- 1 facilitate the delivery of community and supportive 2 services which have a significant benefit to residents 3 of housing assisted by the grant and residents of offsite replacement housing.
  - (6) Work incentives designed to help low-income residents assisted by the housing under this title access jobs and move toward self-sufficiency.
  - (7) Partnering with employers and for-profit and nonprofit organizations to create jobs and job training opportunities which have a significant benefit to residents of housing assisted under this title.
  - (8) Activities that promote sustainable housing by incorporating principles of sustainable design and development, including energy efficiency.
  - (9) Critical community improvements (as such term is defined in section 315 of this title) undertaken at sites that are adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of, housing assisted under this title.
- 19 (10) Loss reserves to protect residents of hous-20 ing assisted by the grant and continue the project in the case of default, foreclosure, or any other adverse 22 financial event.
- 23 The Secretary shall require any grantee under this title
- that will provide benefits under paragraph (3), (4), (5),
- or (7) to any residents who are not living in housing as-

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- 1 sisted with a grant under this title, to submit to the Sec-
- 2 retary a plan identifying how such services will be pro-
- 3 vided.
- 4 (d) Eligible Methods of Support.—Activities
- 5 carried out with amounts from a grant under this title
- 6 may be carried out through—
- 7 (1) endowments or revolving loan funds; or
- 8 (2) land assembly, land banking, and other ac-
- 9 tivities, except that no amounts made available for
- use under this title may be used to acquire any
- property by means of the exercise of the power of
- eminent domain.

## (e) Funding Limitations.—

- 14 (1) School Buildings.—No amounts from a
- grant under this title may be used for construction
- or rehabilitation of an elementary school or sec-
- ondary school (as such terms are defined in section
- 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
- 19 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) or an institution of
- 20 higher education (as such term is defined in section
- 21 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
- U.S.C. 1002)), except that such amounts may be
- used to construct common infrastructure that is
- shared by such a school or institution and by hous-
- ing assisted under this title, or community facilities

- authorized under subsection (c)(5), but only if costs are shared on a pro rata basis and the grantee certifies, and the Secretary determines, that such use of funds will not promote or further segregation.
  - (2) Non-housing activities and supportive services.—For each grant under this title, the grantee shall comply with each of the following requirements:
    - (A) Of the amount of the grant, not more than 25 percent may be used for eligible activities under paragraphs (3) through (9) of subsection (c).
    - (B) Of the amount of the grant, not more than 5 percent may be used for eligible activities under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (c).
  - (3) Consultation.—With respect to activities assisted pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Education, and the Attorney General in identifying funding resources that may be provided to supplement amounts from grants under this title.

## 1 SEC. 306. SUBMISSION AND SELECTION OF TRANS-2 FORMATION PLANS. 3 (a) Transformation Plan Requirements.—To be eligible for a grant under this title, an eligible entity 4 5 shall submit to the Secretary, at such time in accordance with procedures as the Secretary shall prescribe, an appli-6 7 cation in the form of a transformation plan that— 8 (1) demonstrates how the transformation plan 9 will achieve the desired priority outcomes of trans-10 forming a distressed neighborhood of extreme pov-11 erty into a mixed-income neighborhood with high-12 quality, safe, and affordable housing (including the 13 one-for-one replacement of any public or assisted 14 housing units demolished or disposed of under the 15 transformation plan), economic opportunities, well-16 functioning services, public assets, access to jobs, 17 public transportation, and effective education pro-18 grams and public schools, including charter schools 19 and other autonomous public schools; 20 (2) demonstrates how the required activities 21 under section 305(b) will be carried out, including a 22 detailed description of the housing transformation

activities under paragraphs (1) and (2) of such sec-

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- 1 (3) describes the other eligible activities under 2 section 305(c) that will be carried out in support of 3 the housing transformation;
  - (4) defines desired outcomes of the strategy, how residents of housing assisted under this title will benefit, describes the challenges they face, and the evidence base that informs the proposed strategies that will result in the desired outcomes for the community and residents;
  - (5) includes a long-term affordability plan, developed in collaboration with residents of the public and assisted housing assisted under this title, that describes how the grantee will maintain affordable housing in the neighborhood over the next 50 years or longer, including affordability provisions relating to dwelling units provided using assistance under the grant under this title, and an agreement by the applicant to update such plan every 5 years during such period; and
- 20 (6) includes such other information as the Sec21 retary shall, by regulation, prescribe.
- 22 (b) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall es-23 tablish criteria for the award of grants under this title, 24 with the greatest consideration given to applicant and 25 neighborhood need as identified in section 304, and which

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- 1 shall include the extent to which the transformation2 plan—
- 3 (1) demonstrates the ability of the plan to fur-4 ther the purposes of this title;
  - (2) demonstrates inclusive local planning with input from units of local government, housing owners and providers, educators, residents of housing assisted under this title, local community organizations, public schools, early learning in programs, health service organizations, and community stakeholders in the development and implementation of a sustainable revitalization program;
    - (3) includes efforts to coordinate multiple funding resources, including public, private, and philanthropic funding, and emphasizes collaboration between the units of local government, early learning programs and public schools, or a public housing agency, or all three;
    - (4) includes current data showing that the neighborhood targeted for revitalization is in need of and can benefit from the authorized activities described in section 305 and proposed in the transformation plan;
- 24 (5) demonstrates the capability and record of 25 the applicant and its partners for managing housing

- redevelopment or modernization projects, successfully working with public and assisted housing residents during the planning and redesign process, and meeting performance benchmarks;
  - (6) demonstrates that sustainable building and energy efficient design principles are incorporated or will be incorporated in the activities conducted pursuant to the plan;
  - (7) demonstrates that the applicant has plans to have, within a reasonable time, improved access to public transportation in the neighborhood that provides access to economic opportunities and commercial and public services;
  - (8) demonstrates that the residents of revitalized housing developments will have, to the extent possible, improved access to high-quality educational opportunities, including early learning and effective elementary and secondary public schools, in or outside of the neighborhood;
  - (9) demonstrates that the transformation plan includes the provision of appropriate supportive services and activities that promote economic self-sufficiency of residents of housing assisted under the grant, and a plan to sustain such services;

- (10) demonstrates that the transformation plan provides support for residents displaced as a result of the revitalization of the project, including assistance in obtaining housing in areas with low concentrations of poverty in a manner that does not increase racial segregation;
  - (11) demonstrates that sufficient housing opportunities are available in the neighborhood to be revitalized and in low-poverty areas to accommodate displaced residents, in a manner that does not increase racial segregation;
  - (12) includes a well-documented assessment of the number of households with special needs for ongoing supportive services residing in the public or assisted housing properties that are the target of the grant and an effective plan to address such needs;
  - (13) demonstrates the compliance with the requirements of section 308, regarding one-for-one replacement of public and assisted housing units;
  - (14) demonstrates how the applicant will use indicators of housing redevelopment, neighborhood quality, resident well-being, and other outcomes to measure success, manage program implementation, and engage stakeholders, consistent with requirements established by the Secretary;

- 1 (15) demonstrates, if feasible, phased redevelop-2 ment that provides for demolition and construction 3 of dwelling units in phases, to limit disruptions to 4 residents;
- 5 (16) demonstrates that the neighborhood will 6 improve its long-term viability through the revitaliza-7 tion of severely distressed housing, improved access 8 to economic opportunities, improved investment and 9 leveraging in well-functioning services, and improved 10 education programs, public assets, public transpor-11 tation and access to jobs; and
- 12 (17) demonstrates compliance with any other 13 factors and priorities that further the purposes of 14 this title, as the Secretary may, by regulation, pre-15 scribe.

#### 16 SEC. 307. RIGHT OF RESIDENTS TO RETURN; RELOCATION.

- 17 (a) Determination of Resident Pref-
- 18 ERENCES.—An applicant shall, not later than 30 days be-
- 19 fore submitting an application to the Secretary for a grant
- 20 under this title—
- 21 (1) hold a community meeting and provide in-
- formation to all residents who occupy a dwelling unit
- in public housing or assisted housing subject to the
- transformation plan of—

- 1 (A) the applicant's intent to submit an application for a grant under this title;
  - (B) their right to return and relocation housing options; and
  - (C) all planned replacement housing units; and
  - (2) solicit from each resident information regarding the resident's desire to return to the replacement housing units constructed upon the original public or assisted housing location, interest in moving to other neighborhoods or communities, or interest in retaining a voucher for rental assistance.

## (b) Resident Involvement.—

(1) In General.—Each transformation plan assisted under this title shall provide opportunities for the active involvement and participation of, and consultation with, residents of the public and assisted housing that is subject to the transformation plan during the planning process for the transformation plan, including prior to submission of the application, and during all phases of the planning and implementation. Such opportunities for participation may include participation of members of any resident council or tenant organization, but may not be limited to such members, and shall include all

- segments of the population of residents of the public and assisted housing that is subject to the revitalization plan, including single parent-headed households, the elderly, young employed and unemployed adults, teenage youth, and disabled persons. Such opportunities shall include a process that provides opportunity for comment on specific proposals for redevelopment, any demolition and disposition involved, and any proposed significant amendments or changes to the transformation plan.
  - (2) Public Meeting.—The Secretary may not make a grant under this title to an applicant unless the applicant has convened and conducted a public meeting regarding the transformation plan, including the one-for-one replacement to occur under the plan, not later than 30 days before submission of the application for the grant under this section for such plan, at a time and location that is convenient for residents of the public and assisted housing subject to the plan.
  - (3) Significant amendments or changes to Plan.—An applicant may not carry out any significant amendment or change to a transformation plan unless—

- (A) the applicant has convened and con-1 2 ducted a public meeting regarding the signifi-3 cant amendment or change at a time and loca-4 tion that is convenient for residents of the public and assisted housing subject to the plan and 6 has provided each household occupying a dwell-7 ing unit in such public and assisted housing 8 with written notice of such meeting not less 9 than 10 days before such meeting;
  - (B) after such meeting, the applicant consults with the households occupying dwelling units in the public and assisted housing that are subject to, or to be subject to the plan, and the agency submits a report to the Secretary describing the results of such consultation; and
  - (C) the Secretary approves the significant amendment or change.
- 18 (c) RIGHT TO RETURN.—The Secretary may not ap19 prove a transformation plan under this title unless the
  20 plan provides that each resident of public or assisted hous21 ing displaced by activities under the transformation plan
  22 who wishes to return to the on-site or off-site replacement
  23 housing provided under the plan may return if the resi24 dent—

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- 1 (1) was in compliance with the lease at the time 2 of departure from the housing subject to rehabilita-3 tion or demolition; and
- 4 (2) would be eligible, as of the time of such re-5 turn, for occupancy under the eligibility, screening, 6 and occupancy standards, policies, or practices appli-7 cable to the housing from which the resident was 8 displaced, as in effect at such time of displacement.
- 9 (d) Relocation, Notice, Application for 10 Vouchers, and Data.—All relocation activities resulting 11 from, or that will result from, demolition, disposition, or 12 both demolition and disposition, to be carried out under 13 a transformation plan relating to a grant under this title 14 shall be subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) Uniform relocation and real property acquisition and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) shall apply. To the extent the provisions of this subsection and such Act conflict, the provisions that provide greater protection to residents displaced by the demolition, disposition, or demolition and disposition, shall apply.
    - (2) Relocation plan.—The applicant shall submit to the Secretary, together with the application for a grant under this title, a relocation plan

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1	providing for the relocation of residents occupying
2	the public or assisted housing for which the demoli-
3	tion or disposition is proposed, which shall include—
4	(A) a statement of the estimated number
5	of vouchers for rental assistance under section
6	307 that will be needed for such relocation;
7	(B) identification of the location of the re-
8	placement dwelling units that will be made
9	available for permanent occupancy; and
10	(C) a statement of whether any temporary
11	off-site relocation of any residents is necessary
12	and a description of the plans for such reloca-
13	tion.
14	(3) Notice upon approval of applica-
15	TION.—Within a reasonable time after notice to the
16	applicant of the approval of an application for a
17	grant under this section, the applicant shall provide
18	notice in writing, in plain and non-technical lan-
19	guage, to the residents of the public and assisted
20	housing subject to the approved transformation plan
21	that—
22	(A) states that the application and trans-
23	formation plan has been approved;
24	(B) describes the process involved to relo-
25	cate the residents, including a statement that

1	the residents may not be relocated until the
2	conditions set forth in section 309 have been
3	met;
4	(C) provides information regarding reloca-
5	tion options; and
6	(D) advises residents of the availability of
7	relocation counseling as required in paragraph
8	(7).
9	(4) Notice before relocation.—Except in
10	cases of a substantial and imminent threat to health
11	or safety, not later than 90 days before the date on
12	which residents will be relocated, the grantee shall
13	provide notice in writing, in plain and non-technical
14	language, to each family residing in a public or as-
15	sisted housing project that is subject to an approved
16	transformation plan, and in accordance with such
17	guidelines as the Secretary may issue governing such
18	notifications, that—
19	(A) the public or assisted housing project
20	will be demolished or disposed of;
21	(B) the demolition of the building in which
22	the family resides will not commence until each
23	resident of the building is relocated; and

1	(C) if temporary, off-site relocation is nec-
2	essary, each family displaced by such action
3	shall be offered comparable housing—
4	(i) that meets housing quality stand-
5	ards;
6	(ii) that is located in an area that is
7	generally not less desirable than the loca-
8	tion of the displaced family's housing,
9	which shall include at least one unit lo-
10	cated in an area of low poverty or one unit
11	located within the neighborhood of the
12	original public or assisted housing site;
13	(iii) that is identified and available to
14	the family; and
15	(iv) which shall include—
16	(I) tenant-based assistance, ex-
17	cept that the requirement under this
18	subparagraph regarding offering of
19	comparable housing shall be fulfilled
20	by use of tenant-based assistance only
21	upon the relocation of the family into
22	such housing;
23	(II) project-based assistance;
24	(III) occupancy in a unit oper-
25	ated or assisted by the public housing

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agency or the owner of the assisted project demolished or disposed of under this section, at a rental rate paid by the family that is comparable to the rental rate applicable to the unit from which the family is relocated; or

(IV) other comparable housing.

(5)SEARCH PERIOD.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of a household that is provided tenant-based assistance for relocation of the household under this section, the period during which the household may lease a dwelling unit using such assistance shall not be shorter in duration than the 150-day period that begins at the time a comparable replacement unit is made available to the family. If the household is unable to lease a dwelling unit using such assistance during such period, the grantee shall extend the period during which the household may lease a dwelling unit using such assistance, or at the resident's request, shall provide the resident with the next available comparable public housing unit or comparable housing unit for which project-based assistance is provided.

- 1 (6) PAYMENT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES.—
  2 The grantee shall provide for the payment of the actual and reasonable relocation expenses, including security deposits, of each resident to be displaced and any other relocation expenses as are required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
  - (7)Comprehensive RELOCATION COUN-SELING.—The grantee shall provide all advisory programs and services as required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and counseling for residents who are displaced that shall fully inform residents to be displaced of all relocation options, which may include relocating to housing in a neighborhood with a lower concentration of poverty than their current residence, a neighborhood where relocation will not increase racial segregation, or remaining in the current neighborhood. Such counseling shall also include providing school options for children and comprehensive housing search assistance for households that receive a voucher for tenant-based assistance.
  - (8) TIMING OF DEMOLITION OR DISPOSITION.—
    The grantee shall not commence demolition or complete disposition of a building subject to the ap-

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proved transformation plan until all residents residing in the building are relocated.

(9) TIMING OF RELOCATION.—The applicant shall not commence relocation before approval by the Secretary of the transformation plan providing for the demolition or disposition, unless the applicant generally relocates residents in accordance with this section, as determined by the Secretary, except in the case of a substantial and imminent threat to health or safety.

# (e) Monitoring of Displaced Households.—

- (1) Grantee responsibilities.—To facilitate compliance with the requirement under subsection (a) (relating to right of residents to return), the Secretary shall, by regulation, require each grantee of a grant under this section, during the period of the transformation plan assisted with the grant and until all funding under the grant has been expended—
  - (A) to maintain a current address of residence and contact information for each household affected by the transformation plan who was occupying a dwelling unit in the housing that is subject to the plan; and

- 1 (B) to provide such updated information to 2 the Secretary on at least a quarterly basis.
- (2) Certification.—The Secretary may not 3 4 close out any grant made under this section before 5 the grantee has certified to the Secretary that the 6 agency has complied with subsection (a) (relating to 7 right of residents to return) with respect to each 8 resident displaced as a result of the transformation 9 plan, including providing occupancy in a replacement 10 dwelling unit for each resident who requested such 11 a unit in accordance with such subsection.
- 12 (f) Preference.—A returning resident shall be provided a preference for occupancy of on-site or off-site replacement units before such units are made available for 14 15 occupancy by any other eligible households, or the resident may choose to retain tenant-based voucher assistance pro-16 vided under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act 18 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for relocation from the prop-19 erties revitalized under a transformation plan assisted 20 with a grant under this title.
- 21 (g) Prohibition on Re-Screening.—A public 22 housing agency or any other manager of on-site or off-23 site replacement housing shall not, through the application 24 of any additional eligibility, screening, occupancy, or other 25 policy or practice, prevent any person otherwise eligible

- 1 under subsection (a) from occupying a replacement hous-
- 2 ing unit.
- 3 SEC. 308. ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC AND AS-
- 4 SISTED HOUSING DWELLING UNITS.
- 5 (a) One-for-One Replacement of Public or As-
- 6 SISTED HOUSING UNITS.—The Secretary may not ap-
- 7 prove a transformation plan that provides for dwelling
- 8 units to be demolished or disposed of unless the plan pro-
- 9 vides as follows:
- 10 (1) REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE EACH UNIT.— 11 One hundred percent of the public and assisted 12 housing dwelling units and units described in section 13 315(1)(E) that are demolished or disposed of pursu-14 ant to the transformation plan shall be replaced with 15 a newly constructed, rehabilitated, or purchased pub-16 lic or assisted housing unit or with a newly con-17 structed, rehabilitated, or purchased unit (including 18 through project-based assistance) that is subject to 19 requirements regarding eligibility for occupancy, ten-20 ant contribution toward rent, and long-term afford-21 ability restrictions that are consistent with such re-22 quirements for public and assisted housing dwelling 23 units or for State units, as applicable, except that 24 subparagraphs (B) and (D) of section 8(0)(13) of 25 the United States Housing Act of 1936 (relating to

- percentage limitation and income mixing requirement of project-based assistance) shall not apply with respect to vouchers used to comply with the requirements of this paragraph.
  - (2) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Admission to, administration of, and eviction from replacement housing units that replaced public housing units, but that are not public housing dwelling units, shall be subject to the following provisions to the same extent as public housing dwelling units:
    - (A) Section 578 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 13663; relating to ineligibility of dangerous sex offenders).
    - (B) Section 16(f) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n(f); relating to ineligibility of certain drug offenders).
    - (C) Sections 20 and 21 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437r, 1437s; relating to resident management).
    - (D) Section 25 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437w; relating to transfer of management at request of residents).

1	(E) Section 6(k) of the United States
2	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(k); re-
3	lating to administrative grievance procedure).
4	(F) Section 6(f) of the United States
5	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(f); re-
6	lating to housing quality requirements).
7	(G) Part 964 of title 24, Code of Federal
8	regulations (relating to tenant participation and
9	opportunities).
10	(3) Retention of rights.—Tenants occu-
11	pying a replacement housing unit shall have all
12	rights provided to tenants of the housing from which
13	the tenants were relocated.
14	(4) Size.—
15	(A) IN GENERAL.—Replacement units shall
16	be of comparable size, unless a market analysis
17	shows a need for other-sized units, in which
18	case such need shall be addressed.
19	(B) Bedrooms.—The number of bed-
20	rooms within each replacement unit shall be
21	sufficient to serve families displaced as a result
22	of the demolition or disposition.
23	(5) Location on site.—At least one-third of
24	all replacement units for public and assisted housing
25	units demolished shall be public or assisted housing

1	units constructed within the immediate area of the
2	original public or assisted housing location, unless
3	the Secretary determines that—
4	(A) construction on such location would re-
5	sult in the violation of a consent decree; or
6	(B) the land on which the public and as-
7	sisted housing is located is environmentally un-
8	safe or geologically unstable.
9	(6) Location in the neighborhood.—Any
10	replacement housing units provided in addition to
11	dwelling units provided pursuant to paragraph (5)
12	shall—
13	(A) be provided in areas within the neigh-
14	borhood, except that if rebuilding the units
15	within the neighborhood is not feasible, units
16	shall be provided within the jurisdiction of the
17	public housing agency—
18	(i) in a manner that furthers the eco-
19	nomic and educational opportunities for
20	residents; and
21	(ii) in areas offering access to public
22	transportation; and
23	(B) have access to social, recreational, edu-
24	cational, commercial, and health facilities and
25	services, including municipal services and facili-

ties, that are comparable to services provided to
the revitalized neighborhood from which residents were displaced.

(7) Location outside of jurisdiction.—If rebuilding replacement housing units within the jurisdiction, in a manner that complies with the requirements of clauses (i) through (iv) of subparagraph (A) and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (6) is not feasible, units may be provided outside of the jurisdiction of the public housing agency, but within the metropolitan area of such jurisdiction, provided the grantee requests, and the public housing agency or unit of local government in which such units shall be located, agrees to such transfer of units. All such units shall comply with the requirements of clauses (i) through (iv) of subparagraph (A) and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (6).

#### (b) Waiver.—

(1) AUTHORITY.—Upon the written request of an applicant for a grant under this title submitted as part of the transformation plan pursuant to section 306, the Secretary may reduce the percentage applicable under subsection (a)(1) to the transformation plan of the applicant to not less than 90 percent, but only if—

1	(A) a judgment, consent decree, or other
2	order of a court limits the ability of the appli-
3	cant to comply with such requirements; or
4	(B) the applicant demonstrates that there
5	is an excess supply of affordable rental housing
6	in areas of low poverty and provides data show-
7	ing that, in the area surrounding the revitalized
8	neighborhood—
9	(i) at least 90 percent of vouchers
10	issued under section 8(o) of the United
11	States Housing Act of 1937 over the last
12	24 months to comparable families were
13	successfully used to lease a dwelling unit
14	within 120 days of issuance or, if a suffi-
15	cient number of comparable families have
16	not received vouchers, an alternative meas-
17	ure, as the Secretary shall design, is met;
18	(ii) existing voucher holders are widely
19	dispersed geographically in areas of low
20	poverty with access to public transpor-
21	tation, education, and other amenities, as
22	determined by the Secretary, among the
23	available private rental housing stock; and
24	(iii) the applicant provides a market
25	analysis demonstrating that—

1 (I) there is a relatively high va-2 cancy rate among units that would 3 meet or exceed housing quality stand-4 ards, as determined by the Secretary, within the market area with rent and 6 utility costs not exceeding the applica-7 ble payment standard under section 8 8(o) of the United States Housing Act 9 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)); and 10 (II) such high vacancy rate with-11 in the market area is expected to con-

tinue for the next 5 years or longer.

# 13 SEC. 309. OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

14 (a) Fair Housing.—The demolition or disposition, 15 relocation, replacement, and re-occupancy of housing units in connection with a grant under this title shall be carried 16 17 out in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing, 18 as required by section 808 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 19 (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)). Grantees shall adopt affirmative 20 marketing procedures, and require affirmative marketing 21 activities of project owners and managers. Such special 22 outreach efforts shall be targeted to those who are least 23 likely to apply for the housing, to ensure that all persons regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, 25 sex, disability, or familial status are aware of the housing

- 1 opportunities in each project funded with a grant under
- 2 this title.
- 3 (b) Accessibility Requirements.—All new con-
- 4 struction and alterations of existing buildings carried out
- 5 in connection with a grant under this title shall comply
- 6 with the requirements of the section 504 of Rehabilitation
- 7 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the Accessibility Standards
- 8 for Design, Construction, and Alteration of Publicly
- 9 Owned Residential Structures of the Department of Hous-
- 10 ing and Urban Development (24 C.F.R. part 40), the Fair
- 11 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), and any other re-
- 12 quirements as determined by the Secretary.
- 13 (c) Affordability Requirement.—Amounts from
- 14 a grant under this title may not be used for assistance
- 15 for any housing property unless the owner of the property
- 16 assisted agrees to a period of affordability for the property
- 17 which shall be not shorter than the period of affordability
- 18 to which the property is already subject and remains sub-
- 19 ject, or 20 years, whichever is longer.
- 20 (d) Cost Limits.—Subject to the provisions of this
- 21 title, the Secretary shall establish cost limits on eligible
- 22 activities under this title sufficient to provide for effective
- 23 transformation programs.
- 24 (e) Environmental Review.—For purposes of en-
- 25 vironmental review, assistance and projects under this title

- 1 shall be treated as assistance for special projects that are
- 2 subject to section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Prop-
- 3 erty Disposition Reform Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 3547),
- 4 and shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Sec-
- 5 retary to implement such section.
- 6 (f) Grantee Reporting.—The Secretary shall re-
- 7 quire grantees under this title to report the sources and
- 8 uses of all amounts expended and other information for
- 9 transformation plans for the Secretary's annual report to
- 10 Congress or other purposes as determined by the Sec-
- 11 retary.
- 12 SEC. 310. DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION.
- (a) Inapplicability of Public Housing Demoli-
- 14 TION AND DISPOSITION REQUIREMENTS TO TRANS-
- 15 FORMATION PLAN.—The demolition or disposition of se-
- 16 verely distressed public housing pursuant to a trans-
- 17 formation plan approved under this title shall exempt from
- 18 the provisions of section 18 of the United States Housing
- 19 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p).
- 20 (b) Applicability of Public Housing Demoli-
- 21 TION AND DISPOSITION REQUIREMENTS TO REPLACE-
- 22 MENT PUBLIC HOUSING.—Nothing in this title may be
- 23 construed to exempt any replacement public housing
- 24 dwelling units provided under a transformation plan in ac-
- 25 cordance with the requirements under section 308 (relat-

- 1 ing to one-for-one replacement of public housing dwelling
- 2 units) from the provisions of section 18 of the United
- 3 States Housing Act of 1937.
- 4 SEC. 311. PHASE-SPECIFIC UNDERWRITING.
- 5 To the extent that a transformation plan provides for
- 6 different phases of activities, the Secretary may allow for
- 7 the various phases of such plan to be underwritten on a
- 8 separate basis.
- 9 SEC. 312. ADMINISTRATION BY OTHER ENTITIES.
- 10 The Secretary may require a grantee under this title
- 11 to make arrangements satisfactory to the Secretary for
- 12 use of an entity other than the original grantee to carry
- 13 out activities assisted under the transformation plan of the
- 14 grantee, if—
- 15 (1) the original grantee has failed to meet per-
- 16 formance benchmarks relating to implementation of
- the transformation plan; and
- 18 (2) the Secretary determines that such action
- will help to effectuate the purposes of this title.
- 20 SEC. 313. WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING.
- If a grantee under this title does not proceed within
- 22 a reasonable timeframe in implementing its trans-
- 23 formation plan or does not otherwise comply with the re-
- 24 quirements of this title and the grant agreement, as deter-
- 25 mined by the Secretary, the Secretary may withdraw any

grant amounts under this title that have not been obli-
gated by the grantee. The Secretary may redistribute any
withdrawn amounts to one or more other eligible entities
capable of proceeding expeditiously in the same locality in
carrying out the transformation plan of the original grant-
ee, or as such plan may be modified and approved by the
Secretary, or, if that is not feasible, to one or more other
applicants that has already received assistance under this
title.
SEC. 314. ANNUAL REPORT; PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF
GRANT INFORMATION.
GRANT INFORMATION.  (a) Annual Report.—Not less than 90 days before
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(a) Annual Report.—Not less than 90 days before the conclusion of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate a report on the implementation and status of grants awarded under this title, which shall include—  (1) the number, type, and cost of affordable housing units revitalized pursuant to this title;

sistance provided for educational opportunities, serv-

- ices, public assets, public transportation, and access
  to jobs;
- 3 (3) the impact of grants made under this title 4 on the original residents, the target neighborhoods, 5 and the larger communities within which they are lo-6 cated;
  - (4) all information submitted to the Secretary pursuant to section 307(e)(1) by all grantees and summaries of the extent of compliance by grantees with the requirements under subsections (a) and (g) of section 307; and
  - (5) any information related to grantees implementation of the requirements under section 308 (relating to one-for-one replacement of public housing dwelling units) and the efforts of the Secretary to coordinate funding pursuant to section 305(e)(3).
- 17 (b) Public Availability of Grant Informa18 Tion.—To the extent not inconsistent with any other pro19 visions of law, the Secretary shall make publicly available
  20 through a World Wide Web site of the Department of
  21 Housing and Urban Development all documents of, or
  22 filed with, the Department relating to the program under
  23 this title, including applications, grant agreements, plans,
  24 budgets, reports, and amendments to such documents; ex-

cept that in carrying out this subsection, the Secretary

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1	shall take such actions as may be necessary to protect the
2	privacy of any residents and households displaced from
3	public or assisted housing as a result of a transformation
4	plan assisted under a grant under this title.
5	SEC. 315. DEFINITIONS.
6	For purposes of this title, the following definitions
7	shall apply:
8	(1) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The term "afford-
9	able housing" includes—
10	(A) public housing assisted under section 9
11	of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
12	U.S.C. 1437g);
13	(B) assisted housing (as such term is de-
14	fined in this section);
15	(C) housing assisted under an affordable
16	housing program administered by the Secretary
17	of Agriculture through Rural Housing Service;
18	(D) rental housing that utilizes tax credits
19	under section 42 or the Internal Revenue Code
20	of 1986;
21	(E) affordable rental housing owned, devel-
22	oped, or assisted through a State or local gov-
23	ernment or State housing finance agency, in-
24	cluding State-assisted public housing, which is
25	subject to a long-term affordability restriction

1	requiring occupancy by low-income households
2	and
3	(F) private housing for low- and moderate-
4	income households and for which the Secretary
5	requires the owner or purchaser of the project
6	to maintain affordability for no fewer than 20
7	years in accordance with use restrictions under
8	regulations issued by the Secretary, which re-
9	strictions shall be—
10	(i) contained in a legally enforceable
11	document recorded in the appropriate
12	records; and
13	(ii) consistent with the long-term via-
14	bility of the project as rental or homeown-
15	ership housing.
16	(2) APPLICANT.—The term "applicant" means
17	an eligible entity under section 303(a) that submits
18	an application for a grant under this title pursuant
19	to section 306.
20	(3) Assisted Housing.—The term "assisted
21	housing" means rental housing assisted under—
22	(A) section 8 of the United States Housing
23	Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f, 1437g):

1	(B) section 221(d)(3) or 236 of the Na-
2	tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715l, 1715z-
3	1);
4	(C) section 202 of the Housing Act of
5	1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); or
6	(D) section 811 of Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
7	tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
8	8013).
9	(4) Critical community improvements.—
10	The term "critical community improvements"
11	means—
12	(A) development or improvement of com-
13	munity facilities to promote upward mobility,
14	self-sufficiency, or improved quality of life for
15	residents of the neighborhood, such as construc-
16	tion or rehabilitation of parks and community
17	gardens, environmental improvements, or site
18	remediation at affected sites; or
19	(B) activities to promote economic develop-
20	ment, such as development or improvement of
21	transit, retail, community financial institutions,
22	public services, facilities, assets, or other com-
23	munity resources

1	(5) Extreme Poverty.—The term "extreme
2	poverty" means, with respect to a neighborhood
3	that the neighborhood—
4	(A) has a high percentage of residents who
5	are—
6	(i) estimated to be in poverty; or
7	(ii) have extremely low incomes based
8	on the most recent data collected by the
9	United States Census Bureau; and
10	(B) is experiencing distress related to one
11	or more of the following:
12	(i) Per capita crime rates over 3 or
13	more years that are significantly higher
14	than the per capita crime rates of the city
15	or county in which the neighborhood is lo-
16	cated.
17	(ii) High rates of vacant, abandoned
18	or substandard homes relative to the city
19	or county as a whole.
20	(iii) A low-performing public school.
21	(iv) Other such factors as determined
22	by the Secretary that further the purposes
23	of this title.
24	(6) Families.—The term "families" has the
25	meaning given such term in section 3(b) of the

1	United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
2	1437a(b)).
3	(7) Grantee.—The term "grantee" means an
4	eligible entity under section 303 that is awarded a
5	grant under this title, pursuant to selection under
6	section 306.
7	(8) Long-term viability.—The term "long-
8	term viability" means, with respect to a neighbor-
9	hood, that the neighborhood is sustainable on an
10	economic, education, and environmental basis.
11	(9) Neighborhood.—The term "neighbor-
12	hood" means an area that—
13	(A) has distinguishing characteristics;
14	(B) represents the geographical distribu-
15	tion of targeted populations; and
16	(C) is not exclusive of areas that are inte-
17	grally related to the composition of the commu-
18	nity.
19	(10) Public Housing; public Housing agen-
20	CY.—The terms "public housing" and "public hous-
21	ing agency" have the meanings given such terms in
22	section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
23	1937 (42 U S C 1437a(b))

- (11) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
  - (12) Severely distressed housing" means a public or assisted housing project (or building in a project) that—
    - (A)(i) has been certified, by an engineer or architect licensed by a State licensing board, as meeting criteria for physical distress that indicate that the project requires major redesign, reconstruction, or redevelopment, or partial or total demolition, to correct serious deficiencies in the original design (including inappropriately high-population density), deferred maintenance, physical deterioration or obsolescence of major systems, and other deficiencies in the physical plant of the project; and
    - (ii) is a significant contributing factor to the physical decline of and disinvestment by public and private entities in the surrounding neighborhood, as documented by evidence of non-physical distress, such as extreme poverty, including census data and past surveys of neighborhood stability conducted by an appli-

1	cant or co-applicant or their qualified designee
2	or
3	(B) was a project described in subpara-
4	graph (A) that has been legally vacated or de-
5	molished, but for which the Secretary has no
6	yet provided replacement housing assistance
7	other than tenant-based assistance.
8	(13) Significant amendment or change.—
9	The term "significant" means, with respect to an
10	amendment or change to a transformation plan, that
11	the amendment or change—
12	(A) changes the use of 20 percent or more
13	of the total amount of the grant provided under
14	this title from use for one activity to use for an
15	other;
16	(B) eliminates an activity that is a re-
17	quired activity that, notwithstanding the
18	change, would otherwise be carried out under
19	the plan; or
20	(C) significantly changes the scope, loca-
21	tion, or beneficiaries of the project carried our
22	under the plan.
23	(14) Supportive services.—The term "sup-
24	portive services' includes all activities that will pro-

1	mote upward mobility, self-sufficiency, or improved
2	quality of life, including—
3	(A) such activities as literacy training, re-
4	medial and continuing education, job training,
5	financial literacy instruction, daycare, youth
6	services, aging-in-place, physical and mental
7	health services, and other programs for which
8	such residents demonstrate need;
9	(B) case management and service coordi-
10	nation services, including providing coordinators
11	for the Family Self-Sufficiency program under
12	section 23 of the United States Housing Act of
13	1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437u) and the Resident Op-
14	portunity and Supportive Services program
15	under section 34 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
16	1437z-6); and
17	(C) technical assistance to enable residents

(C) technical assistance to enable residents to access programs from other key agencies and local service providers in order to help residents be stably housed, improve outcomes for children, and enhance adults' capacity for self-sufficiency and economic security, and services for the elderly and persons with disabilities to maintain independence.

## 1 SEC. 316. FUNDING.

2	There are authorized to be appropriated the following
3	amounts:
4	(1) Grants.—\$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year
5	2016 and such sums as may be necessary in each of
6	fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, for grants
7	under this title, of which, in any fiscal year—
8	(A) up to 10 percent of such amount au-
9	thorized may be used for planning grants, ex-
10	cept that in awarding planning grants, the Sec-
11	retary may elect to base selection on a subset
12	of the required provisions of this title;
13	(B) up to 5 percent of the amount author-
14	ized may be used for technical assistance and
15	program evaluation efforts related to grants
16	awarded under this title, or under predecessor
17	programs; and
18	(C) not less than 80 percent shall be used
19	for, or 80 percent of the number of housing
20	units assisted under this title shall be, public
21	housing units, subject to de minimis variations
22	as may result from the grantee selection proc-
23	ess.
24	(2) Rental assistance.—Such sums as may
25	be necessary for each of fiscal years 2016 through
26	2020 for providing tenant-based assistance for relo-

- 1 cation and for rental assistance under section 8 of
- 2 the United States Housing Act of 1937 for the pur-
- poses of complying with section 307(c) of this title,
- 4 but not to exceed the amount of assistance for the
- 5 number of units demolished or disposed of under
- 6 section 307(c)(1).

## 7 SEC. 317. REGULATIONS.

- 8 Not later than the expiration of the 180-day period
- 9 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
- 10 Secretary shall issue regulations to carry out the following
- 11 provisions of this title:
- 12 (1) Subsections (c) and (e) of section 305.
- 13 (2) Section 308(b).
- 14 (3) Paragraphs (4), (5), (8), (9), and (12) of
- 15 section 315.

## 16 TITLE IV—PILOT PROGRAM TO

- 17 TRAIN PUBLIC HOUSING
- 18 **RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE**
- 19 **HOME-BASED HEALTH SERV-**
- 20 ICES
- 21 SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.
- This title may be cited as the "Together We Care
- 23 Act of 2015".

1	SEC. 402. PILOT GRANT PROGRAM TO TRAIN PUBLIC HOUS
2	ING RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE COVEREI
3	HOME-BASED HEALTH SERVICES.
4	Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
5	(42 U.S.C. 1437z-6) is amended by adding at the end
6	the following new subsections:
7	"(f) Pilot Grant Program To Train Public
8	Housing Residents To Provide Covered Home
9	Based Health Services.—
10	"(1) Establishment of pilot grant pro
11	GRAM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Sec
12	retary of Health and Human Services, shall estab
13	lish a competitive grant program to make grants to
14	eligible entities under paragraph (2) for use for the
15	training of public housing residents as home health
16	aides and as providers of home-based health services
17	(including as personal and home care aides) to en
18	able such residents to provide covered home-based
19	health services to—
20	"(A) residents of public housing who are
21	elderly or disabled, or both (including elderly
22	and disabled veterans who are residents of pub
23	lie housing); and
24	"(B) subject to the criteria set forth pur
25	suant to paragraph (3) residents of federally

1	assisted rental housing who are elderly or dis-
2	abled, or both.
3	"(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—A grant under this

- "(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—A grant under this subsection may be made only to an entity that—
  - "(A) is a public housing agency or other unit of State or local government (including an agency of such unit), community health center, home care provider organization, faith-based organization, labor organization, or other organization determined to be qualified by the Secretary; and
  - "(B) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that it has established, or provides such assurances that it will establish, an employment training program to train public housing residents to provide covered homebased health services that complies with regulations that the Secretary shall issue.
- "(3) Residents of federally-assisted Rental Housing.—The Secretary may set forth criteria under which an entity receiving funding under this subsection may train public housing residents to provide covered home-based health services to elderly and disabled residents of federally-assisted rental housing.

1	"(4) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant
2	under this subsection an eligible entity under para-
3	graph (2) shall submit to the Secretary an applica-
4	tion at such time, in such manner, and containing
5	such information as the Secretary shall require.
6	"(5) Competitive grant awards.—
7	"(A) GENERAL CRITERIA FOR SELEC-
8	TION.—The Secretary shall establish policies
9	and procedures for reviewing and approving
10	funding for eligible entities through a competi-
11	tive process taking into consideration—
12	"(i) with respect to the service area in
13	which public housing residents trained
14	under an employment training program de-
15	scribed in paragraph (2)(B) will provide
16	covered home-based health services—
17	"(I) the percentage of residents
18	age 62 and older;
19	"(II) the percentage of disabled
20	residents; and
21	"(III) the percentage of unem-
22	ployed or underemployed residents;
23	"(ii) the ability of an eligible entity to
24	provide training that leads to the provision
25	of quality care;

1	"(iii) the record of the quality of care
2	of an eligible entity; and
3	"(iv) such other criteria as determined
4	by the Secretary.
5	"(B) Geographic consideration.—In
6	awarding grants, the Secretary shall consider a
7	geographic mix of a variety of eligible entities
8	so that the grant program will include at
9	least—
10	"(i) one employment training program
11	described in paragraph (2)(B) that pri-
12	marily serves an urban population;
13	"(ii) one employment training pro-
14	gram described in paragraph (2)(B) that
15	primarily serves a rural population;
16	"(iii) one employment training pro-
17	gram described in paragraph (2)(B) that
18	primarily serves an Indian population; and
19	"(iv) one employment training pro-
20	gram described in paragraph (2)(B) that
21	primarily serves a population in the Com-
22	monwealth of Puerto Rico, the United
23	States Virgin Islands, Guam, American
24	Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the
25	Northern Mariana Islands.

1	"(6) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—An entity receiv-
2	ing funding under this subsection may use such
3	funds—
4	"(A) to establish (or maintain) and carry-
5	out an employment training program to train
6	public housing residents to provide covered
7	home-based health care services to elderly and
8	disabled public housing residents and elderly
9	and disabled residents of federally-assisted rent-
10	al housing;
11	"(B) for the transportation expenses of
12	public housing residents in training under such
13	an employment training program;
14	"(C) for the child care expenses of public
15	housing residents in training under such an em-
16	ployment training program;
17	"(D) for the administrative expenses of
18	carrying out such an employment training pro-
19	gram; and
20	"(E) for any other activity the Secretary
21	determines appropriate.
22	"(7) Report to congress.—Not later than
23	24 months after the date of the enactment of the
24	Together We Care Act of 2015, the Secretary shall
25	submit to Congress a report on the use and impact

1	of the grant program established by this subsection.
2	The report shall include—
3	"(A) a review of the effectiveness of the
4	program in—
5	"(i) providing jobs for public housing
6	residents;
7	"(ii) meeting the unmet health and
8	long-term care needs of elderly and dis-
9	abled residents of public housing and elder-
10	ly and disabled residents of federally-as-
11	sisted rental housing; and
12	"(iii) enabling the provision of quality
13	care; and
14	"(B) any recommendations the Secretary
15	determines appropriate regarding the grant pro-
16	gram.
17	"(8) Definitions.—As used in this subsection,
18	subsection (g), and subsection (h):
19	"(A) Home-based health services.—
20	The term 'home-based health services' means
21	health care and long-term services provided to
22	an individual in a place of residence used as
23	such individual's home and includes—

1	"(i) home health services described in
2	section 1861(m) of the Social Security Act
3	(42 U.S.C. 1395x(m));
4	"(ii) personal care services described
5	in section $1905(a)(24)$ of such Act (42)
6	U.S.C. $1396d(a)(24)$ ; and
7	"(iii) home-based services which may
8	be covered under a waiver under subsection
9	(c) or (d) of section 1915 of such Act (42
10	U.S.C. 1396n).
11	"(B) Home Health Aide.—The term
12	'home health aide' has the meaning given the
13	term in section 1891(a)(3)(E) of the Social Se-
14	curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395bbb(a)(3)(E)).
15	"(C) COVERED.—The term 'covered'
16	means, with respect to home-based health serv-
17	ices, such services—
18	"(i) for which medical assistance is
19	available under a State plan under title
20	XIX of the Social Security Act; or
21	"(ii) for which financial assistance is
22	available under subsection (g).
23	"(D) FEDERALLY-ASSISTED RENTAL
24	HOUSING.—The term 'federally-assisted rental
25	housing' means—

1	"(i) housing assisted under section
2	202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12
3	U.S.C. 1701q);
4	"(ii) housing assisted under section
5	515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
6	U.S.C. 1485);
7	"(iii) housing assisted under section 8
8	of the United States Housing Act of 1937
9	(42 U.S.C. 1437f) (including project-based
10	and tenant-based assistance);
11	"(iv) housing assisted under the block
12	grant program under the Native American
13	Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-
14	tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.);
15	"(v) housing financed by a mortgage
16	insured under section 221(d)(3) of the Na-
17	tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
18	1715l(d)(3)) or held by the Secretary, a
19	State, or State agency; and
20	"(vi) housing assisted under section
21	811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
22	fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013).
23	"(9) Inapplicability of previous sub-
24	Sections.—Subsections (a) through (e) shall not

- apply to this subsection, subsection (g), and subsection (h).
- "(10) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This subsection and subsection (g) may not be construed as affecting any requirement under State law for training, licensure, or any other certification as a home health aide or as a provider of any home-based health service under this subsection and subsection (g).
- "(11) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months
  after the date of enactment of the Together We Care
  Act of 2015, the Secretary shall issue regulations to
  carry out this subsection.
- "(12) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
  There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000
  for each of the fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018,
  for grants under this subsection.
- 18 "(g) Financial Assistance for Home-Based 19 Health Services in Certain Jurisdictions.—
- "(1) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, may provide financial assistance under this subsection to entities receiving grant funds under the pilot program established under subsection (f) that provide training for public hous-

- ing residents as home health aides and as providers
  of home-based health services and provide (or pay
  for) such services for use only for their costs in providing (or paying for) such services to—
  - "(A) residents of public housing who are elderly or disabled, or both (including elderly or disabled veterans who are residents of public housing); or
  - "(B) at the discretion of the Secretary, residents of federally-assisted rental housing who are elderly or disabled, or both.

## "(2) Requirements.—

- "(A) LOCATION.—Assistance under paragraph (1) may be provided only for services furnished in locations in which medical assistance for home-based health services is not available under a State plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act.
- "(B) Trained Public Housing Residents.—Assistance under paragraph (1) may be used only for costs of services described in paragraph (1) that are provided by public housing residents trained by an entity receiving grant funds under the pilot program established under subsection (f).

1	"(3) Eligibility.—To be eligible for financial
2	assistance under this subsection an entity shall—
3	"(A) provide such assurances as the Sec-
4	retary shall require that it will use the funds
5	only as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2);
6	"(B) submit to the Secretary an applica-
7	tion at such time, in such manner, and con-
8	taining such information as the Secretary re-
9	quires; and
10	"(C) comply with such other terms and
11	conditions as the Secretary shall establish to
12	carry out this subsection.
13	"(4) Authorization of appropriations.—
14	There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000
15	for each of the fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018,
16	for financial assistance under this subsection.
17	"(h) Impact of Income on Eligibility for Hous-
18	ING BENEFITS.—For any resident of public housing who
19	is trained as a home health aide or as a provider of home-
20	based health services pursuant to the program under sub-
21	section (f), any income received by such resident for pro-
22	viding covered home-based health services shall apply to-
23	wards eligibility for benefits under Federal housing pro-
24	grams as follows:

- 1 "(1) No income received shall apply for the 12 2 months after the completion of the training of such 3 resident.
  - "(2) Twenty-five percent of income received shall apply for the period that is 12 to 24 months after the completion of the training of such resident.
  - "(3) Fifty percent of income received shall apply for the period that is 24 to 36 months after the completion of the training of such resident.
  - "(4) One hundred percent of income received shall apply for any period that begins after 36 months after the completion of the training of such resident.".

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