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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2014

Mr. LATHAM, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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

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

8 TITLE I

9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

10 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

12 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,
13 \$103,000,000, of which not to exceed \$2,600,000 shall be
14 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not
15 to exceed \$980,000 shall be available for the immediate
16 Office of the Deputy Secretary; not to exceed \$19,000,000
17 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel;
18 not to exceed \$9,500,000 shall be available for the Office
19 of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; not
20 to exceed \$12,500,000 shall be available for the Office of
21 the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs; not to
22 exceed \$2,500,000 shall be available for the Office of the
23 Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs; not to ex-
24 ceed \$24,720,000 shall be available for the Office of the
25 Assistant Secretary for Administration; not to exceed

1 \$2,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Af-
2 fairs; not to exceed \$1,700,000 shall be available for the
3 Office of the Executive Secretariat; not to exceed
4 \$1,400,000 shall be available for the Office of Small and
5 Disadvantaged Business Utilization; not to exceed
6 \$10,600,000 shall be available for the Office of Intel-
7 ligence, Security, and Emergency Response; and not to ex-
8 ceed \$15,500,000 shall be available for the Office of the
9 Chief Information Officer: *Provided*, That the Secretary
10 of Transportation is authorized to transfer funds appro-
11 priated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any
12 other office of the Office of the Secretary: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That no appropriation for any office shall be in-
14 creased or decreased by more than 5 percent by all such
15 transfers: *Provided further*, That notice of any change in
16 funding greater than 5 percent shall be submitted for ap-
17 proval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
18 tions: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$60,000 shall
19 be for allocation within the Department for official recep-
20 tion and representation expenses as the Secretary may de-
21 termine: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any
22 other provision of law, excluding fees authorized in Public
23 Law 107–71, there may be credited to this appropriation
24 up to \$2,500,000 in funds received in user fees: *Provided*
25 *further*, That none of the funds provided in this Act shall

1 be available for the position of Assistant Secretary for
2 Public Affairs.

3 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

4 For necessary expenses related to the Office of the
5 Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology,
6 \$12,625,000, of which \$8,218,000 shall remain available
7 until September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That there may be
8 credited to this appropriation, to be available until ex-
9 pended, funds received from States, counties, municipali-
10 ties, other public authorities, and private sources for ex-
11 penses incurred for training: *Provided further*, That any
12 reference in law, regulation, judicial proceedings, or else-
13 where to the Research and Innovative Technology Admin-
14 istration shall continue to be deemed to be a reference to
15 the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and
16 Technology of the Department of Transportation.

17 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

18 For capital investments in surface transportation in-
19 frastructure, \$100,000,000, to remain available through
20 September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That the Secretary of
21 Transportation shall distribute funds provided under this
22 heading as discretionary grants to be awarded to a State,
23 local government, or a collaboration among such entities
24 on a competitive basis for projects that will have a signifi-
25 cant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a re-

1 gion: *Provided further*, That funds under this heading
2 shall be available only for highway and bridge activities
3 described under paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 133(b)
4 of title 23, United States Code, and section 202(a) of such
5 title; freight rail transportation projects; and port infra-
6 structure investments: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
7 retary may use up to 10 percent of the funds made avail-
8 able under this heading for the purpose of paying the sub-
9 sidy and administrative costs of projects eligible for Fed-
10 eral credit assistance under chapter 6 of title 23, United
11 States Code, if the Secretary finds that such use of the
12 funds would advance the purposes of this paragraph: *Pro-*
13 *vided further*, That in distributing funds provided under
14 this heading, the Secretary shall take such measures so
15 as to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds
16 and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of
17 urban and rural areas: *Provided further*, That a grant
18 funded under this heading shall be not less than
19 \$2,000,000 and not greater than \$15,000,000: *Provided*
20 *further*, That not more than 20 percent of the funds made
21 available under this heading may be awarded to projects
22 in a single State: *Provided further*, That the Federal share
23 of the costs for which an expenditure is made under this
24 heading shall be, at the option of the recipient, up to 50
25 percent: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall give

1 priority to projects that require a contribution of Federal
2 funds in order to complete an overall financing package:
3 *Provided further*, That not less than 20 percent of the
4 funds provided under this heading shall be for projects lo-
5 cated in rural areas: *Provided further*, That for projects
6 located in rural areas, the minimum grant size shall be
7 \$1,000,000 and the Secretary may increase the Federal
8 share of costs to 80 percent: *Provided further*, That
9 projects conducted using funds provided under this head-
10 ing must comply with the requirements of subchapter IV
11 of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code.

12 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPITAL

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

17 CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVES

18 For necessary expenses for cyber security initiatives,
19 including necessary upgrades to wide area network and
20 information technology infrastructure, improvement of
21 network perimeter controls and identity management,
22 testing and assessment of information technology against
23 business, security, and other requirements, implementa-
24 tion of Federal cyber security initiatives and information
25 infrastructure enhancements, implementation of enhanced

1 security controls on network devices, and enhancement of
2 cyber security workforce training tools, \$5,000,000, to re-
3 main available through September 30, 2016.

4 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
6 \$9,600,000.

7 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND

8 DEVELOPMENT

9 For necessary expenses for conducting transportation
10 planning, research, systems development, development ac-
11 tivities, and making grants, to remain available until ex-
12 pended, \$6,000,000.

13 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

14 For necessary expenses for operating costs and cap-
15 ital outlays of the Working Capital Fund, not to exceed
16 \$181,000,000 shall be paid from appropriations made
17 available to the Department of Transportation: *Provided*,
18 That such services shall be provided on a competitive basis
19 to entities within the Department of Transportation: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That the above limitation on operating ex-
21 penses shall not apply to non-DOT entities: *Provided fur-*
22 *ther*, That no funds appropriated in this Act to an agency
23 of the Department shall be transferred to the Working
24 Capital Fund without majority approval of the Working
25 Capital Fund Steering Committee and approval of the

1 Secretary: *Provided further*, That no assessments may be
2 levied against any program, budget activity, subactivity or
3 project funded by this Act unless notice of such assess-
4 ments and the basis therefor are presented to the House
5 and Senate Committees on Appropriations and are ap-
6 proved by such Committees.

7 MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM

8 For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$417,000, as au-
9 thorized by 49 U.S.C. 332: *Provided*, That such costs, in-
10 cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
11 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
12 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to
13 subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be
14 guaranteed, not to exceed \$18,367,000.

15 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
16 the guaranteed loan program, \$596,000.

17 MINORITY BUSINESS OUTREACH

18 For necessary expenses of Minority Business Re-
19 source Center outreach activities, \$3,099,000, to remain
20 available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That, not-
21 withstanding 49 U.S.C. 332, these funds may be used for
22 business opportunities related to any mode of transpor-
23 tation.

1 PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

2 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

3 In addition to funds made available from any other
4 source to carry out the essential air service program under
5 49 U.S.C. 41731 through 41742, \$149,000,000, to be de-
6 rived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain
7 available until expended: *Provided*, That in determining
8 between or among carriers competing to provide service
9 to a community, the Secretary may consider the relative
10 subsidy requirements of the carriers: *Provided further*,
11 That basic essential air service minimum requirements
12 shall not include the 15-passenger capacity requirement
13 under subsection 41732(b)(3) of title 49, United States
14 Code: *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act
15 or any other Act shall be used to enter into a new contract
16 with a community located less than 40 miles from the
17 nearest small hub airport before the Secretary has nego-
18 tiated with the community over a local cost share: *Pro-*
19 *vided further*, That none of the funds in this Act or any
20 other Act shall be used to provide essential air service to
21 communities in the 48 contiguous States that require a
22 rate of subsidy per passenger in excess of \$500 before the
23 Secretary has negotiated with the community over a local
24 cost share so that the per passenger subsidy does not ex-
25 ceed \$500.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE
2 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

3 SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this
4 Act to the Department of Transportation may be obligated
5 for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to ap-
6 prove assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining
7 to funds appropriated to the modal administrations in this
8 Act, except for activities underway on the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements
10 have completed the normal reprogramming process for
11 Congressional notification.

12 SEC. 102. The Secretary or his designee may engage
13 in activities with States and State legislators to consider
14 proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities.

15 SEC. 103. Notwithstanding section 3324 of title 31,
16 United States Code, in addition to authority provided by
17 section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Depart-
18 ment's Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to pro-
19 vide payments in advance to vendors that are necessary
20 to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe
21 benefit program under Executive Order 13150 and section
22 3049 of Public Law 109–59: *Provided*, That the Depart-
23 ment shall include adequate safeguards in the contract
24 with the vendors to ensure timely and high-quality per-
25 formance under the contract.

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

6 FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

7 OPERATIONS

8 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

9 For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Ad-
10 ministration, not otherwise provided for, including oper-
11 ations and research activities related to commercial space
12 transportation, administrative expenses for research and
13 development, establishment of air navigation facilities, the
14 operation (including leasing) and maintenance of aircraft,
15 subsidizing the cost of aeronautical charts and maps sold
16 to the public, lease or purchase of passenger motor vehi-
17 cles for replacement only, in addition to amounts made
18 available by Public Law 112-95, \$9,750,000,000 of which
19 \$8,595,000,000 shall be derived from the Airport and Air-
20 way Trust Fund, of which not to exceed \$7,396,654,000
21 shall be available for air traffic organization activities; not
22 to exceed \$1,218,458,000 shall be available for aviation
23 safety activities; not to exceed \$16,000,000 shall be avail-
24 able for commercial space transportation activities; not to
25 exceed \$762,652,000 shall be available for finance and

1 management activities; not to exceed \$60,089,000 shall be
2 available for NextGen and operations planning activities;
3 and not to exceed \$296,147,000 shall be available for staff
4 offices: *Provided*, That not to exceed 2 percent of any
5 budget activity, except for aviation safety budget activity,
6 may be transferred to any budget activity under this head-
7 ing: *Provided further*, That no transfer may increase or
8 decrease any appropriation by more than 2 percent: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That any transfer in excess of 2 percent
10 shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under sec-
11 tion 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obliga-
12 tion or expenditure except in compliance with the proce-
13 dures set forth in that section: *Provided further*, That not
14 later than March 31 of each fiscal year hereafter, the Ad-
15 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall
16 transmit to Congress an annual update to the report sub-
17 mitted to Congress in December 2004 pursuant to section
18 221 of Public Law 108–176: *Provided further*, That the
19 amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by \$100,000
20 for each day after March 31 that such report has not been
21 submitted to the Congress: *Provided further*, That not
22 later than March 31 of each fiscal year hereafter, the Ad-
23 ministrator shall transmit to Congress a companion report
24 that describes a comprehensive strategy for staffing, hir-
25 ing, and training flight standards and aircraft certification

1 staff in a format similar to the one utilized for the con-
2 troller staffing plan, including stated attrition estimates
3 and numerical hiring goals by fiscal year: *Provided further*,
4 That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by
5 \$100,000 per day for each day after March 31 that such
6 report has not been submitted to Congress: *Provided fur-*
7 *ther*, That funds may be used to enter into a grant agree-
8 ment with a nonprofit standard-setting organization to as-
9 sist in the development of aviation safety standards: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That none of the funds in this Act shall be
11 available for new applicants for the second career training
12 program: *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this
13 Act shall be available for the Federal Aviation Administra-
14 tion to finalize or implement any regulation that would
15 promulgate new aviation user fees not specifically author-
16 ized by law after the date of the enactment of this Act:
17 *Provided further*, That there may be credited to this appro-
18 priation as offsetting collections funds received from
19 States, counties, municipalities, foreign authorities, other
20 public authorities, and private sources for expenses in-
21 curred in the provision of agency services, including re-
22 ceipts for the maintenance and operation of air navigation
23 facilities, and for issuance, renewal or modification of cer-
24 tificates, including airman, aircraft, and repair station cer-
25 tificates, or for tests related thereto, or for processing

1 major repair or alteration forms: *Provided further*, That
2 of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less
3 than \$140,000,000 shall be for the contract tower pro-
4 gram, of which \$9,500,000 is for the contract tower cost
5 share program: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
6 in this Act for aeronautical charting and cartography are
7 available for activities conducted by, or coordinated
8 through, the Working Capital Fund.

9 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

10 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

11 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
12 for acquisition, establishment, technical support services,
13 improvement by contract or purchase, and hire of national
14 airspace systems and experimental facilities and equip-
15 ment, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title
16 49, United States Code, including initial acquisition of
17 necessary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service
18 testing, including construction of test facilities and acqui-
19 sition of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction
20 and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations
21 for officers and employees of the Federal Aviation Admin-
22 istration stationed at remote localities where such accom-
23 modations are not available; and the purchase, lease, or
24 transfer of aircraft from funds available under this head-
25 ing, including aircraft for aviation regulation and certifi-

1 cation; to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust
2 Fund, \$2,600,000,000, of which \$463,000,000 shall re-
3 main available until September 30, 2015, and
4 \$2,137,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
5 2017: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appro-
6 priation funds received from States, counties, municipali-
7 ties, other public authorities, and private sources, for ex-
8 penses incurred in the establishment, improvement, and
9 modernization of national airspace systems: *Provided fur-*
10 *ther*, That upon initial submission to the Congress of the
11 fiscal year 2016 President's budget, the Secretary of
12 Transportation shall transmit to the Congress a com-
13 prehensive capital investment plan for the Federal Avia-
14 tion Administration which includes funding for each budg-
15 et line item for fiscal years 2016 through 2020, with total
16 funding for each year of the plan constrained to the fund-
17 ing targets for those years as estimated and approved by
18 the Office of Management and Budget.

19 RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT

20 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

21 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
22 for research, engineering, and development, as authorized
23 under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States
24 Code, including construction of experimental facilities and
25 acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant,

1 \$156,750,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway
2 Trust Fund and to remain available until September 30,
3 2017: *Provided*, That there may be credited to this appro-
4 priation as offsetting collections, funds received from
5 States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities,
6 and private sources, which shall be available for expenses
7 incurred for research, engineering, and development.

8 GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS
9 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)
10 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)
11 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)
12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For liquidation of obligations incurred for grants-in-
14 aid for airport planning and development, and noise com-
15 patibility planning and programs as authorized under sub-
16 chapter I of chapter 471 and subchapter I of chapter 475
17 of title 49, United States Code, and under other law au-
18 thorizing such obligations; for procurement, installation,
19 and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices
20 and systems at airports of such title; for grants authorized
21 under section 41743 of title 49, United States Code; and
22 for inspection activities and administration of airport safe-
23 ty programs, including those related to airport operating
24 certificates under section 44706 of title 49, United States
25 Code, \$3,200,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and

1 Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until ex-
2 pended: *Provided*, That none of the funds under this head-
3 ing shall be available for the planning or execution of pro-
4 grams the obligations for which are in excess of
5 \$3,350,000,000 in fiscal year 2015, notwithstanding sec-
6 tion 47117(g) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided*
7 *further*, That none of the funds under this heading shall
8 be available for the replacement of baggage conveyor sys-
9 tems, reconfiguration of terminal baggage areas, or other
10 airport improvements that are necessary to install bulk ex-
11 plosive detection systems: *Provided further*, That notwith-
12 standing any other provision of law, of funds limited under
13 this heading, not more than \$107,100,000 shall be obli-
14 gated for administration, not less than \$15,000,000 shall
15 be available for the Airport Cooperative Research Pro-
16 gram, not less than \$29,750,000 shall be available for Air-
17 port Technology Research, and \$3,000,000, to remain
18 available until expended, shall be available and transferred
19 to “Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses” to
20 carry out the Small Community Air Service Development
21 Program.

22 (CANCELLATION)

23 Of the amounts authorized under sections 48103 and
24 48112 of Title 49, United States Code, \$260,000,000 are
25 hereby permanently cancelled from amounts authorized

1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 and prior
2 years.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION

4 ADMINISTRATION

5 SEC. 110. None of the funds in this Act may be used
6 to compensate in excess of 600 technical staff-years under
7 the federally funded research and development center con-
8 tract between the Federal Aviation Administration and the
9 Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development dur-
10 ing fiscal year 2015.

11 SEC. 111. None of the funds in this Act shall be used
12 to pursue or adopt guidelines or regulations requiring air-
13 port sponsors to provide to the Federal Aviation Adminis-
14 tration without cost building construction, maintenance,
15 utilities and expenses, or space in airport sponsor-owned
16 buildings for services relating to air traffic control, air
17 navigation, or weather reporting: *Provided*, That the pro-
18 hibition of funds in this section does not apply to negotia-
19 tions between the agency and airport sponsors to achieve
20 agreement on “below-market” rates for these items or to
21 grant assurances that require airport sponsors to provide
22 land without cost to the FAA for air traffic control facili-
23 ties.

24 SEC. 112. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation
25 Administration may reimburse amounts made available to

1 satisfy 49 U.S.C. 41742(a)(1) from fees credited under
2 49 U.S.C. 45303 and any amount remaining in such ac-
3 count at the close of that fiscal year may be made available
4 to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) for the subsequent fiscal
5 year.

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

11 SEC. 114. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
12 able for paying premium pay under subsection 5546(a) of
13 title 5, United States Code, to any Federal Aviation Ad-
14 ministration employee unless such employee actually per-
15 formed work during the time corresponding to such pre-
16 mium pay.

17 SEC. 115. None of the funds in this Act may be obli-
18 gated or expended for an employee of the Federal Aviation
19 Administration to purchase a store gift card or gift certifi-
20 cate through use of a Government-issued credit card.

21 SEC. 116. None of the funds in this Act may be obli-
22 gated or expended for retention bonuses for an employee
23 of the Federal Aviation Administration without the prior
24 written approval of the Assistant Secretary for Adminis-
25 tration of the Department of Transportation.

1 SEC. 117. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, none of the funds made available under this Act or
3 any prior Act may be used to implement or to continue
4 to implement any limitation on the ability of any owner
5 or operator of a private aircraft to obtain, upon a request
6 to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-
7 tion, a blocking of that owner's or operator's aircraft reg-
8 istration number from any display of the Federal Aviation
9 Administration's Aircraft Situational Display to Industry
10 data that is made available to the public, except data made
11 available to a Government agency, for the noncommercial
12 flights of that owner or operator.

13 SEC. 118. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
14 able for salaries and expenses of more than 9 political and
15 Presidential appointees in the Federal Aviation Adminis-
16 tration.

17 SEC. 119. None of the funds made available under
18 this Act may be used to increase fees pursuant to section
19 44721 of title 49, United States Code, until the FAA pro-
20 vides to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
21 tions the report related to aeronautical navigation prod-
22 ucts referred to in the explanatory statement described in
23 section 4 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014.

24 SEC. 119A. None of the funds appropriated or limited
25 by this Act may be used to change weight restrictions or

1 prior permission rules at Teterboro airport in Teterboro,
2 New Jersey.

3 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

4 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

5 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

7 Contingent upon reauthorization, not to exceed
8 \$426,100,000, together with advances and reimburse-
9 ments received by the Federal Highway Administration,
10 shall be paid in accordance with law from appropriations
11 made available by this Act to the Federal Highway Admin-
12 istration for necessary expenses for administration and op-
13 eration. In addition, not to exceed \$3,248,000 shall be
14 paid from appropriations made available by this Act and
15 transferred to the Appalachian Regional Commission in
16 accordance with section 104 of title 23, United States
17 Code.

18 FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

19 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

20 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

21 Contingent upon reauthorization, funds available for
22 the implementation or execution of programs of Federal-
23 aid Highways and highway safety construction programs
24 authorized under titles 23 and 49, United States Code,
25 and the provisions of Public Law 112-141 shall not exceed

1 total obligations of \$40,256,000,000 for fiscal year 2015:
2 *Provided*, That the Secretary may collect and spend fees,
3 as authorized by title 23, United States Code, to cover
4 the costs of services of expert firms, including counsel, in
5 the field of municipal and project finance to assist in the
6 underwriting and servicing of Federal credit instruments
7 and all or a portion of the costs to the Federal Govern-
8 ment of servicing such credit instruments: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That such fees are available until expended to pay
10 for such costs: *Provided further*, That such amounts are
11 in addition to administrative expenses that are also avail-
12 able for such purpose, and are not subject to any obliga-
13 tion limitation or the limitation on administrative expenses
14 under section 608 of title 23, United States Code.

15 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

16 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

17 Contingent upon reauthorization, for the payment of
18 obligations incurred in carrying out Federal-aid Highways
19 and highway safety construction programs authorized
20 under title 23, United States Code, \$40,995,000,000, de-
21 rived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass
22 Transit Account), to remain available until expended.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY

24 ADMINISTRATION

25 SEC. 120. Contingent upon reauthorization:

1 (a) For fiscal year 2015, the Secretary of Transpor-
2 tation shall—

3 (1) not distribute from the obligation limitation
4 for Federal-aid Highways—

5 (A) amounts authorized for administrative
6 expenses and programs by section 104(a) of
7 title 23, United States Code; and

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

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

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

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

23 (3) determine the proportion that—

24 (A) the obligation limitation for Federal-
25 aid Highways, less the aggregate of amounts

1 not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of
2 this subsection; bears to

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

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

24 (A) the proportion determined under para-
25 graph (3); by

1 (B) the amounts authorized to be appro-
2 priated for each such program for such fiscal
3 year; and

4 (5) distribute the obligation limitation for Fed-
5 eral-aid Highways, less the aggregate amounts not
6 distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and the
7 amounts distributed under paragraph (4), for Fed-
8 eral-aid Highways and highway safety construction
9 programs that are apportioned by the Secretary
10 under title 23, United States Code (other than the
11 amounts apportioned for the National Highway Per-
12 formance Program in section 119 of title 23, United
13 States Code, that are exempt from the limitation
14 under subsection (b)(13) and the amounts appor-
15 tioned under sections 202 and 204 of that title) in
16 the proportion that—

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

21 (B) the total of the amounts authorized to
22 be appropriated for the programs that are ap-
23 portioned under title 23, United States Code, to
24 all States for such fiscal year.

1 (b) EXCEPTIONS FROM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—

2 The obligation limitation for Federal-aid Highways shall
3 not apply to obligations under or for—

4 (1) section 125 of title 23, United States Code;

5 (2) section 147 of the Surface Transportation
6 Assistance Act of 1978 (23 U.S.C. 144 note; 92
7 Stat. 2714);

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

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

13 (5) subsections (b) and (c) of section 149 of the
14 Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation As-
15 sistance Act of 1987 (101 Stat. 198);

16 (6) sections 1103 through 1108 of the Inter-
17 modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of
18 1991 (105 Stat. 2027);

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

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

1 (9) Federal-aid Highways programs for which
2 obligation authority was made available under the
3 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
4 (112 Stat. 107) or subsequent Acts for multiple
5 years or to remain available until expended, but only
6 to the extent that the obligation authority has not
7 lapsed or been used;

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

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

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

22 (13) section 119 of title 23, United States Code
23 (but, for fiscal year 2015, only in an amount equal
24 to \$639,000,000).

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

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

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

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

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
19 graph (2), the obligation limitation for Federal-aid
20 Highways shall apply to contract authority for trans-
21 portation research programs carried out under—

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

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

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

3 (A) remain available for a period of 4 fis-
4 cal years; and

5 (B) be in addition to the amount of any
6 limitation imposed on obligations for Federal-
7 aid Highways and highway safety construction
8 programs for future fiscal years.

9 (e) REDISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED
10 FUNDS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
12 the date of distribution of obligation limitation
13 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall distribute
14 to the States any funds (excluding funds authorized
15 for the program under section 202 of title 23,
16 United States Code) that—

17 (A) are authorized to be appropriated for
18 such fiscal year for Federal-aid Highways pro-
19 grams; and

20 (B) the Secretary determines will not be
21 allocated to the States (or will not be appor-
22 tioned to the States under section 204 of title
23 23, United States Code), and will not be avail-
24 able for obligation, for such fiscal year because

1 of the imposition of any obligation limitation for
2 such fiscal year.

3 (2) **RATIO.**—Funds shall be distributed under
4 paragraph (1) in the same proportion as the dis-
5 tribution of obligation authority under subsection
6 (a)(5).

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

11 **SEC. 121.** Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds re-
12 ceived by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the
13 sale of data products, for necessary expenses incurred pur-
14 suant to chapter 63 of title 49, United States Code, may
15 be credited to the Federal-aid Highways account for the
16 purpose of reimbursing the Bureau for such expenses:
17 *Provided*, That such funds shall be subject to the obliga-
18 tion limitation for Federal-aid Highways and highway
19 safety construction programs.

20 **SEC. 122.** Not less than 15 days prior to waiving,
21 under his or her statutory authority, any Buy America re-
22 quirement for Federal-aid Highways projects, the Sec-
23 retary of Transportation shall make an informal public no-
24 tice and comment opportunity on the intent to issue such
25 waiver and the reasons therefor: *Provided*, That the Sec-

1 retary shall provide an annual report to the House and
2 Senate Committees on Appropriations on any waivers
3 granted under the Buy America requirements.

4 SEC. 123. (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
5 subsection (b), none of the funds made available, limited,
6 or otherwise affected by this Act shall be used to approve
7 or otherwise authorize the imposition of any toll on any
8 segment of highway located on the Federal-aid system in
9 the State of Texas that—

10 (1) as of the date of enactment of this Act, is
11 not tolled;

12 (2) is constructed with Federal assistance pro-
13 vided under title 23, United States Code; and

14 (3) is in actual operation as of the date of en-
15 actment of this Act.

16 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

17 (1) NUMBER OF TOLL LANES.—Subsection (a)
18 shall not apply to any segment of highway on the
19 Federal-aid system described in that subsection that,
20 as of the date on which a toll is imposed on the seg-
21 ment, will have the same number of nontoll lanes as
22 were in existence prior to that date.

23 (2) HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES.—A
24 high-occupancy vehicle lane that is converted to a
25 toll lane shall not be subject to this section, and

1 shall not be considered to be a nontoll lane for pur-
2 poses of determining whether a highway will have
3 fewer nontoll lanes than prior to the date of imposi-
4 tion of the toll, if—

5 (A) high-occupancy vehicles occupied by
6 the number of passengers specified by the enti-
7 ty operating the toll lane may use the toll lane
8 without paying a toll, unless otherwise specified
9 by the appropriate county, town, municipal or
10 other local government entity, or public toll
11 road or transit authority; or

12 (B) each high-occupancy vehicle lane that
13 was converted to a toll lane was constructed as
14 a temporary lane to be replaced by a toll lane
15 under a plan approved by the appropriate coun-
16 ty, town, municipal or other local government
17 entity, or public toll road or transit authority.

18 SEC. 124. None of the funds in this Act to the De-
19 partment of Transportation may be used to provide credit
20 assistance unless not less than 3 days before any applica-
21 tion approval to provide credit assistance under sections
22 603 and 604 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary
23 of Transportation provides notification in writing to the
24 following committees: the House and Senate Committees
25 on Appropriations; the Committee on Environment and

1 Public Works and the Committee on Banking, Housing
2 and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and the Committee on
3 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives: *Provided*, That such notification shall in-
5 clude, but not be limited to, the name of the project spon-
6 sor; a description of the project; whether credit assistance
7 will be provided as a direct loan, loan guarantee, or line
8 of credit; and the amount of credit assistance.

9 SEC. 125. Section 127 of title 23, United States
10 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(j) OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN OTHER
12 WISCONSIN HIGHWAYS.—If any segment of the United
13 States Route 41 corridor, as described in section
14 1105(c)(57) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Ef-
15 ficiency Act of 1991, is designated as a route on the Inter-
16 state System, a vehicle that could operate legally on that
17 segment before the date of such designation may continue
18 to operate on that segment, without regard to any require-
19 ment under subsection (a).

20 “(k) LONGER COMBINATION VEHICLES IN IDAHO.—
21 No limit or other prohibition under this section, except
22 as provided in this subsection, applies to a longer combina-
23 tion vehicle operating on a segment of the Interstate Sys-
24 tem in Idaho if such vehicle—

1 “(1) has a gross vehicle weight of 129,000
2 pounds or less;

3 “(2) complies with the single axle, tandem axle,
4 and bridge formula limits set forth in subsection (a);
5 and

6 “(3) is authorized to operate on such segment
7 under Idaho State law.

8 “(1) OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN MIS-
9 SISSIPPI HIGHWAYS.—If any segment of United States
10 Route 78 in Mississippi from mile marker 0 to mile mark-
11 er 113 is designated as part of the Interstate System, no
12 limit established under this section may apply to that seg-
13 ment with respect to the operation of any vehicle that
14 could have legally operated on that segment before such
15 designation.”.

16 FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

17 MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

18 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

19 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

20 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

21 Contingent upon reauthorization, for payment of obli-
22 gations incurred in the implementation, execution and ad-
23 ministration of motor carrier safety operations and pro-
24 grams pursuant to section 31104(i) of title 49, United
25 States Code, and sections 4127 and 4134 of Public Law

1 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141,
2 \$259,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust
3 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), together
4 with advances and reimbursements received by the Fed-
5 eral Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the sum of
6 which shall remain available until expended: *Provided*,
7 That funds available for implementation, execution or ad-
8 ministration of motor carrier safety operations and pro-
9 grams authorized under title 49, United States Code, shall
10 not exceed total obligations of \$259,000,000 for “Motor
11 Carrier Safety Operations and Programs” for fiscal year
12 2015, of which \$9,000,000, to remain available for obliga-
13 tion until September 30, 2017, is for the research and
14 technology program, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be
15 available for commercial motor vehicle operator’s grants
16 to carry out section 4134 of Public Law 109–59, and of
17 which \$34,545,000, to remain available for obligation until
18 September 30, 2017, is for information management.

19 MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS

20 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

21 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

22 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

23 Contingent upon reauthorization, for payment of obli-
24 gations incurred in carrying out sections 31102, 31104(a),
25 31106, 31107, 31109, 31309, 31313 of title 49, United

1 States Code, and sections 4126 and 4128 of Public Law
2 109–59, as amended by Public Law 112–141,
3 \$313,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust
4 Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to re-
5 main available until expended: *Provided*, That funds avail-
6 able for the implementation or execution of motor carrier
7 safety programs shall not exceed total obligations of
8 \$313,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 for “Motor Carrier Safe-
9 ty Grants”; of which \$218,000,000 shall be available for
10 the motor carrier safety assistance program, \$30,000,000
11 shall be available for the commercial driver’s license im-
12 provements program, \$32,000,000 shall be available for
13 border enforcement grants, \$5,000,000 shall be available
14 for the performance and registration information system
15 management program, \$25,000,000 shall be available for
16 the commercial vehicle information systems and networks
17 deployment program, and \$3,000,000 shall be available
18 for the safety data improvement program: *Provided fur-*
19 *ther*, That, of the funds made available herein for the
20 motor carrier safety assistance program, \$32,000,000
21 shall be available for audits of new entrant motor carriers.

22 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL MOTOR
23 CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

24 SEC. 130. Funds appropriated or limited in this Act
25 shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in

1 section 350 of Public Law 107–87 and section 6901 of
2 Public Law 110–28.

3 SEC. 131. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admin-
4 istration shall send notice of 49 C.F.R. section 385.308
5 violations by certified mail, registered mail, or another
6 manner of delivery, which records the receipt of the notice
7 by the persons responsible for the violations.

8 NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
9 OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

10 For expenses necessary to discharge the functions of
11 the Secretary, with respect to traffic and highway safety
12 authorized under chapter 301 and part C of subtitle VI
13 of title 49, United States Code, \$134,000,000, of which
14 \$22,500,000 shall remain available through September
15 30, 2016.

16 OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

17 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

18 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

19 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

20 Contingent upon reauthorization, for payment of obli-
21 gations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 23
22 U.S.C. 403, and chapter 303 of title 49, United States
23 Code, \$128,500,000, to be derived from the Highway
24 Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and
25 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none

1 of the funds in this Act shall be available for the planning
2 or execution of programs the total obligations for which,
3 in fiscal year 2015, are in excess of \$128,500,000, of
4 which \$123,500,000 shall be for programs authorized
5 under 23 U.S.C. 403 and \$5,000,000 shall be for the Na-
6 tional Driver Register authorized under chapter 303 of
7 title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That within
8 the \$123,500,000 obligation limitation for operations and
9 research, \$22,500,000 shall remain available until Sep-
10 tember 30, 2016, and shall be in addition to the amount
11 of any limitation imposed on obligations for future years:
12 *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of the total obligation
13 limitation for operations and research in fiscal year 2015
14 shall be applied toward unobligated balances of contract
15 authority provided in prior Acts for carrying out the provi-
16 sions of 23 U.S.C. 403, and chapter 303 of title 49,
17 United States Code.

18 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

19 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

20 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

21 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

22 Contingent upon reauthorization, for payment of obli-
23 gations incurred in carrying out provisions of 23 U.S.C.
24 402 and 405, section 2009 of Public Law 109–59, as
25 amended by Public Law 112–141, and section

1 31101(a)(6) of Public Law 112–141, to remain available
2 until expended, \$561,500,000, to be derived from the
3 Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Ac-
4 count): *Provided*, That none of the funds in this Act shall
5 be available for the planning or execution of programs the
6 total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2015, are in ex-
7 cess of \$561,500,000 for programs authorized under 23
8 U.S.C. 402 and 405, section 2009 of Public Law 109–
9 59, as amended by Public Law 112–141, and section
10 31101(a)(6) of Public Law 112–141, of which
11 \$235,000,000 shall be for “Highway Safety Programs”
12 under 23 U.S.C. 402; \$272,000,000 shall be for “National
13 Priority Safety Programs” under 23 U.S.C. 405;
14 \$29,000,000 shall be for “High Visibility Enforcement
15 Program” under section 2009 of Public Law 109–59, as
16 amended by Public Law 112–141; \$25,500,000 shall be
17 for “Administrative Expenses” under section 31101(a)(6)
18 of Public Law 112–141: *Provided further*, That none of
19 these funds shall be used for construction, rehabilitation,
20 or remodeling costs, or for office furnishings and fixtures
21 for State, local or private buildings or structures: *Provided*
22 *further*, That not to exceed \$500,000 of the funds made
23 available for “National Priority Safety Programs” under
24 23 U.S.C. 405 for “Impaired Driving Countermeasures”
25 (as described in subsection (d) of that section) shall be

1 available for technical assistance to the States: *Provided*
2 *further*, That with respect to the “Transfers” provision
3 under 23 U.S.C. 405(a)(1)(G), any amounts transferred
4 to increase the amounts made available under section 402
5 shall include the obligation authority for such amounts:
6 *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall notify the
7 House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of any
8 exercise of the authority granted under the previous pro-
9 viso or under 23 U.S.C. 405(a)(1)(G) within 60 days.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY

11 TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

12 SEC. 140. Contingent upon reauthorization, an addi-
13 tional \$130,000 shall be made available to the National
14 Highway Traffic Safety Administration, out of the amount
15 limited for section 402 of title 23, United States Code,
16 to pay for travel and related expenses for State manage-
17 ment reviews and to pay for core competency development
18 training and related expenses for highway safety staff.

19 SEC. 141. The limitations on obligations for the pro-
20 grams of the National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-
21 tration set in this Act shall not apply to obligations for
22 which obligation authority was made available in previous
23 public laws but only to the extent that the obligation au-
24 thority has not lapsed or been used.

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

3 FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

4 SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

5 For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Ad-
6 ministration, not otherwise provided for, \$185,250,000, of
7 which \$12,400,000 shall remain available until expended.

8 RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

9 For necessary expenses for railroad research and de-
10 velopment, \$35,250,000, to remain available until ex-
11 pended.

12 RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT

13 FINANCING PROGRAM

14 The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to
15 issue direct loans and loan guarantees pursuant to sec-
16 tions 501 through 504 of the Railroad Revitalization and
17 Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–210), as
18 amended, such authority to exist as long as any such di-
19 rect loan or loan guarantee is outstanding: *Provided*, That,
20 pursuant to section 502 of such Act, as amended, no new
21 direct loans or loan guarantee commitments shall be made
22 using Federal funds for the credit risk premium during
23 fiscal year 2015: *Provided further*, That no new direct
24 loans or loan guarantee commitments made under the
25 Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Pro-

1 gram in fiscal year 2015 shall cause the total principal
2 amount of direct loans and loan guarantees committed
3 under the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Fi-
4 nancing Program to projects in a single state to exceed
5 \$5,600,000,000.

6 OPERATING GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD

7 PASSENGER CORPORATION

8 To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make
9 quarterly grants to the National Railroad Passenger Cor-
10 poration, in amounts based on the Secretary's assessment
11 of the Corporation's seasonal cash flow requirements, for
12 the operation of intercity passenger rail, as authorized by
13 section 101 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Im-
14 provement Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110-
15 432), \$340,000,000, to remain available until expended:
16 *Provided*, That the amounts available under this para-
17 graph shall be available for the Secretary to approve fund-
18 ing to cover operating losses for the Corporation only after
19 receiving and reviewing a grant request for each specific
20 train route: *Provided further*, That each such grant re-
21 quest shall be accompanied by a detailed financial anal-
22 ysis, revenue projection, and capital expenditure projection
23 justifying the Federal support to the Secretary's satisfac-
24 tion: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after
25 enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall transmit, in

1 electronic format, to the Secretary and the House and
2 Senate Committees on Appropriations the annual budget,
3 business plan, the 5-Year Financial Plan for fiscal year
4 2015 required under section 204 of the Passenger Rail
5 Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 and the com-
6 prehensive fleet plan for all Amtrak rolling stock: *Provided*
7 *further*, That the budget, business plan and the 5-Year
8 Financial Plan shall include annual information on the
9 maintenance, refurbishment, replacement, and expansion
10 for all Amtrak rolling stock consistent with the com-
11 prehensive fleet plan: *Provided further*, That the Corpora-
12 tion shall provide monthly performance reports in an elec-
13 tronic format which shall describe the work completed to
14 date, any changes to the business plan, and the reasons
15 for such changes as well as progress against the milestones
16 and target dates of the 2012 performance improvement
17 plan: *Provided further*, That the Corporation's budget,
18 business plan, 5-Year Financial Plan, semiannual reports,
19 monthly reports, comprehensive fleet plan and all supple-
20 mental reports or plans comply with requirements in Pub-
21 lic Law 112-55: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
22 provided in this Act may be used to support any route
23 on which Amtrak offers a discounted fare of more than
24 50 percent off the normal peak fare: *Provided further*,
25 That the preceding proviso does not apply to routes where

1 the operating loss as a result of the discount is covered
2 by a State and the State participates in the setting of
3 fares.

4 CAPITAL AND DEBT SERVICE GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL
5 RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

6 To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make
7 grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for
8 capital investments as authorized by section 101(e), 102,
9 and 219(b) of the Passenger Rail Investment and Im-
10 provement Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110-
11 432), \$850,000,000, to remain available until expended,
12 of which not to exceed \$150,000,000 shall be for debt
13 service obligations as authorized by section 102 of such
14 Act: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under
15 this heading, not less than \$50,000,000 shall be made
16 available to bring Amtrak-served facilities and stations
17 into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act:
18 *Provided further*, That after an initial distribution of up
19 to \$200,000,000, which shall be used by the Corporation
20 as a working capital account, all remaining funds shall be
21 provided to the Corporation only on a reimbursable basis:
22 *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available
23 under this heading, up to \$20,000,000 may be used by
24 the Secretary to subsidize operating losses of the Corpora-
25 tion should the funds provided under the heading

1 "Operating Grants to the National Railroad Passenger
2 Corporation" be insufficient to meet operational costs for
3 fiscal year 2015: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may
4 retain up to one-half of 1 percent of the funds provided
5 under this heading to fund the costs of project manage-
6 ment and oversight of activities authorized by subsections
7 101(a) and 101(c) of division B of Public Law 110-432:
8 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall approve funding
9 for capital expenditures, including advance purchase or-
10 ders of materials, for the Corporation only after receiving
11 and reviewing a grant request for each specific capital
12 project justifying the Federal support to the Secretary's
13 satisfaction: *Provided further*, That except as otherwise
14 provided herein, none of the funds under this heading may
15 be used to subsidize operating losses of the Corporation:
16 *Provided further*, That none of the funds under this head-
17 ing may be used for capital projects not approved by the
18 Secretary of Transportation or on the Corporation's fiscal
19 year 2015 business plan: *Provided further*, That in addi-
20 tion to the project management oversight funds authorized
21 under section 101(d) of division B of Public Law 110-
22 432, the Secretary may retain up to an additional
23 \$5,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading to
24 fund expenses associated with implementing section 212
25 of division B of Public Law 110-432, including the

1 amendments made by section 212 to section 24905 of title
2 49, United States Code.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD

4 ADMINISTRATION

5 SEC. 150. The Secretary of Transportation may re-
6 ceive and expend cash, or receive and utilize spare parts
7 and similar items, from non-United States Government
8 sources to repair damages to or replace United States
9 Government owned automated track inspection cars and
10 equipment as a result of third-party liability for such dam-
11 ages, and any amounts collected under this section shall
12 be credited directly to the Safety and Operations account
13 of the Federal Railroad Administration, and shall remain
14 available until expended for the repair, operation and
15 maintenance of automated track inspection cars and
16 equipment in connection with the automated track inspec-
17 tion program.

18 SEC. 151. Notwithstanding any other provision of
19 law, rule or regulation, the Secretary of Transportation
20 is authorized to allow the issuer of any preferred stock
21 heretofore sold to the Department to redeem or repur-
22 chase such stock upon the payment to the Department of
23 an amount to be determined by the Secretary.

24 SEC. 152. None of the funds provided to the National
25 Railroad Passenger Corporation may be used to fund any

1 overtime costs in excess of \$35,000 for any individual em-
2 ployee: *Provided*, That the president of Amtrak may waive
3 the cap set in the previous proviso for specific employees
4 when the president of Amtrak determines such a cap poses
5 a risk to the safety and operational efficiency of the sys-
6 tem: *Provided further*, That Amtrak shall notify the House
7 and Senate Committees on Appropriations each quarter
8 of the calendar year on waivers granted to employees and
9 amounts paid above the cap for each month within such
10 quarter and provide documentation of the specific activi-
11 ties of each employee during his or her paid overtime in
12 excess of \$35,000 and how the work resulted in increased
13 safety or operational efficiencies: *Provided further*, That
14 the president of Amtrak shall certify the documentation
15 in the previous proviso is accurate and correct: *Provided*
16 *further*, That Amtrak shall provide to the House and Sen-
17 ate Committees on Appropriations by March 1, 2015, a
18 summary of all overtime payments incurred by the Cor-
19 poration for 2014 and the two prior calendar years: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That such summary shall include the total
21 number of employees that received waivers and the total
22 overtime payments the Corporation paid to those employ-
23 ees receiving waivers for each month for 2014 and for the
24 two prior calendar years.

1 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

2 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

3 For necessary administrative expenses of the Federal
4 Transit Administration's programs authorized by chapter
5 53 of title 49, United States Code, \$103,000,000, of which
6 not more than \$4,000,000 shall be available to carry out
7 the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5329 and not less than
8 \$1,000,000 shall be available to carry out the provisions
9 of 49 U.S.C. 5326: *Provided*, That none of the funds pro-
10 vided or limited in this Act may be used to create a perma-
11 nent office of transit security under this heading: *Provided*
12 *further*, That upon submission to the Congress of the fiscal
13 year 2016 President's budget, the Secretary of Transpor-
14 tation shall transmit to Congress the annual report on
15 New Starts, including proposed allocations for fiscal year
16 2016.

17 TRANSIT FORMULA GRANTS

18 (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

19 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

20 (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

21 Contingent upon enactment of multi-year surface
22 transportation authorization legislation, for payment of
23 obligations incurred in the Federal Public Transportation
24 Assistance Program in this account, and for payment of
25 obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 49

1 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5318, 5322(d),
2 5329(e)(6), 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340, as amended by
3 Public Law 112–141; and section 20005(b) of Public Law
4 112–141, as amended, \$9,500,000,000, to be derived from
5 the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund
6 and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That
7 funds available for the implementation or execution of pro-
8 grams authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310,
9 5311, 5318, 5322(d), 5329(e)(6), 5335, 5337, 5339, and
10 5340, as amended by Public Law 112–141, and section
11 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, shall not exceed total
12 obligations of \$8,595,000,000 in fiscal year 2015.

13 TRANSIT RESEARCH

14 For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5312
15 and 5313, \$15,000,000, to remain available until ex-
16 pended: *Provided*, That \$14,000,000 shall be for activities
17 authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5312 and \$1,000,000 shall
18 be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5313.

19 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

20 For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5314
21 and 5322(a), (b) and (e), \$3,000,000, to remain available
22 until expended: *Provided*, That \$2,000,000 shall be for ac-
23 tivities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5314 and \$1,000,000
24 shall be for activities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5322(a),
25 (b) and (e).

1 CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS
2 (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

3 For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5309,
4 \$1,691,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That of the unobligated balances made available
6 under this heading in division L of Public Law 113-76,
7 \$65,000,000 is hereby rescinded.

8 GRANTS TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA
9 TRANSIT AUTHORITY

10 For grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area
11 Transit Authority as authorized under section 601 of divi-
12 sion B of Public Law 110-432, \$150,000,000, to remain
13 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary
14 shall approve grants for capital and preventive mainte-
15 nance expenditures for the Washington Metropolitan Area
16 Transit Authority only after receiving and reviewing a re-
17 quest for each specific project: *Provided further*, That,
18 prior to approving such grants, the Secretary shall deter-
19 mine that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Au-
20 thority has placed the highest priority on those invest-
21 ments that will improve the safety of the system: *Provided*
22 *further*, That the Secretary, in order to ensure safety
23 throughout the rail system, may waive the requirements
24 of section 601(e)(1) of title VI of Public Law 110-432
25 (112 Stat. 4968).

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT

2 ADMINISTRATION

3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

4 SEC. 160. The limitations on obligations for the pro-
5 grams of the Federal Transit Administration shall not
6 apply to any authority under 49 U.S.C. 5338, previously
7 made available for obligation, or to any other authority
8 previously made available for obligation.

9 SEC. 161. Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 law, funds appropriated or limited by this Act under the
11 heading “Fixed Guideway Capital Investment” of the Fed-
12 eral Transit Administration for projects specified in this
13 Act or identified in reports accompanying this Act not ob-
14 ligated by September 30, 2019, and other recoveries, shall
15 be directed to projects eligible to use the funds for the
16 purposes for which they were originally provided.

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

23 SEC. 163. For purposes of applying the project jus-
24 tification and local financial commitment criteria of 49
25 U.S.C. 5309(d) to a New Starts project, the Secretary

1 may consider the costs and ridership of any connected
2 project in an instance in which private parties are making
3 significant financial contributions to the construction of
4 the connected project; additionally, the Secretary may con-
5 sider the significant financial contributions of private par-
6 ties to the connected project in calculating the non-Federal
7 share of net capital project costs for the New Starts
8 project.

9 SEC. 164. Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 law, none of the funds made available in this Act shall
11 be used to enter into a full funding grant agreement for
12 a project with a New Starts share greater than 50 percent.

13 SEC. 165. None of the funds in this or any other Act
14 may be available to advance in any way a new light or
15 heavy rail project towards a full funding grant agreement
16 as defined by 49 U.S.C. 5309 for the Metropolitan Transit
17 Authority of Harris County, Texas if the proposed capital
18 project is constructed on or planned to be constructed on
19 Richmond Avenue west of South Shepherd Drive or on
20 Post Oak Boulevard north of Richmond Avenue in Hous-
21 ton, Texas.

22 SEC. 166. Unobligated and recovered fiscal year 2010
23 through 2012 funds that were made available to carry out
24 49 U.S.C. 5339 shall be available to carry out 49 U.S.C.

1 5309, as amended by Public Law 112–141, subject to the
2 terms and conditions required under such section.

3 SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT

4 CORPORATION

5 The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corpora-
6 tion is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, with-
7 in the limits of funds and borrowing authority available
8 to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and to make
9 such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal
10 year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Govern-
11 ment Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be
12 necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the
13 Corporation’s budget for the current fiscal year.

14 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

15 (HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)

16 For necessary expenses to conduct the operations,
17 maintenance, and capital asset renewal activities of those
18 portions of the St. Lawrence Seaway owned, operated, and
19 maintained by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development
20 Corporation, \$32,500,000, to be derived from the Harbor
21 Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 99–
22 662.

1 MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

2 MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM

3 For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a
4 U.S.-flag merchant fleet to serve the national security
5 needs of the United States, \$166,000,000, to remain avail-
6 able until expended.

7 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

8 For necessary expenses of operations and training ac-
9 tivities authorized by law, \$132,000,000, of which
10 \$11,300,000 shall remain available until expended for
11 maintenance and repair of training ships at State Mari-
12 time Academies, and of which \$2,400,000 shall remain
13 available through September 30, 2016, for the Student In-
14 centive Program at State Maritime Academies, and of
15 which \$1,500,000 shall remain available until expended
16 for facilities maintenance and repair, equipment, and cap-
17 ital improvements at the United State Merchant Marine
18 Academy: *Provided*, That amounts apportioned for the
19 United States Merchant Marine Academy shall be avail-
20 able only upon allotments made personally by the Sec-
21 retary of Transportation or the Assistant Secretary for
22 Budget and Programs: *Provided further*, That the Super-
23 intendent, Deputy Superintendent and the Director of the
24 Office of Resource Management of the United State Mer-
25 chant Marine Academy may not be allotment holders for

1 the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and the Ad-
2 ministrator of the Maritime Administration shall hold all
3 allotments made by the Secretary of Transportation or the
4 Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs under the
5 previous proviso: *Provided further*, That 50 percent of the
6 funding made available for the United States Merchant
7 Marine Academy under this heading shall be available only
8 after the Secretary, in consultation with the Super-
9 intendent and the Maritime Administrator, completes a
10 plan detailing by program or activity how such funding
11 will be expended at the Academy, and this plan is sub-
12 mitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appro-
13 priations.

14 SHIP DISPOSAL

15 For necessary expenses related to the disposal of ob-
16 solete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet of the
17 Maritime Administration, \$4,000,000, to remain available
18 until expended.

19 MARITIME GUARANTEED LOAN (TITLE XI) PROGRAM

20 ACCOUNT

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER AND RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

22 For necessary administrative expenses of the mari-
23 time guaranteed loan program, \$3,100,000 shall be paid
24 to the appropriations for “Maritime Administration–Oper-
25 ations and Training”: *Provided*, That of the funds made

1 available under this heading in division L of Public Law
2 113-76, \$29,000,000 is rescinded.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—MARITIME

4 ADMINISTRATION

5 SEC. 170. Notwithstanding any other provision of
6 this Act, the Maritime Administration is authorized to fur-
7 nish utilities and services and make necessary repairs in
8 connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving
9 Government property under control of the Maritime Ad-
10 ministration, and payments received therefor shall be cred-
11 ited to the appropriation charged with the cost thereof:
12 *Provided*, That rental payments under any such lease, con-
13 tract, or occupancy for items other than such utilities,
14 services, or repairs shall be covered into the Treasury as
15 miscellaneous receipts.

16 SEC. 171. None of the funds available or appro-
17 priated in this Act shall be used by the United States De-
18 partment of Transportation or the United States Maritime
19 Administration to negotiate or otherwise execute, enter
20 into, facilitate or perform fee-for-service contracts for ves-
21 sel disposal, scrapping or recycling, unless there is no
22 qualified domestic ship recycler that will pay any sum of
23 money to purchase and scrap or recycle a vessel owned,
24 operated or managed by the Maritime Administration or
25 that is part of the National Defense Reserve Fleet. Such

1 sales offers must be consistent with the solicitation and
2 provide that the work will be performed in a timely man-
3 ner at a facility qualified within the meaning of section
4 3502 of Public Law 106–398. Nothing contained herein
5 shall affect the Maritime Administration’s authority to
6 award contracts at least cost to the Federal Government
7 and consistent with the requirements of 16 U.S.C.
8 5405(c), section 3502, or otherwise authorized under the
9 Federal Acquisition Regulation.

10 PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

11 ADMINISTRATION

12 OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline
15 and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration,
16 \$21,654,000: *Provided*, That \$1,500,000 shall be trans-
17 ferred to “Pipeline Safety” in order to fund “Pipeline
18 Safety Information Grants to Communities” as authorized
19 under section 60130 of title 49, United States Code.

20 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

21 For expenses necessary to discharge the hazardous
22 materials safety functions of the Pipeline and Hazardous
23 Materials Safety Administration, \$52,000,000, of which
24 \$7,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
25 2017: *Provided*, That up to \$800,000 in fees collected

1 under 49 U.S.C. 5108(g) shall be deposited in the general
2 fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts: *Provided fur-*
3 *ther*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to
4 be available until expended, funds received from States,
5 counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and pri-
6 vate sources for expenses incurred for training, for reports
7 publication and dissemination, and for travel expenses in-
8 curred in performance of hazardous materials exemptions
9 and approvals functions.

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PIPELINE SAFETY

11

(PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)

12

(OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND)

13

(PIPELINE SAFETY DESIGN REVIEW FUND)

14

For expenses necessary to conduct the functions of
15 the pipeline safety program, for grants-in-aid to carry out
16 a pipeline safety program, as authorized by 49 U.S.C.
17 60107, and to discharge the pipeline program responsibil-
18 ities of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, \$131,500,000, of
19 which \$19,500,000 shall be derived from the Oil Spill Li-
20 ability Trust Fund and shall remain available until Sep-
21 tember 30, 2017; and of which \$110,000,000 shall be de-
22 rived from the Pipeline Safety Fund, of which
23 \$54,436,000 shall remain available until September 30,
24 2017; and of which \$2,000,000, to remain available until
25 expended, shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Design

1 Review Fund, as authorized in 49 U.S.C. 60117(n): *Pro-*
2 *vided*, That not less than \$1,058,000 of the funds pro-
3 vided under this heading shall be for the One-Call state
4 grant program.

5 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS
6 (EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

7 For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C.
8 5128(b), \$188,000, to be derived from the Emergency
9 Preparedness Fund, to remain available until September
10 30, 2016: *Provided*, That not more than \$28,318,000 shall
11 be made available for obligation in fiscal year 2015 from
12 amounts made available by 49 U.S.C. 5116(i) and
13 5128(b)–(c): *Provided further*, That none of the funds
14 made available by 49 U.S.C. 5116(i), 5128(b), or 5128(c)
15 shall be made available for obligation by individuals other
16 than the Secretary of Transportation, or his or her des-
17 ignee.

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
21 General to carry out the provisions of the Inspector Gen-
22 eral Act of 1978, as amended, \$86,223,000: *Provided*,
23 That the Inspector General shall have all necessary au-
24 thority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspec-
25 tor General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to inves-

1 tigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to
2 the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity
3 that is subject to regulation by the Department: *Provided*
4 *further*, That the funds made available under this heading
5 may be used to investigate, pursuant to section 41712 of
6 title 49, United States Code: (1) unfair or deceptive prac-
7 tices and unfair methods of competition by domestic and
8 foreign air carriers and ticket agents; and (2) the compli-
9 ance of domestic and foreign air carriers with respect to
10 item (1) of this proviso: *Provided further*, That: (1) the
11 Inspector General shall have the authority to audit and
12 investigate the Metropolitan Washington Airports Author-
13 ity (MWAA); (2) in carrying out these audits and inves-
14 tigations the Inspector General shall have all the authori-
15 ties described under section 6 of the Inspector General Act
16 (5 U.S.C. App.); (3) MWAA Board Members, employees,
17 contractors, and subcontractors shall cooperate and com-
18 ply with requests from the Inspector General, including
19 providing testimony and other information; (4) The In-
20 spector General shall be permitted to observe closed execu-
21 tive sessions of the MWAA Board of Directors; (5) MWAA
22 shall pay the expenses of the Inspector General, including
23 staff salaries and benefits and associated operating costs,
24 which shall be credited to this appropriation and remain
25 available until expended; and (6) if MWAA fails to make

1 funds available to the Inspector General within 30 days
2 after a request for such funds is received, then the Inspec-
3 tor General shall notify the Secretary of Transportation,
4 who shall not approve a grant for MWAA under section
5 47107(b) of title 49, United States Code, until such fund-
6 ing is made available for the Inspector General: *Provided*
7 *further*, That hereafter funds transferred to the Office of
8 the Inspector General through forfeiture proceedings or
9 from the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund
10 or the Department of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund, as
11 a participating agency, as an equitable share from the for-
12 feiture of property in investigations in which the Office
13 of Inspector General participates, or through the granting
14 of a Petition for Remission or Mitigation, shall be depos-
15 ited to the credit of this account for law enforcement ac-
16 tivities authorized under the Inspector General Act of
17 1978, as amended, to remain available until expended.

18 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Surface Transpor-
21 tation Board, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C.
22 3109, \$31,250,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
23 other provision of law, not to exceed \$1,250,000 from fees
24 established by the Chairman of the Surface Transpor-
25 tation Board shall be credited to this appropriation as off-

1 setting collections and used for necessary and authorized
2 expenses under this heading: *Provided further*, That the
3 sum herein appropriated from the general fund shall be
4 reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis as such offsetting col-
5 lections are received during fiscal year 2015, to result in
6 a final appropriation from the general fund estimated at
7 no more than \$30,000,000.

8 GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF
9 TRANSPORTATION

10 SEC. 180. During the current fiscal year, applicable
11 appropriations to the Department of Transportation shall
12 be available for maintenance and operation of aircraft;
13 hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; purchase of
14 liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in foreign
15 countries on official department business; and uniforms or
16 allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–
17 5902).

18 SEC. 181. Appropriations contained in this Act for
19 the Department of Transportation shall be available for
20 services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for
21 individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to
22 the rate for an Executive Level IV.

23 SEC. 182. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
24 able for salaries and expenses of more than 110 political
25 and Presidential appointees in the Department of Trans-

1 portation: *Provided*, That none of the personnel covered
2 by this provision may be assigned on temporary detail out-
3 side the Department of Transportation.

4 SEC. 183. (a) No recipient of funds made available
5 in this Act shall disseminate personal information (as de-
6 fined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(3)) obtained by a State depart-
7 ment of motor vehicles in connection with a motor vehicle
8 record as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(1), except as provided
9 in 18 U.S.C. 2721 for a use permitted under 18 U.S.C.
10 2721.

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

14 SEC. 184. Funds received by the Federal Highway
15 Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Fed-
16 eral Railroad Administration from States, counties, mu-
17 nicipalities, other public authorities, and private sources
18 for expenses incurred for training may be credited respec-
19 tively to the Federal Highway Administration's "Federal-
20 Aid Highways" account, the Federal Transit Administra-
21 tion's "Technical Assistance and Training" account, and
22 to the Federal Railroad Administration's "Safety and Op-
23 erations" account, except for State rail safety inspectors
24 participating in training pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 20105.

1 SEC. 185. None of the funds in this Act to the De-
2 partment of Transportation may be used to make a loan,
3 loan guarantee, line of credit, or grant unless the Sec-
4 retary of Transportation notifies the House and Senate
5 Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full busi-
6 ness days before any project competitively selected to re-
7 ceive a discretionary grant award, any discretionary grant
8 award, letter of intent, loan commitment, loan guarantee
9 commitment, line of credit commitment, or full funding
10 grant agreement is announced by the department or its
11 modal administrations from:

12 (1) any discretionary grant or federal credit
13 program of the Federal Highway Administration in-
14 cluding the emergency relief program;

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

17 (3) any program of the Federal Railroad Ad-
18 ministration;

19 (4) any program of the Federal Transit Admin-
20 istration other than the formula grants and fixed
21 guideway modernization programs;

22 (5) any program of the Maritime Administra-
23 tion; or

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

1 *Provided*, That the Secretary gives concurrent notifi-
2 cation to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
3 propriations for any “quick release” of funds from
4 the emergency relief program: *Provided further*, That
5 no notification shall involve funds that are not avail-
6 able for obligation.

7 SEC. 186. Rebates, refunds, incentive payments,
8 minor fees and other funds received by the Department
9 of Transportation from travel management centers,
10 charge card programs, the subleasing of building space,
11 and miscellaneous sources are to be credited to appropria-
12 tions of the Department of Transportation and allocated
13 to elements of the Department of Transportation using
14 fair and equitable criteria and such funds shall be avail-
15 able until expended.

16 SEC. 187. Amounts made available in this or any
17 other Act that the Secretary determines represent im-
18 proper payments by the Department of Transportation to
19 a third-party contractor under a financial assistance
20 award, which are recovered pursuant to law, shall be avail-
21 able—

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

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

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

17 (B) if no such appropriation remains avail-
18 able, shall be deposited in the Treasury as mis-
19 cellaneous receipts: *Provided further*, That prior
20 to the transfer of any such recovery to an ap-
21 propriations account, the Secretary shall notify
22 the House and Senate Committees on Appro-
23 priations of the amount and reasons for such
24 transfer: *Provided further*, That for purposes of
25 this section, the term “improper payments” has

1 the same meaning as that provided in section
2 2(d)(2) of Public Law 107–300.

3 SEC. 188. Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, if any funds provided in or limited by this Act are
5 subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to
6 be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
7 propriations, transmission of said reprogramming notice
8 shall be provided solely to the Committees on Appropria-
9 tions, and said reprogramming action shall be approved
10 or denied solely by the Committees on Appropriations:
11 *Provided*, That the Secretary may provide notice to other
12 congressional committees of the action of the Committees
13 on Appropriations on such reprogramming but not sooner
14 than 30 days following the date on which the reprogram-
15 ming action has been approved or denied by the House
16 and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

17 SEC. 189. None of the funds appropriated or other-
18 wise made available under this Act may be used by the
19 Surface Transportation Board of the Department of
20 Transportation to charge or collect any filing fee for rate
21 or practice complaints filed with the Board in an amount
22 in excess of the amount authorized for district court civil
23 suit filing fees under section 1914 of title 28, United
24 States Code.

1 SEC. 190. Funds appropriated in this Act to the
2 modal administrations may be obligated for the Office of
3 the Secretary for the costs related to assessments or reim-
4 bursable agreements only when such amounts are for the
5 costs of goods and services that are purchased to provide
6 a direct benefit to the applicable modal administration or
7 administrations.

8 SEC. 191. The Secretary of Transportation is author-
9 ized to carry out a program that establishes uniform
10 standards for developing and supporting agency transit
11 pass and transit benefits authorized under section 7905
12 of title 5, United States Code, including distribution of
13 transit benefits by various paper and electronic media.

14 SEC. 192. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act shall be used by the Surface Transportation Board
16 to take any actions with respect to the construction of a
17 high speed rail project in California unless the Board has
18 jurisdiction over the entire project and the permit is or
19 was issued by the Board with respect to the project in
20 its entirety.

21 SEC. 193. None of the funds limited or otherwise
22 made available by this Act to carry out chapter 6 of title
23 23, United States Code, may be used to subsidize a credit
24 instrument authorized under such chapter that would
25 cause the credit subsidy obligated in fiscal year 2015 to

1 fund projects located in a single State to exceed 33 percent
2 of the total credit subsidy made available by this Act on
3 October 1, 2014 to carry out such chapter.

4 SEC. 194. None of the funds limited or otherwise
5 made available by this Act may be used to deny an appli-
6 cation to renew a Hazardous Materials Safety Program
7 permit for a motor carrier based on that carrier's Haz-
8 ardous Materials Out-of-Service rate, unless the carrier
9 has the opportunity to submit a written description of cor-
10 rective actions taken, and other documentation the carrier
11 wishes the Secretary to consider, including submitting a
12 corrective action plan, and the Secretary determines the
13 actions or plan is insufficient to address the safety con-
14 cerns that resulted in that Hazardous Materials Out-of-
15 Service rate.

16 SEC. 195. Any unexpended amounts available for ob-
17 ligation under the heading "Federal Railroad Administra-
18 tion—Safety and Operations" under the Consolidated Ap-
19 propriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–447) shall be
20 made available for rail safety oversight activities for the
21 transport of energy products: *Provided*, That \$10,000,000
22 of unexpended amounts available for obligation under the
23 heading "Federal Railroad Administration—Capital As-
24 sistance to States—Intercity Passenger Rail Service" for
25 fiscal years 2008 and 2009 shall be made available for

1 grade crossing safety improvements on rail routes that
2 transport energy products.

3 This title may be cited as the “Department of Trans-
4 portation Appropriations Act, 2015”.

5 TITLE II
6 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
7 DEVELOPMENT
8 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICES

10 For necessary salaries and expenses for Executive Of-
11 fices, which shall be comprised of the offices of the Sec-
12 retary, Deputy Secretary, Adjudicatory Services, Congres-
13 sional and Intergovernmental Relations, Public Affairs,
14 Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and the
15 Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships,
16 \$14,000,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of the
17 amount made available under this heading shall be avail-
18 able to the Secretary for official reception and representa-
19 tion expenses as the Secretary may determine.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICES

21 For necessary salaries and expenses for Administra-
22 tive Support Offices of the Department of Housing and
23 Urban Development, \$500,000,000, of which not to exceed
24 \$45,000,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief
25 Financial Officer; not to exceed \$93,000,000 shall be

1 available for the Office of the General Counsel; not to ex-
2 ceed \$194,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Ad-
3 ministration; not to exceed \$52,000,000 shall be available
4 for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer; not
5 to exceed \$49,000,000 shall be available for the Office of
6 Field Policy and Management; not to exceed \$16,000,000
7 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Procurement
8 Officer; not to exceed \$2,500,000 shall be available for the
9 Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity;
10 not to exceed \$3,500,000 shall be available for the Office
11 of Strategic Planning and Management; and not to exceed
12 \$45,000,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief
13 Information Officer: *Provided*, That funds provided under
14 this heading may be used for necessary administrative and
15 non-administrative expenses of the Department of Hous-
16 ing and Urban Development, not otherwise provided for,
17 including purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefore,
18 as authorized by U.S.C. 5901–5902; hire of passenger
19 motor vehicles; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
20 3109: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, funds appropriated under this heading
22 may be used for advertising and promotional activities
23 that support the housing mission area: *Provided further*,
24 That the Secretary shall provide the Committees on Ap-
25 propriations quarterly written notification regarding the

1 status of pending congressional reports: *Provided further*,
2 That the Secretary shall provide all signed reports re-
3 quired by Congress electronically.

4 PROGRAM OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

6 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
7 Public and Indian Housing, \$200,000,000.

8 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

9 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
10 Community Planning and Development, \$100,000,000.

11 HOUSING

12 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
13 Housing, \$370,000,000, of which at least \$9,000,000 shall
14 be for the Office of Risk and Regulatory Affairs.

15 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

16 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
17 Policy Development and Research, \$20,000,000.

18 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

19 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
20 Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, \$68,000,000.

21 OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY

22 HOMES

23 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
24 Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, \$7,000,000.

1 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

2 TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

3 For activities and assistance for the provision of ten-
4 ant-based rental assistance authorized under the United
5 States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437
6 et seq.) (“the Act” herein), not otherwise provided for,
7 \$15,356,529,000, to remain available until September 30,
8 2017, shall be available on October 1, 2014 (in addition
9 to the \$4,000,000,000 previously appropriated under this
10 heading that became available on October 1, 2014), and
11 \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
12 2018, shall be available on October 1, 2015: *Provided*,
13 That the amounts made available under this heading are
14 provided as follows:

15 (1) \$17,693,079,000 shall be available for re-
16 newals of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual
17 contributions contracts (including renewals of en-
18 hanced vouchers under any provision of law author-
19 izing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act)
20 and including renewal of other special purpose incre-
21 mental vouchers: *Provided*, That notwithstanding
22 any other provision of law, from amounts provided
23 under this paragraph and any carryover, the Sec-
24 retary for the calendar year 2015 funding cycle shall
25 provide renewal funding for each public housing

1 agency based on validated voucher management sys-
2 tem (VMS) leasing and cost data for the prior cal-
3 endar year and by applying an inflation factor as es-
4 tablished by the Secretary, by notice published in
5 the Federal Register, and by making any necessary
6 adjustments for the costs associated with the first-
7 time renewal of vouchers under this paragraph in-
8 cluding tenant protection, HOPE VI, and Choice
9 Neighborhoods vouchers: *Provided further*, That in
10 determining calendar year 2015 funding allocations
11 under this heading for public housing agencies, in-
12 cluding agencies participating in the Moving To
13 Work (MTW) demonstration, the Secretary may
14 take into account the anticipated impact of changes
15 in targeting and utility allowances, on public housing
16 agencies' contract renewal needs: *Provided further*,
17 That none of the funds provided under this para-
18 graph may be used to fund a total number of unit
19 months under lease which exceeds a public housing
20 agency's authorized level of units under contract, ex-
21 cept for public housing agencies participating in the
22 Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration, which are
23 instead governed by the terms and conditions of
24 their MTW agreements: *Provided further*, That the
25 Secretary shall, to the extent necessary to stay with-

1 in the amount specified under this paragraph (ex-
2 cept as otherwise modified under this paragraph),
3 pro rate each public housing agency's allocation oth-
4 erwise established pursuant to this paragraph: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That except as provided in the fol-
6 lowing provisos, the entire amount specified under
7 this paragraph (except as otherwise modified under
8 this paragraph) shall be obligated to the public hous-
9 ing agencies based on the allocation and pro rata
10 method described above, and the Secretary shall no-
11 tify public housing agencies of their annual budget
12 by the latter of 60 days after enactment of this Act
13 or March 1, 2015: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
14 retary may extend the notification period with the
15 prior written approval of the House and Senate
16 Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*,
17 That public housing agencies participating in the
18 MTW demonstration shall be funded pursuant to
19 their MTW agreements and shall be subject to the
20 same pro rata adjustments under the previous pro-
21 visos: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may off-
22 set public housing agencies' calendar year 2015 allo-
23 cations based on the excess amounts of public hous-
24 ing agencies' net restricted assets accounts, includ-
25 ing HUD held programmatic reserves (in accordance

1 with VMS data in calendar year 2014 that is
2 verifiable and complete), as determined by the Sec-
3 retary: *Provided further*, That public housing agen-
4 cies participating in the MTW demonstration shall
5 also be subject to the offset, as determined by the
6 Secretary, excluding amounts subject to the single
7 fund budget authority provisions of their MTW
8 agreements, from the agencies' calendar year 2015
9 MTW funding allocation: *Provided further*, That the
10 Secretary shall use any offset referred to in the pre-
11 vious two provisos throughout the calendar year to
12 prevent the termination of rental assistance for fam-
13 ilies as the result of insufficient funding, as deter-
14 mined by the Secretary, and to avoid or reduce the
15 proration of renewal funding allocations: *Provided*
16 *further*, That up to \$75,000,000 shall be available
17 only: (1) for adjustments in the allocations for public
18 housing agencies, after application for an adjust-
19 ment by a public housing agency that experienced a
20 significant increase, as determined by the Secretary,
21 in renewal costs of vouchers resulting from unfore-
22 seen circumstances or from portability under section
23 8(r) of the Act; (2) for vouchers that were not in use
24 during the 12-month period in order to be available
25 to meet a commitment pursuant to section 8(o)(13)

1 of the Act; (3) for adjustments for costs associated
2 with HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
3 (HUD-VASH) vouchers; (4) for public housing
4 agencies that despite taking reasonable cost savings
5 measures, as determined by the Secretary, would
6 otherwise be required to terminate rental assistance
7 for families as a result of insufficient funding: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall allocate
9 amounts under the previous proviso based on need,
10 as determined by the Secretary; and (5) for adjust-
11 ments in the allocations for public housing agencies
12 that experienced a significant increase, as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary, in renewal costs as a result
14 of participation in the Small Area Fair Market Rent
15 demonstration;

16 (2) \$130,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental
17 assistance for relocation and replacement of housing
18 units that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to
19 section 18 of the Act, conversion of section 23
20 projects to assistance under section 8, the family
21 unification program under section 8(x) of the Act,
22 relocation of witnesses in connection with efforts to
23 combat crime in public and assisted housing pursu-
24 ant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecu-
25 tion agency, enhanced vouchers under any provision

1 of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t)
2 of the Act, HOPE VI and Choice Neighborhood
3 vouchers, mandatory and voluntary conversions, and
4 tenant protection assistance including replacement
5 and relocation assistance or for project-based assist-
6 ance to prevent the displacement of unassisted elder-
7 ly tenants currently residing in section 202 prop-
8 erties financed between 1959 and 1974 that are refi-
9 nanced pursuant to Public Law 106–569, as amend-
10 ed, or under the authority as provided under this
11 Act: *Provided*, That when a public housing develop-
12 ment is submitted for demolition or disposition
13 under section 18 of the Act, the Secretary may pro-
14 vide section 8 rental assistance when the units pose
15 an imminent health and safety risk to residents:
16 *Provided further*, That the Secretary may only pro-
17 vide replacement vouchers for units that were occu-
18 pied within the previous 24 months that cease to be
19 available as assisted housing, subject only to the
20 availability of funds: *Provided further*, That of the
21 amounts made available under this paragraph,
22 \$5,000,000 may be available to provide tenant pro-
23 tection assistance, not otherwise provided under this
24 paragraph, to residents residing in low vacancy
25 areas and who may have to pay rents greater than

1 30 percent of household income, as the result of (1)
2 the maturity of a HUD-insured, HUD-held or sec-
3 tion 202 loan that requires the permission of the
4 Secretary prior to loan prepayment; (2) the expira-
5 tion of a rental assistance contract for which the
6 tenants are not eligible for enhanced voucher or ten-
7 ant protection assistance under existing law; or (3)
8 the expiration of affordability restrictions accom-
9 panying a mortgage or preservation program admin-
10 istered by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That such
11 tenant protection assistance made available under
12 the previous proviso may be provided under the au-
13 thority of section 8(t) or section 8(o)(13) of the
14 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
15 1437f(t)): *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
16 issue guidance to implement the previous provisos,
17 including, but not limited to, requirements for defin-
18 ing eligible at-risk households within 120 days of the
19 enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That any
20 tenant protection voucher made available from
21 amounts under this paragraph shall not be reissued
22 by any public housing agency, except the replace-
23 ment vouchers as defined by the Secretary by notice,
24 when the initial family that received any such vouch-
25 er no longer receives such voucher, and the authority

1 for any public housing agency to issue any such
2 voucher shall cease to exist: *Provided further*, That
3 the Secretary, for the purpose under this paragraph,
4 may use unobligated balances, including recaptures
5 and carryovers, remaining from amounts appro-
6 priated in prior fiscal years under this heading for
7 voucher assistance for nonelderly disabled families
8 and for disaster assistance made available under
9 Public Law 110–329;

10 (3) \$1,350,000,000 shall be for administrative
11 and other expenses of public housing agencies in ad-
12 ministering the section 8 tenant-based rental assist-
13 ance program, of which up to \$10,000,000 shall be
14 available to the Secretary to allocate to public hous-
15 ing agencies that need additional funds to admin-
16 ister their section 8 programs, including fees associ-
17 ated with section 8 tenant protection rental assist-
18 ance, the administration of disaster related vouchers,
19 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers, and
20 other special purpose incremental vouchers: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That no less than \$1,335,000,000 of the
22 amount provided in this paragraph shall be allocated
23 to public housing agencies for the calendar year
24 2015 funding cycle based on section 8(q) of the Act
25 (and related Appropriation Act provisions) as in ef-

1 fect immediately before the enactment of the Quality
2 Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub-
3 lic Law 105–276): *Provided further*, That if the
4 amounts made available under this paragraph are
5 insufficient to pay the amounts determined under
6 the previous proviso, the Secretary may decrease the
7 amounts allocated to agencies by a uniform percent-
8 age applicable to all agencies receiving funding
9 under this paragraph or may, to the extent nec-
10 essary to provide full payment of amounts deter-
11 mined under the previous proviso, utilize unobligated
12 balances, including recaptures and carryovers, re-
13 maining from funds appropriated to the Department
14 of Housing and Urban Development under this
15 heading from prior fiscal years, notwithstanding the
16 purposes for which such amounts were appropriated:
17 *Provided further*, That all public housing agencies
18 participating in the MTW demonstration shall be
19 funded pursuant to their MTW agreements, and
20 shall be subject to the same uniform percentage de-
21 crease as under the previous proviso: *Provided fur-*
22 *ther*, That amounts provided under this paragraph
23 shall be only for activities related to the provision of
24 tenant-based rental assistance authorized under sec-
25 tion 8, including related development activities;

1 (4) \$108,450,000 for the renewal of tenant-
2 based assistance contracts under section 811 of the
3 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 8013), including necessary administra-
5 tive expenses: *Provided*, That administrative and
6 other expenses of public housing agencies in admin-
7 istering the special purpose vouchers in this para-
8 graph shall be funded under the same terms and be
9 subject to the same pro rata reduction as the per-
10 cent decrease for administrative and other expenses
11 to public housing agencies under paragraph (3) of
12 this heading;

13 (5) \$75,000,000 for incremental rental voucher
14 assistance for use through a supported housing pro-
15 gram administered in conjunction with the Depart-
16 ment of Veterans Affairs as authorized under section
17 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937:
18 *Provided*, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban
19 Development shall make such funding available, not-
20 withstanding section 204 (competition provision) of
21 this title, to public housing agencies that partner
22 with eligible VA Medical Centers or other entities as
23 designated by the Secretary of the Department of
24 Veterans Affairs, based on geographical need for
25 such assistance as identified by the Secretary of the

1 Department of Veterans Affairs, public housing
2 agency administrative performance, and other fac-
3 tors as specified by the Secretary of Housing and
4 Urban Development in consultation with the Sec-
5 retary of the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Housing and
7 Urban Development may waive, or specify alter-
8 native requirements for (in consultation with the
9 Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs),
10 any provision of any statute or regulation that the
11 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ad-
12 ministers in connection with the use of funds made
13 available under this paragraph (except for require-
14 ments related to fair housing, nondiscrimination,
15 labor standards, and the environment), upon a find-
16 ing by the Secretary that any such waivers or alter-
17 native requirements are necessary for the effective
18 delivery and administration of such voucher assist-
19 ance: *Provided further*, That assistance made avail-
20 able under this paragraph shall continue to remain
21 available for homeless veterans upon turn-over; and
22 (6) The Secretary shall separately track all spe-
23 cial purpose vouchers funded under this heading.

1 HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND
2 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

3 Unobligated balances, including recaptures and car-
4 ryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Depart-
5 ment of Housing and Urban Development under this
6 heading, the heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted
7 Housing” and the heading “Project-Based Rental Assist-
8 ance”, for fiscal year 2015 and prior years may be used
9 for renewal of or amendments to section 8 project-based
10 contracts and for performance-based contract administra-
11 tors, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds
12 were appropriated: *Provided*, That any obligated balances
13 of contract authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior that
14 have been terminated shall be rescinded: *Provided further*,
15 That amounts heretofore recaptured, or recaptured during
16 the current fiscal year, from section 8 project-based con-
17 tracts from source years fiscal year 1975 through fiscal
18 year 1987 are hereby rescinded, and an amount of addi-
19 tional new budget authority, equivalent to the amount re-
20 scinded is hereby appropriated, to remain available until
21 expended, for the purposes set forth under this heading,
22 in addition to amounts otherwise available.

23 PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

24 For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program to
25 carry out capital and management activities for public

1 housing agencies, as authorized under section 9 of the
2 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g)
3 (the “Act”) \$1,775,000,000, to remain available until
4 September 30, 2018: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year
6 2015 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
7 may not delegate to any Department official other than
8 the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for
9 Public and Indian Housing any authority under paragraph
10 (2) of section 9(j) regarding the extension of the time peri-
11 ods under such section: *Provided further*, That for pur-
12 poses of such section 9(j), the term “obligate” means, with
13 respect to amounts, that the amounts are subject to a
14 binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately
15 or in the future: *Provided further*, That up to \$8,000,000
16 shall be to support ongoing Public Housing Financial and
17 Physical Assessment activities: *Provided further*, That up
18 to \$5,000,000 shall be to support the costs of administra-
19 tive and judicial receiverships: *Provided further*, That of
20 the total amount provided under this heading, not to ex-
21 ceed \$20,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to
22 make grants, notwithstanding section 204 of this Act, to
23 public housing agencies for emergency capital needs in-
24 cluding safety and security measures necessary to address
25 crime and drug-related activity as well as needs resulting

1 from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and nat-
2 ural disasters excluding Presidentially declared emer-
3 gencies and natural disasters under the Robert T. Stafford
4 Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et
5 seq.) occurring in fiscal year 2015: *Provided further*, That
6 of the total amount provided under this heading
7 \$45,000,000 shall be for supportive services, service coor-
8 dinator and congregate services as authorized by section
9 34 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437z-6) and the Native Amer-
10 ican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
11 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.): *Provided further*, That of
12 the total amount made available under this heading, up
13 to \$15,000,000 may be used for incentives as part of a
14 Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative modeled after the Jobs-Plus
15 demonstration: *Provided further*, That the funding pro-
16 vided under the previous proviso shall provide competitive
17 grants to partnerships between public housing authorities,
18 local workforce investment boards established under sec-
19 tion 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and
20 other agencies and organizations that provide support to
21 help public housing residents obtain employment and in-
22 crease earnings: *Provided further*, That applicants must
23 demonstrate the ability to provide services to residents,
24 partner with workforce investment boards, and leverage
25 service dollars: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may

1 set aside a portion of the funds provided for the Resident
2 Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program to support the
3 services element of the Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative: *Provided*
4 *further*, That the Secretary may allow PHAs to request
5 exemptions from rent and income limitation requirements
6 under sections 3 and 6 of the United States Housing Act
7 of 1937 as necessary to implement the Jobs-Plus program,
8 on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may ap-
9 prove upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waiv-
10 ers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effec-
11 tive implementation of the Jobs-Plus Pilot initiative as a
12 voluntary program for residents: *Provided further*, That
13 the Secretary shall publish by notice in the Federal Reg-
14 ister any waivers or alternative requirements pursuant to
15 the preceding proviso no later than 10 days before the ef-
16 fective date of such notice: *Provided further*, That from
17 the funds made available under this heading, the Secretary
18 shall provide bonus awards in fiscal year 2015 to public
19 housing agencies that are designated high performers.

20 PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

21 For 2015 payments to public housing agencies for the
22 operation and management of public housing, as author-
23 ized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of
24 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)), \$4,400,000,000.

1 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

2 For competitive grants under the Choice Neighbor-
3 hoods Initiative (subject to section 24 of the United States
4 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v), unless otherwise
5 specified under this heading), for transformation, rehabili-
6 tation, and replacement housing needs of both public and
7 HUD-assisted housing and to transform neighborhoods of
8 poverty into functioning, sustainable mixed income neigh-
9 borhoods with appropriate services, schools, public assets,
10 transportation and access to jobs, \$25,000,000, to remain
11 available until September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That grant
12 funds may be used for resident and community services,
13 community development, and affordable housing needs in
14 the community, and for conversion of vacant or foreclosed
15 properties to affordable housing: *Provided further*, That
16 the use of funds made available under this heading shall
17 not be deemed to be public housing notwithstanding sec-
18 tion 3(b)(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That grantees
19 shall commit to an additional period of affordability deter-
20 mined by the Secretary of not fewer than 20 years: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That grantees shall undertake comprehen-
22 sive local planning with input from residents and the com-
23 munity, and that grantees shall provide a match in State,
24 local, other Federal or private funds: *Provided further*,
25 That grantees may include local governments, tribal enti-

1 ties, public housing authorities, and nonprofits: *Provided*
2 *further*, That for-profit developers may apply jointly with
3 a public entity: *Provided further*, That such grantees shall
4 create partnerships with other local organizations includ-
5 ing assisted housing owners, service agencies, and resident
6 organizations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall
7 consult with the Secretaries of Education, Labor, Trans-
8 portation, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and
9 Commerce, the Attorney General, and the Administrator
10 of the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate and
11 leverage other appropriate Federal resources: *Provided*
12 *further*, That unobligated balances remaining from funds
13 appropriated under this heading and the heading “Revital-
14 ization of Severely Distressed Public Housing (HOPE
15 VI)” in fiscal year 2014 and prior fiscal years may be used
16 for purposes under this heading notwithstanding the pur-
17 poses for which such amounts were appropriated: *Provided*
18 *further*, That none of the funds made available under this
19 paragraph may be used for a grant to a recipient that
20 has previously received a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative
21 implementation grant.

22 **FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

23 For the Family Self-Sufficiency program to support
24 family self-sufficiency coordinators under section 23 of the
25 United States Housing Act of 1937, to promote the devel-

1 opment of local strategies to coordinate the use of assist-
2 ance under sections 8(o) and 9 of such Act with public
3 and private resources, and enable eligible families to
4 achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency,
5 \$75,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary may, by Fed-
6 eral Register notice, waive or specify alternative require-
7 ments under subsections b(3), b(4), b(5), or c(1) of section
8 23 of such Act in order for public housing agencies, own-
9 ers and the Department to administer and to facilitate the
10 operation of a unified self-sufficiency program for individ-
11 uals receiving assistance under different provisions of the
12 Act, as determined by the Secretary.

13 NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

14 For the Native American Housing Block Grants pro-
15 gram, as authorized under title I of the Native American
16 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
17 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$650,000,000, to
18 remain available until September 30, 2019: *Provided*,
19 That, notwithstanding the Native American Housing As-
20 sistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to determine
21 the amount of the allocation under title I of such Act for
22 each Indian tribe, the Secretary shall apply the formula
23 under section 302 of such Act with the need component
24 based on single-race census data and with the need compo-
25 nent based on multi-race census data, and the amount of

1 the allocation for each Indian tribe shall be the greater
2 of the two resulting allocation amounts: *Provided further*,
3 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
4 \$3,000,000 shall be contracted for assistance for national
5 or regional organizations representing Native American
6 housing interests for providing training and technical as-
7 sistance to Indian housing authorities and tribally des-
8 ignated housing entities as authorized under NAHASDA:
9 *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under
10 the previous proviso, not less than \$2,000,000 shall be
11 made available for a national organization as authorized
12 under section 703 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4212): *Pro-*
13 *vided further*, That of the amounts made available under
14 this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be to support the inspection
15 of Indian housing units, contract expertise, training, and
16 technical assistance in the training, oversight, and man-
17 agement of such Indian housing and tenant-based assist-
18 ance, including up to \$300,000 for related travel: *Provided*
19 *further*, That of the amount provided under this heading,
20 \$2,000,000 shall be made available for the cost of guaran-
21 teed notes and other obligations, as authorized by title VI
22 of NAHASDA: *Provided further*, That such costs, includ-
23 ing the costs of modifying such notes and other obliga-
24 tions, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
25 sional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*,

1 That these funds are available to subsidize the total prin-
2 cipal amount of any notes and other obligations, any part
3 of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$16,530,000:
4 *Provided further*, That the Department will notify grantees
5 of their formula allocation within 60 days of the date of
6 enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, notwithstanding
7 section 302(d) of NAHASDA, if on January 1, 2015, a
8 recipient's total amount of undisbursed block grants in the
9 Department's line of credit control system is greater than
10 three times the formula allocation it would otherwise re-
11 ceive under this heading, the Secretary shall adjust that
12 recipient's formula allocation down by the difference be-
13 tween its total amount of undisbursed block grants in the
14 Department's line of credit control system on January 1,
15 2015, and three times the formula allocation it would oth-
16 erwise receive: *Provided further*, That grant amounts not
17 allocated to a recipient pursuant to the previous proviso
18 shall be allocated under the need component of the for-
19 mula proportionately among all other Indian tribes not
20 subject to an adjustment: *Provided further*, That the two
21 previous provisos shall not apply to any Indian tribe that
22 would otherwise receive a formula allocation of less than
23 \$5,000,000: *Provided further*, That to take effect, the
24 three previous provisos do not require the issuance of any
25 regulation.

1 INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM
2 ACCOUNT

3 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by
4 section 184 of the Housing and Community Development
5 Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a), \$8,000,000, to re-
6 main available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs,
7 including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as
8 defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
9 of 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available
10 to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to
11 be guaranteed, up to \$1,200,000,000, to remain available
12 until expended: *Provided further*, That up to \$750,000 of
13 this amount may be for administrative contract expenses
14 including management processes and systems to carry out
15 the loan guarantee program.

16 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

17 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

18 For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Per-
19 sons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS
20 Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.),
21 \$305,900,000, to remain available until September 30,
22 2016, except that amounts allocated pursuant to section
23 854(c)(3) of such Act shall remain available until Sep-
24 tember 30, 2017: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall renew
25 all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing

1 that initially were funded under section 854(c)(3) of such
2 Act from funds made available under this heading in fiscal
3 year 2010 and prior fiscal years that meet all program
4 requirements before awarding funds for new contracts
5 under such section, and if amounts provided under this
6 heading pursuant to such section are insufficient to fund
7 renewals for all such expiring contracts, then amounts
8 made available under this heading for formula grants pur-
9 suant to section 854(c)(1) shall be used to provide the bal-
10 ance of such renewal funding before awarding funds for
11 such formula grants: *Provided further*, That the Depart-
12 ment shall notify grantees of their formula allocation with-
13 in 60 days of enactment of this Act.

14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

15 For assistance to units of State and local govern-
16 ment, and to other entities, for economic and community
17 development activities, and for other purposes,
18 \$3,060,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
19 2017, unless otherwise specified: *Provided*, That of the
20 total amount provided, \$3,000,000,000 is for carrying out
21 the community development block grant program under
22 title I of the Housing and Community Development Act
23 of 1974, as amended (the “Act” herein) (42 U.S.C. 5301
24 et seq.): *Provided further*, That unless explicitly provided
25 for under this heading, not to exceed 20 percent of any

1 grant made with funds appropriated under this heading
2 shall be expended for planning and management develop-
3 ment and administration: *Provided further*, That a metro-
4 politan city, urban county, unit of general local govern-
5 ment, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indi-
6 rectly receives funds under this heading may not sell,
7 trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such
8 funds to another such entity in exchange for any other
9 funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use
10 such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act:
11 *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available
12 under this heading may be used for grants for the Eco-
13 nomic Development Initiative (“EDI”) or Neighborhood
14 Initiatives activities, Rural Innovation Fund, or for grants
15 pursuant to section 107 of the Housing and Community
16 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5307): *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That the Department shall notify grantees of their
18 formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act:
19 *Provided further*, That \$60,000,000 shall be for grants to
20 Indian tribes notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such
21 Act, of which, notwithstanding any other provision of law
22 (including section 204 of this Act), up to \$3,960,000 may
23 be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats
24 to health and safety.

1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES
2 PROGRAM ACCOUNT
3 (INCLUDING RESCISSION)

4 Subject to section 502 of the Congressional Budget
5 Act of 1974, during fiscal year 2015, commitments to
6 guarantee loans under section 108 of the Housing and
7 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308),
8 any part of which is guaranteed, shall not exceed a total
9 principal amount of \$500,000,000, notwithstanding any
10 aggregate limitation on outstanding obligations guaran-
11 teed in subsection (k) of such section 108: *Provided*, That
12 the Secretary shall collect fees from borrowers, notwith-
13 standing subsection (m) of such section 108, to result in
14 a credit subsidy cost of zero for guaranteeing such loans,
15 and any such fees shall be collected in accordance with
16 section 502(7) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974:
17 *Provided further*, That all unobligated balances, including
18 recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appro-
19 priated to the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
20 opment under this heading are hereby permanently re-
21 scinded.

22 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

23 For the HOME investment partnerships program, as
24 authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
25 tional Affordable Housing Act, as amended,

1 \$700,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2 2017: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the amount made
3 available under this heading, the threshold reduction re-
4 quirements in sections 216(10) and 217(b)(4) of such Act
5 shall not apply to allocations of such amount: *Provided*
6 *further*, That the requirements under provisos 2 through
7 6 under this heading for fiscal year 2012 and such re-
8 quirements applicable pursuant to the “Full-Year Con-
9 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2013”, shall not apply to any
10 project to which funds were committed on or after August
11 23, 2013, but such projects shall instead be governed by
12 the Final Rule titled “Home Investment Partnerships
13 Program; Improving Performance and Accountability; Up-
14 dating Property Standards” which became effective on
15 such date: *Provided further*, That funds provided in prior
16 appropriations Acts for technical assistance, which were
17 made available for Community Housing Development Or-
18 ganizations technical assistance, and which still remain
19 available, may be used for HOME technical assistance,
20 notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts
21 were appropriated: *Provided further*, That the Department
22 shall notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60
23 days of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That of
24 the total amount provided under this heading, up to
25 \$10,000,000 shall be made available to the Self-help and

1 Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program, as au-
2 thorized under section 11 of the Housing Opportunity
3 Program Extension Act of 1996, as amended (42 U.S.C.
4 12805 note).

5 CAPACITY BUILDING

6 For the second, third, and fourth capacity building
7 activities authorized under section 4(a) of the HUD Dem-
8 onstration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note),
9 \$35,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
10 2017, of which not less than \$5,000,000 shall be made
11 available for rural capacity-building activities. In addition,
12 \$5,000,000 shall be made available for capacity building
13 by national rural housing organizations with experience
14 assessing national rural conditions and providing financ-
15 ing, training, technical assistance, information, and re-
16 search to local non-profits, local governments, and Indian
17 Tribes serving high-need rural communities.

18 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

20 For the emergency solutions grants program as au-
21 thorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-
22 Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; the con-
23 tinuum of care program as authorized under subtitle C
24 of title IV of such Act; and the rural housing stability as-
25 sistance program as authorized under subtitle D of title

1 IV of such Act, \$2,105,000,000, to remain available until
2 September 30, 2017: *Provided*, That any rental assistance
3 amounts that are recaptured under such continuum of
4 care program shall remain available until expended: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That not less than \$200,000,000 of the
6 funds appropriated under this heading shall be available
7 for such emergency solutions grants program: *Provided*
8 *further*, That not less than \$1,800,000,000 of the funds
9 appropriated under this heading shall be available for such
10 continuum of care and rural housing stability assistance
11 programs: *Provided further*, That up to \$5,000,000 of the
12 funds appropriated under this heading shall be available
13 for the national homeless data analysis project: *Provided*
14 *further*, That all funds awarded for supportive services
15 under the continuum of care program and the rural hous-
16 ing stability assistance program shall be matched by not
17 less than 25 percent in cash or in kind by each grantee:
18 *Provided further*, That for all match requirements applica-
19 ble to funds made available under this heading for this
20 fiscal year and prior years, a grantee may use (or could
21 have used) as a source of match funds other funds admin-
22 istered by the Secretary and other Federal agencies unless
23 there is (or was) a specific statutory prohibition on any
24 such use of any such funds: *Provided further*, That the
25 Secretary may renew on an annual basis expiring con-

1 tracts or amendments to contracts funded under the con-
2 tinuum of care program if the program is determined to
3 be needed under the applicable continuum of care and
4 meets appropriate program requirements, performance
5 measures, and financial standards, as determined by the
6 Secretary: *Provided further*, That all awards of assistance
7 under this heading shall be required to coordinate and in-
8 tegrate homeless programs with other mainstream health,
9 social services, and employment programs for which home-
10 less populations may be eligible, including Medicaid, State
11 Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assist-
12 ance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, and services fund-
13 ing through the Mental Health and Substance Abuse
14 Block Grant, Workforce Investment Act, and the Welfare-
15 to-Work grant program: *Provided further*, That all bal-
16 ances for Shelter Plus Care renewals previously funded
17 from the Shelter Plus Care Renewal account and trans-
18 ferred to this account shall be available, if recaptured, for
19 continuum of care renewals in fiscal year 2015: *Provided*
20 *further*, That with respect to funds provided under this
21 heading for the continuum of care program for fiscal years
22 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 provision of permanent hous-
23 ing rental assistance may be administered by private non-
24 profit organizations: *Provided further*, That the Depart-
25 ment shall notify grantees of their formula allocation from

1 amounts allocated (which may represent initial or final
2 amounts allocated) for the emergency solutions grant pro-
3 gram within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

4 BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

5 (RESCISSION)

6 Unobligated balances, including recaptures and car-
7 ryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Depart-
8 ment of Housing and Urban Development under this
9 heading are hereby permanently rescinded.

10 HOUSING PROGRAMS

11 PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

12 For activities and assistance for the provision of
13 project-based subsidy contracts under the United States
14 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (“the
15 Act”), not otherwise provided for, \$9,346,000,000, to re-
16 main available until expended, shall be available on Octo-
17 ber 1, 2014 (in addition to the \$400,000,000 previously
18 appropriated under this heading that became available Oc-
19 tober 1, 2014), and \$400,000,000, to remain available
20 until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2015: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That the amounts made available under this head-
22 ing shall be available for expiring or terminating section
23 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8
24 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to sec-
25 tion 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section

1 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for contracts entered
2 into pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento
3 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401), for renewal
4 of section 8 contracts for units in projects that are subject
5 to approved plans of action under the Emergency Low In-
6 come Housing Preservation Act of 1987 or the Low-In-
7 come Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership
8 Act of 1990, and for administrative and other expenses
9 associated with project-based activities and assistance
10 funded under this paragraph: *Provided further*, That of
11 the total amounts provided under this heading, not to ex-
12 ceed \$210,000,000 shall be available for assistance agree-
13 ments with performance-based contract administrators for
14 section 8 project-based assistance, for carrying out 42
15 U.S.C. 1437(f): *Provided further*, That the Secretary of
16 Housing and Urban Development may also use such
17 amounts in the previous proviso for performance-based
18 contract administrators for the administration of: interest
19 reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the Na-
20 tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(a)); rent supple-
21 ment payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing
22 and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s);
23 section 236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C.
24 1715z-1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the
25 elderly under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of

1 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); project rental assistance con-
2 tracts for supportive housing for persons with disabilities
3 under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
4 tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2));
5 project assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of
6 the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat.
7 667); and loans under section 202 of the Housing Act of
8 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667): *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That amounts recaptured under this heading, the
10 heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing”, or
11 the heading “Housing Certificate Fund”, may be used for
12 renewals of or amendments to section 8 project-based con-
13 tracts or for performance-based contract administrators,
14 notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts
15 were appropriated: *Provided further*, That, notwith-
16 standing any other provision of law, upon the request of
17 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, project
18 funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any
19 project subject to a section 8 project-based Housing As-
20 sistance Payments contract that authorizes HUD or a
21 Housing Finance Agency to require that surplus project
22 funds be deposited in an interest-bearing residual receipts
23 account and that are in excess of an amount to be deter-
24 mined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Depart-
25 ment and deposited in this account, to be available until

1 expended: *Provided further*, That amounts deposited pur-
2 suant to the previous proviso shall be available in addition
3 to the amount otherwise provided by this heading for uses
4 authorized under this heading.

5 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

6 For amendments to capital advance contracts for
7 housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of
8 the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for project
9 rental assistance for the elderly under section 202(c)(2)
10 of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such
11 assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such as-
12 sistance for up to a 1-year term, and for senior preserva-
13 tion rental assistance contracts, as authorized by section
14 811(e) of the American Housing and Economic Oppor-
15 tunity Act of 2000, as amended, and for supportive serv-
16 ices associated with the housing, \$420,000,000 to remain
17 available until September 30, 2018: *Provided*, That of the
18 amount provided under this heading, up to \$70,000,000
19 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of
20 existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted
21 housing projects: *Provided further*, That amounts under
22 this heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment
23 Center inspections and inspection-related activities associ-
24 ated with section 202 projects: *Provided further*, That the
25 Secretary may waive the provisions of section 202 gov-

1 erving the terms and conditions of project rental assist-
2 ance, except that the initial contract term for such assist-
3 ance shall not exceed 5 years in duration.

4 HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

5 For amendments to capital advance contracts for
6 supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as author-
7 ized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
8 fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), for project rental
9 assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabil-
10 ities under section 811(d)(2) of such Act and for project
11 assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the
12 Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667),
13 including amendments to contracts for such assistance
14 and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for
15 up to a 1-year term, for project rental assistance to State
16 housing finance agencies and other appropriate entities as
17 authorized under section 811(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gon-
18 zalez National Housing Act, and for supportive services
19 associated with the housing for persons with disabilities
20 as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act,
21 \$135,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
22 2018: *Provided*, That amounts made available under this
23 heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment
24 Center inspections and inspection-related activities associ-
25 ated with section 811 projects.

1 HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

2 For contracts, grants, and other assistance excluding
3 loans, as authorized under section 106 of the Housing and
4 Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended,
5 \$47,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
6 2016, including up to \$4,500,000 for administrative con-
7 tract services: *Provided*, That grants made available from
8 amounts provided under this heading shall be awarded
9 within 180 days of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*,
10 That funds shall be used for providing counseling and ad-
11 vice to tenants and homeowners, both current and pro-
12 spective, with respect to property maintenance, financial
13 management/literacy, and such other matters as may be
14 appropriate to assist them in improving their housing con-
15 ditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the re-
16 sponsibilities of tenancy or homeownership; for program
17 administration; and for housing counselor training.

18 RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

19 For amendments to contracts under section 101 of
20 the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12
21 U.S.C. 1701s) and section 236(f)(2) of the National
22 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1) in State-aided, non-
23 insured rental housing projects, \$28,000,000, to remain
24 available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount, to-
25 gether with unobligated balances from recaptured

1 amounts appropriated prior to fiscal year 2006 from ter-
2 minated contracts under such sections of law, and any un-
3 obligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, re-
4 maining from funds appropriated under this heading after
5 fiscal year 2005, shall also be available for extensions of
6 up to one year for expiring contracts under such sections
7 of law.

8 PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST
9 FUND

10 For necessary expenses as authorized by the National
11 Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Stand-
12 ards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to
13 \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which
14 \$10,000,000 is to be derived from the Manufactured
15 Housing Fees Trust Fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed
16 the total amount appropriated under this heading shall be
17 available from the general fund of the Treasury to the ex-
18 tent necessary to incur obligations and make expenditures
19 pending the receipt of collections to the Fund pursuant
20 to section 620 of such Act: *Provided further*, That the
21 amount made available under this heading from the gen-
22 eral fund shall be reduced as such collections are received
23 during fiscal year 2015 so as to result in a final fiscal
24 year 2015 appropriation from the general fund estimated
25 at zero, and fees pursuant to such section 620 shall be

1 modified as necessary to ensure such a final fiscal year
2 2015 appropriation: *Provided further*, That for the dispute
3 resolution and installation programs, the Secretary of
4 Housing and Urban Development may assess and collect
5 fees from any program participant: *Provided further*, That
6 such collections shall be deposited into the Fund, and the
7 Secretary, as provided herein, may use such collections,
8 as well as fees collected under section 620, for necessary
9 expenses of such Act: *Provided further*, That, notwith-
10 standing the requirements of section 620 of such Act, the
11 Secretary may carry out responsibilities of the Secretary
12 under such Act through the use of approved service pro-
13 viders that are paid directly by the recipients of their serv-
14 ices.

15 FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

16 MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

17 New commitments to guarantee single family loans
18 insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund shall
19 not exceed \$400,000,000,000, to remain available until
20 September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That during fiscal year
21 2015, obligations to make direct loans to carry out the
22 purposes of section 204(g) of the National Housing Act,
23 as amended, shall not exceed \$20,000,000: *Provided fur-*
24 *ther*, That the foregoing amount in the previous proviso
25 shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities

1 in connection with sales of single family real properties
2 owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under the
3 Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund.

4 For administrative contract expenses of the Federal
5 Housing Administration, \$130,000,000, to remain avail-
6 able until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That to the ex-
7 tent guaranteed loan commitments exceed
8 \$200,000,000,000 on or before April 1, 2015, an addi-
9 tional \$1,400 for administrative contract expenses shall be
10 available for each \$1,000,000 in additional guaranteed
11 loan commitments (including a pro rata amount for any
12 amount below \$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds
13 made available by this proviso exceed \$30,000,000.

14 GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 New commitments to guarantee loans insured under
16 the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds, as author-
17 ized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act
18 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-3 and 1735c), shall not exceed
19 \$30,000,000,000 in total loan principal, any part of which
20 is to be guaranteed, to remain available until September
21 30, 2016: *Provided*, That during fiscal year 2015, gross
22 obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, as au-
23 thorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 519(a) of
24 the National Housing Act, shall not exceed \$20,000,000,
25 which shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental en-

1 titles in connection with the sale of single family real prop-
2 erties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under
3 such Act.

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

7 New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out
8 the purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act,
9 as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed
10 \$500,000,000,000, to remain available until September
11 30, 2016: *Provided*, That \$22,000,000 shall be available
12 for necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of Gov-
13 ernment National Mortgage Association: *Provided further*,
14 That receipts from Commitment and Multiclass fees col-
15 lected pursuant to title III of the National Housing Act,
16 as amended, shall be credited as offsetting collections to
17 this account.

18 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

19 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

20 For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-
21 grams of research and studies relating to housing and
22 urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized
23 by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act
24 of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying
25 out the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban

1 Development under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization
2 Plan No. 2 of 1968, and for technical assistance,
3 \$40,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
4 2016: *Provided*, That with respect to amounts made avail-
5 able under this heading, notwithstanding section 204 of
6 this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agree-
7 ments funded with philanthropic entities, other Federal
8 agencies, or State or local governments and their agencies
9 for research projects: *Provided further*, That with respect
10 to the previous proviso, such partners to the cooperative
11 agreements must contribute at least a 50 percent match
12 toward the cost of the project: *Provided further*, That for
13 non-competitive agreements entered into in accordance
14 with the previous two provisos, the Secretary of Housing
15 and Urban Development shall comply with section 2(b) of
16 the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency
17 Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–282, 31 U.S.C. note) in lieu
18 of compliance with section 102(a)(4)(C) with respect to
19 documentation of award decisions: *Provided further*, That
20 prior to obligation of technical assistance, the Secretary
21 shall submit a plan, for approval, to the House and Senate
22 Committees on Appropriations on how it will allocate
23 funding for this activity.

1 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

2 FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

3 For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not oth-
4 erwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil
5 Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing
6 Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing
7 and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended,
8 \$46,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
9 2016: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302,
10 the Secretary may assess and collect fees to cover the costs
11 of the Fair Housing Training Academy, and may use such
12 funds to provide such training: *Provided further*, That no
13 funds made available under this heading shall be used to
14 lobby the executive or legislative branches of the Federal
15 Government in connection with a specific contract, grant
16 or loan: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available
17 under this heading, \$300,000 shall be available to the Sec-
18 retary of Housing and Urban Development for the cre-
19 ation and promotion of translated materials and other pro-
20 grams that support the assistance of persons with limited
21 English proficiency in utilizing the services provided by
22 the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

1 OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY
2 HOMES
3 LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

4 For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as author-
5 ized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint
6 Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, \$70,000,000, to remain
7 available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That up to
8 \$10,000,000 of that amount shall be for the Healthy
9 Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the
10 Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 that shall
11 include research, studies, testing, and demonstration ef-
12 forts, including education and outreach concerning lead-
13 based paint poisoning and other housing-related diseases
14 and hazards: *Provided further*, That for purposes of envi-
15 ronmental review, pursuant to the National Environ-
16 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and
17 other provisions of the law that further the purposes of
18 such Act, a grant under the Healthy Homes Initiative, or
19 the Lead Technical Studies program under this heading
20 or under prior appropriations Acts for such purposes
21 under this heading, shall be considered to be funds for
22 a special project for purposes of section 305(c) of the Mul-
23 tifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of
24 1994.

1 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

2 For the development of, modifications to, and infra-
3 structure for Department-wide and program-specific infor-
4 mation technology systems, for the continuing operation
5 and maintenance of both Department-wide and program-
6 specific information systems, and for program-related
7 maintenance activities, \$97,000,000, of which
8 \$82,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
9 2016, and of which \$15,000,000 shall remain available
10 until September 30, 2017 for Development, Modernization
11 and Enhancement: *Provided*, That any amounts trans-
12 ferred to this Fund under this Act shall remain available
13 until expended: *Provided further*, That any amounts trans-
14 ferred to this Fund from amounts appropriated by pre-
15 viously enacted appropriations Acts may be used for the
16 purposes specified under this Fund, in addition to any
17 other information technology purposes for which such
18 amounts were appropriated: *Provided further*, That not
19 more than 40 percent of the funds made available under
20 this heading for Development, Modernization and En-
21 hancement, including development and deployment of a
22 Next Generation Management System and development
23 and deployment of modernized Federal Housing Adminis-
24 tration systems may be obligated until the Secretary sub-
25 mits to the Committees on Appropriations and the Comp-

1 troller General of the United States a plan for expenditure
2 that—(A) provides for all information technology invest-
3 ments: (i) the cost and schedule baselines with expla-
4 nations for each associated variance, (ii) the status of
5 functional and performance capabilities delivered or
6 planned to be delivered, and (iii) mitigation strategies to
7 address identified risks; (B) outlines activities to ensure
8 strategic, consistent, and effective application of informa-
9 tion technology management controls: (i) enterprise archi-
10 tecture, (ii) project management, (iii) investment manage-
11 ment, and (iv) human capital management.

12 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

13 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
14 Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General
15 Act of 1978, as amended, \$124,861,000: *Provided*, That
16 the Inspector General shall have independent authority
17 over all personnel and acquisition issues within this office.

18 GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND

19 URBAN DEVELOPMENT

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 201. Fifty percent of the amounts of budget au-
22 thority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts
23 associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured
24 from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart
25 B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of

1 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1437 note) shall be rescinded or in the
2 case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such
3 amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not
4 rescinded or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by
5 State housing finance agencies or local governments or
6 local housing agencies with projects approved by the Sec-
7 retary of Housing and Urban Development for which set-
8 tlement occurred after January 1, 1992, in accordance
9 with such section. Notwithstanding the previous sentence,
10 the Secretary may award up to 15 percent of the budget
11 authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted
12 to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives
13 to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

14 SEC. 202. None of the amounts made available under
15 this Act may be used during fiscal year 2015 to investigate
16 or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise
17 lawful activity engaged in by one or more persons, includ-
18 ing the filing or maintaining of a nonfrivolous legal action,
19 that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving or
20 preventing action by a Government official or entity, or
21 a court of competent jurisdiction.

22 SEC. 203. Sections 203 and 209 of division C of Pub-
23 lic Law 112–55 (125 Stat. 693–694) shall apply during
24 fiscal year 2015 as if such sections were included in this
25 title, except that during such fiscal year such sections shall

1 be applied by substituting “fiscal year 2015” for “fiscal
2 year 2011” and for “fiscal year 2012” each place such
3 terms appear, and shall be amended to reflect revised de-
4 lineations of statistical areas established by the Office of
5 Management and Budget pursuant to 44 U.S.C.
6 3504(e)(3), 31 U.S.C. 1104(d), and Executive Order
7 10253.

8 SEC. 204. Except as explicitly provided in law, any
9 grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance made
10 pursuant to title II of this Act shall be made on a competi-
11 tive basis and in accordance with section 102 of the De-
12 partment of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act
13 of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545).

14 SEC. 205. Funds of the Department of Housing and
15 Urban Development subject to the Government Corpora-
16 tion Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of
17 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations
18 on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract
19 or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for
20 services and facilities of the Federal National Mortgage
21 Association, Government National Mortgage Association,
22 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Fi-
23 nancing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member
24 thereof, Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank

1 within the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Cor-
2 poration Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1).

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

9 SEC. 207. Corporations and agencies of the Depart-
10 ment of Housing and Urban Development which are sub-
11 ject to the Government Corporation Control Act are here-
12 by authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits
13 of funds and borrowing authority available to each such
14 corporation or agency and in accordance with law, and to
15 make such contracts and commitments without regard to
16 fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of such
17 Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set
18 forth in the budget for 2015 for such corporation or agen-
19 cy except as hereinafter provided: *Provided*, That collec-
20 tions of these corporations and agencies may be used for
21 new loan or mortgage purchase commitments only to the
22 extent expressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans
23 are in support of other forms of assistance provided for
24 in this or prior appropriations Acts), except that this pro-
25 viso shall not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty

1 operations of these corporations, or where loans or mort-
2 gage purchases are necessary to protect the financial in-
3 terest of the United States Government.

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

11 SEC. 209. The President's formal budget request for
12 fiscal year 2016, as well as the Department of Housing
13 and Urban Development's congressional budget justifica-
14 tions to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations
15 of the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall use
16 the identical account and sub-account structure provided
17 under this Act.

18 SEC. 210. A public housing agency or such other enti-
19 ty that administers Federal housing assistance for the
20 Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, Cali-
21 fornia, the States of Alaska, Iowa, and Mississippi shall
22 not be required to include a resident of public housing or
23 a recipient of assistance provided under section 8 of the
24 United States Housing Act of 1937 on the board of direc-
25 tors or a similar governing board of such agency or entity

1 as required under section (2)(b) of such Act. Each public
2 housing agency or other entity that administers Federal
3 housing assistance under section 8 for the Housing Au-
4 thority of the county of Los Angeles, California and the
5 States of Alaska, Iowa and Mississippi that chooses not
6 to include a resident of public housing or a recipient of
7 section 8 assistance on the board of directors or a similar
8 governing board shall establish an advisory board of not
9 less than six residents of public housing or recipients of
10 section 8 assistance to provide advice and comment to the
11 public housing agency or other administering entity on
12 issues related to public housing and section 8. Such advi-
13 sory board shall meet not less than quarterly.

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

18 SEC. 212. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
19 of law, subject to the conditions listed under this section,
20 for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the Secretary of Housing
21 and Urban Development may authorize the transfer of
22 some or all project-based assistance, debt held or insured
23 by the Secretary and statutorily required low-income and
24 very low-income use restrictions if any, associated with one

1 or more multifamily housing project or projects to another
2 multifamily housing project or projects.

3 (b) PHASED TRANSFERS.—Transfers of project-
4 based assistance under this section may be done in phases
5 to accommodate the financing and other requirements re-
6 lated to rehabilitating or constructing the project or
7 projects to which the assistance is transferred, to ensure
8 that such project or projects meet the standards under
9 subsection (c).

10 (c) The transfer authorized in subsection (a) is sub-
11 ject to the following conditions:

12 (1) NUMBER AND BEDROOM SIZE OF UNITS.—

13 (A) For occupied units in the transferring
14 project: the number of low-income and very low-
15 income units and the configuration (i.e. bed-
16 room size) provided by the transferring project
17 shall be no less than when transferred to the re-
18 ceiving project or projects and the net dollar
19 amount of Federal assistance provided to the
20 transferring project shall remain the same in
21 the receiving project or projects.

22 (B) For unoccupied units in the transfer-
23 ring project: the Secretary may authorize a re-
24 duction in the number of dwelling units in the
25 receiving project or projects to allow for a re-

1 configuration of bedroom sizes to meet current
2 market demands, as determined by the Sec-
3 retary and provided there is no increase in the
4 project-based assistance budget authority.

5 (2) The transferring project shall, as deter-
6 mined by the Secretary, be either physically obsolete
7 or economically nonviable.

8 (3) The receiving project or projects shall meet
9 or exceed applicable physical standards established
10 by the Secretary.

11 (4) The owner or mortgagor of the transferring
12 project shall notify and consult with the tenants re-
13 siding in the transferring project and provide a cer-
14 tification of approval by all appropriate local govern-
15 mental officials.

16 (5) The tenants of the transferring project who
17 remain eligible for assistance to be provided by the
18 receiving project or projects shall not be required to
19 vacate their units in the transferring project or
20 projects until new units in the receiving project are
21 available for occupancy.

22 (6) The Secretary determines that this transfer
23 is in the best interest of the tenants.

24 (7) If either the transferring project or the re-
25 ceiving project or projects meets the condition speci-

1 fied in subsection (d)(2)(A), any lien on the receiv-
2 ing project resulting from additional financing ob-
3 tained by the owner shall be subordinate to any
4 FHA-insured mortgage lien transferred to, or placed
5 on, such project by the Secretary, except that the
6 Secretary may waive this requirement upon deter-
7 mination that such a waiver is necessary to facilitate
8 the financing of acquisition, construction, and/or re-
9 habilitation of the receiving project or projects.

10 (8) If the transferring project meets the re-
11 quirements of subsection (d)(2), the owner or mort-
12 gagor of the receiving project or projects shall exe-
13 cute and record either a continuation of the existing
14 use agreement or a new use agreement for the
15 project where, in either case, any use restrictions in
16 such agreement are of no lesser duration than the
17 existing use restrictions.

18 (9) The transfer does not increase the cost (as
19 defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget
20 Act of 1974, as amended) of any FHA-insured
21 mortgage, except to the extent that appropriations
22 are provided in advance for the amount of any such
23 increased cost.

24 (d) For purposes of this section—

1 (1) the terms “low-income” and “very low-in-
2 come” shall have the meanings provided by the stat-
3 ute and/or regulations governing the program under
4 which the project is insured or assisted;

5 (2) the term “multifamily housing project”
6 means housing that meets one of the following con-
7 ditions—

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

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

15 (C) housing that is assisted under section
16 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 as amended by
17 section 801 of the Cranston-Gonzales National
18 Affordable Housing Act;

19 (D) housing that is assisted under section
20 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as such sec-
21 tion existed before the enactment of the Cran-
22 ston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act;

23 (E) housing that is assisted under section
24 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Afford-
25 able Housing Act; or

1 (F) housing or vacant land that is subject
2 to a use agreement;

3 (3) the term “project-based assistance”
4 means—

5 (A) assistance provided under section 8(b)
6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937;

7 (B) assistance for housing constructed or
8 substantially rehabilitated pursuant to assist-
9 ance provided under section 8(b)(2) of such Act
10 (as such section existed immediately before Oc-
11 tober 1, 1983);

12 (C) rent supplement payments under sec-
13 tion 101 of the Housing and Urban Develop-
14 ment Act of 1965;

15 (D) interest reduction payments under sec-
16 tion 236 and/or additional assistance payments
17 under section 236(f)(2) of the National Hous-
18 ing Act;

19 (E) assistance payments made under sec-
20 tion 202(e)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959; and

21 (F) assistance payments made under sec-
22 tion 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
23 tional Affordable Housing Act;

24 (4) the term “receiving project or projects”
25 means the multifamily housing project or projects to

1 which some or all of the project-based assistance,
2 debt, and statutorily required low-income and very
3 low-income use restrictions are to be transferred;

4 (5) the term “transferring project” means the
5 multifamily housing project which is transferring
6 some or all of the project-based assistance, debt and
7 the statutorily required low-income and very low-in-
8 come use restrictions to the receiving project or
9 projects; and

10 (6) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
11 of Housing and Urban Development.

12 (e) PUBLIC NOTICE AND RESEARCH REPORT.—

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

18 (2) The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation
19 of the transfer authority under this section, includ-
20 ing the effect of such transfers on the operational ef-
21 ficiency, contract rents, physical and financial condi-
22 tions, and long-term preservation of the affected
23 properties.

1 SEC. 213. (a) No assistance shall be provided under
2 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
3 U.S.C. 1437f) to any individual who—

4 (1) is enrolled as a student at an institution of
5 higher education (as defined under section 102 of
6 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7 1002));

8 (2) is under 24 years of age;

9 (3) is not a veteran;

10 (4) is unmarried;

11 (5) does not have a dependent child;

12 (6) is not a person with disabilities, as such
13 term is defined in section 3(b)(3)(E) of the United
14 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
15 1437a(b)(3)(E)) and was not receiving assistance
16 under such section 8 as of November 30, 2005; and

17 (7) is not otherwise individually eligible, or has
18 parents who, individually or jointly, are not eligible,
19 to receive assistance under section 8 of the United
20 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

21 (b) For purposes of determining the eligibility of a
22 person to receive assistance under section 8 of the United
23 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), any finan-
24 cial assistance (in excess of amounts received for tuition
25 and any other required fees and charges) that an indi-

1 vidual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965
2 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), from private sources, or an insti-
3 tution of higher education (as defined under the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be consid-
5 ered income to that individual, except for a person over
6 the age of 23 with dependent children.

7 SEC. 214. The funds made available for Native Alas-
8 kans under the heading “Native American Housing Block
9 Grants” in title II of this Act shall be allocated to the
10 same Native Alaskan housing block grant recipients that
11 received funds in fiscal year 2005.

12 SEC. 215. Notwithstanding the limitation in the first
13 sentence of section 255(g) of the National Housing Act
14 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20(g)), the Secretary of Housing and
15 Urban Development may, until September 30, 2015, in-
16 sure and enter into commitments to insure mortgages
17 under such section 255.

18 SEC. 216. Notwithstanding any other provision of
19 law, in fiscal year 2015, in managing and disposing of any
20 multifamily property that is owned or has a mortgage held
21 by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and
22 during the process of foreclosure on any property with a
23 contract for rental assistance payments under section 8
24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 or other Fed-
25 eral programs, the Secretary shall maintain any rental as-

1 sistance payments under section 8 of the United States
2 Housing Act of 1937 and other programs that are at-
3 tached to any dwelling units in the property. To the extent
4 the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants
5 and the local government, that such a multifamily prop-
6 erty owned or held by the Secretary is not feasible for con-
7 tinued rental assistance payments under such section 8
8 or other programs, based on consideration of (1) the costs
9 of rehabilitating and operating the property and all avail-
10 able Federal, State, and local resources, including rent ad-
11 justments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted
12 Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997
13 (“MAHRAA”) and (2) environmental conditions that can-
14 not be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary
15 may, in consultation with the tenants of that property,
16 contract for project-based rental assistance payments with
17 an owner or owners of other existing housing properties,
18 or provide other rental assistance. The Secretary shall also
19 take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based con-
20 tracts remain in effect prior to foreclosure, subject to the
21 exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relo-
22 cation of tenants for imminent major threats to health and
23 safety after written notice to and informed consent of the
24 affected tenants and use of other available remedies, such
25 as partial abatements or receivership. After disposition of

1 any multifamily property described under this section, the
2 contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall
3 be subject to the requirements under section 524 of
4 MAHRAA.

5 SEC. 217. The commitment authority funded by fees
6 as provided under the heading “Community Development
7 Loan Guarantees Program Account” may be used to guar-
8 antee, or make commitments to guarantee, notes, or other
9 obligations issued by any State on behalf of non-entitle-
10 ment communities in the State in accordance with the re-
11 quirements of section 108 of the Housing and Community
12 Development Act of 1974: *Provided*, That any State re-
13 ceiving such a guarantee or commitment shall distribute
14 all funds subject to such guarantee to the units of general
15 local government in non-entitlement areas that received
16 the commitment.

17 SEC. 218. Public housing agencies that own and oper-
18 ate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be ex-
19 empt from any asset management requirement imposed by
20 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in con-
21 nection with the operating fund rule: *Provided*, That an
22 agency seeking a discontinuance of a reduction of subsidy
23 under the operating fund formula shall not be exempt
24 from asset management requirements.

1 SEC. 219. With respect to the use of amounts pro-
2 vided in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, cap-
3 ital improvement and management of public housing as
4 authorized by sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the United States
5 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d) and (e)), the
6 Secretary shall not impose any requirement or guideline
7 relating to asset management that restricts or limits in
8 any way the use of capital funds for central office costs
9 pursuant to section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2) of the United States
10 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)(1), (2)): *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That a public housing agency may not use capital
12 funds authorized under section 9(d) for activities that are
13 eligible under section 9(e) for assistance with amounts
14 from the operating fund in excess of the amounts per-
15 mitted under section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2).

16 SEC. 220. No official or employee of the Department
17 of Housing and Urban Development shall be designated
18 as an allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Fi-
19 nancial Officer has determined that such allotment holder
20 has implemented an adequate system of funds control and
21 has received training in funds control procedures and di-
22 rectives. The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that
23 there is a trained allotment holder for each HUD sub-
24 office under the accounts “Executive Offices” and “Ad-
25 ministrative Support Offices,” as well as each account re-

1 ceiving appropriations for “Program Office Salaries and
2 Expenses” within the Department of Housing and Urban
3 Development.

4 SEC. 221. The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
5 velopment shall report annually to the House and Senate
6 Committees on Appropriations on the status of all section
7 8 project-based housing, including the number of all
8 project-based units by region as well as an analysis of all
9 federally subsidized housing being refinanced under the
10 Mark-to-Market program. The Secretary shall in the re-
11 port identify all existing units maintained by region as sec-
12 tion 8 project-based units and all project-based units that
13 have opted out of section 8 or have otherwise been elimi-
14 nated as section 8 project-based units. The Secretary shall
15 identify in detail and by project the most likely reasons
16 for any units which opted out or otherwise were lost as
17 section 8 project-based units. Such analysis shall include
18 a review of the most likely impact of the loss of any sub-
19 sidized units in that housing marketplace.

20 SEC. 222. The Secretary of the Department of Hous-
21 ing and Urban Development shall, for fiscal year 2015,
22 notify the public through the Federal Register and other
23 means, as determined appropriate, of the issuance of a no-
24 tice of the availability of assistance or notice of funding
25 availability (NOFA) for any program or discretionary

1 fund administered by the Secretary that is to be competi-
2 tively awarded. Notwithstanding any other provision of
3 law, for fiscal year 2015, the Secretary may make the
4 NOFA available only on the Internet at the appropriate
5 Government Web site or through other electronic media,
6 as determined by the Secretary.

7 SEC. 223. Payment of attorney fees in program-re-
8 lated litigation must be paid from individual program of-
9 fice personnel benefits and compensation funding. The an-
10 nual budget submission for program office personnel ben-
11 efit and compensation funding must include program-re-
12 lated litigation costs for attorney fees as a separate line
13 item request.

14 SEC. 224. The Secretary of the Department of Hous-
15 ing and Urban Development is authorized to transfer up
16 to 5 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, of the funds
17 appropriated for any office funded under the heading “Ad-
18 ministrative Support Offices” to any other office funded
19 under such heading: *Provided*, That no appropriation for
20 any office funded under the heading “Administrative Sup-
21 port Offices” shall be increased or decreased by more than
22 5 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior
23 written approval of the House and Senate Committees on
24 Appropriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is
25 authorized to transfer up to 5 percent or \$5,000,000,

1 whichever is less, of the funds appropriated for any ac-
2 count funded under the general heading “Program Office
3 Salaries and Expenses” to any other account funded
4 under such heading: *Provided* further, That no appropria-
5 tion for any account funded under the general heading
6 “Program Office Salaries and Expenses” shall be in-
7 creased or decreased by more than 5 percent or
8 \$5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior written ap-
9 proval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
10 tions: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may transfer
11 funds made available for salaries and expenses between
12 any office funded under the heading “Administrative Sup-
13 port Offices” and any account funded under the general
14 heading “Program Office Salaries and Expenses”, but
15 only with the prior written approval of the House and Sen-
16 ate Committees on Appropriations.

17 SEC. 225. The Disaster Housing Assistance Pro-
18 grams, administered by the Department of Housing and
19 Urban Development, shall be considered a “program of
20 the Department of Housing and Urban Development”
21 under section 904 of the McKinney Act for the purpose
22 of income verifications and matching.

23 SEC. 226. (a) The Secretary of Housing and Urban
24 Development shall take the required actions under sub-
25 section (b) when a multifamily housing project with a sec-

1 tion 8 contract or contract for similar project-based assist-
2 ance:

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

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

7 (A) fails to certify in writing to HUD with-
8 in 60 days that all deficiencies have been cor-
9 rected; or

10 (B) receives consecutive scores of less than
11 60 on REAC inspections.

12 Such requirements shall apply to insured and noninsured
13 projects with assistance attached to the units under sec-
14 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
15 U.S.C. 1437f), but do not apply to such units assisted
16 under section 8(o)(13) (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) or to
17 public housing units assisted with capital or operating
18 funds under section 9 of the United States Housing Act
19 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).

20 (b) The Secretary shall take the following required
21 actions as authorized under subsection (a)—

22 (1) The Secretary shall notify the owner and
23 provide an opportunity for response within 30 days.

24 If the violations remain, the Secretary shall develop
25 a Compliance, Disposition and Enforcement Plan

1 within 60 days, with a specified timetable for cor-
2 recting all deficiencies. The Secretary shall provide
3 notice of the Plan to the owner, tenants, the local
4 government, any mortgagees, and any contract ad-
5 ministrators.

6 (2) At the end of the term of the Compliance,
7 Disposition and Enforcement Plan, if the owner fails
8 to fully comply with such plan, the Secretary may
9 require immediate replacement of project manage-
10 ment with a management agent approved by the
11 Secretary, and shall take one or more of the fol-
12 lowing actions, and provide additional notice of those
13 actions to the owner and the parties specified above:

14 (A) impose civil money penalties;

15 (B) abate the section 8 contract, including
16 partial abatement, as determined by the Sec-
17 retary, until all deficiencies have been corrected;

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

24 (D) seek judicial appointment of a receiver
25 to manage the property and cure all project de-

1 deficiencies or seek a judicial order of specific per-
2 formance requiring the owner to cure all project
3 deficiencies.

4 (c) The Secretary shall also take appropriate steps
5 to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect,
6 subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies
7 to assist relocation of tenants for imminent major threats
8 to health and safety after written notice to and informed
9 consent of the affected tenants and use of other remedies
10 set forth above. To the extent the Secretary determines,
11 in consultation with the tenants and the local government,
12 that the property is not feasible for continued rental as-
13 sistance payments under such section 8 or other programs,
14 based on consideration of (1) the costs of rehabilitating
15 and operating the property and all available Federal,
16 State, and local resources, including rent adjustments
17 under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing
18 Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (“MAHRAA”) and
19 (2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in
20 a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may, in consultation
21 with the tenants of that property, contract for project-
22 based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners
23 of other existing housing properties, or provide other rent-
24 al assistance. The Secretary shall report semi-annually on
25 all properties covered by this section that are assessed

1 through the Real Estate Assessment Center and have
2 physical inspection scores of less than 30 or have consecu-
3 tive physical inspection scores of less than 60. The report
4 shall include:

5 (1) The enforcement actions being taken to ad-
6 dress such conditions, including imposition of civil
7 money penalties and termination of subsidies, and
8 identify properties that have such conditions mul-
9 tiple times; and

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

13 SEC. 227. None of the funds made available by this
14 Act, or any other Act, for purposes authorized under sec-
15 tion 8 (only with respect to the tenant-based rental assist-
16 ance program) and section 9 of the United States Housing
17 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.), may be used by
18 any public housing agency for any amount of salary, for
19 the chief executive officer of which, or any other official
20 or employee of which, that exceeds the annual rate of basic
21 pay payable for a position at level IV of the Executive
22 Schedule at any time during any public housing agency
23 fiscal year 2015.

1 SEC. 228. None of the funds in this Act may be avail-
2 able for the doctoral dissertation research grant program
3 at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

4 SEC. 229. None of the funds in this Act provided to
5 the Department of Housing and Urban Development may
6 be used to make a grant award unless the Secretary noti-
7 fies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
8 not less than 3 full business days before any project,
9 State, locality, housing authority, tribe, nonprofit organi-
10 zation, or other entity selected to receive a grant award
11 is announced by the Department or its offices.

12 SEC. 230. Section 579 of the Multifamily Assisted
13 Housing Reform and Affordability Act (MAHRAA) of
14 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended by striking “Oc-
15 tober 1, 2015” each place it appears and inserting in lieu
16 thereof “October 1, 2016”.

17 SEC. 231. None of the funds made available by this
18 Act may be used to require or enforce the Physical Needs
19 Assessment (PNA).

20 SEC. 232. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act nor any receipts or amounts collected under any Fed-
22 eral Housing Administration program may be used to im-
23 plement the Homeowners Armed with Knowledge
24 (HAWK) program.

1 SEC. 233. None of the funds made available in this
2 Act shall be used by the Federal Housing Administration,
3 the Government National Mortgage Administration, or the
4 Department of Housing and Urban Development to in-
5 sure, securitize, or establish a Federal guarantee of any
6 mortgage or mortgage backed security that refinances or
7 otherwise replaces a mortgage that has been subject to
8 eminent domain condemnation or seizure, by a state, mu-
9 nicipality, or any other political subdivision of a state.

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

12 TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES

13 ACCESS BOARD

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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

21 FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

22 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
24 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
25 General Act of 1978, \$45,000,000, to remain available

1 until September 30, 2016, to be derived from assessments
2 collected from the Federal National Mortgage Association,
3 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and the Fed-
4 eral Home Loan Banks under section 1106 of the Housing
5 and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

6 FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For necessary expenses of the Federal Maritime
9 Commission as authorized by section 201(d) of the Mer-
10 chant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 307), in-
11 cluding services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; hire of
12 passenger motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C.
13 1343(b); and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-
14 ized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902, \$25,499,000: *Provided*, That
15 not to exceed \$2,000 shall be available for official recep-
16 tion and representation expenses.

17 NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION OFFICE

18 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
21 General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation
22 to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act
23 of 1978, as amended, \$24,499,000: *Provided*, That the In-
24 spector General shall have all necessary authority, in car-
25 rying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act,

1 as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to investigate allegations
2 of fraud, including false statements to the government (18
3 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to
4 regulation by the National Railroad Passenger Corpora-
5 tion: *Provided further*, That the Inspector General may
6 enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits,
7 studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies
8 and with private persons, subject to the applicable laws
9 and regulations that govern the obtaining of such services
10 within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: *Pro-*
11 *vided further*, That the Inspector General may select, ap-
12 point, and employ such officers and employees as may be
13 necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and du-
14 ties of the Office of Inspector General, subject to the appli-
15 cable laws and regulations that govern such selections, ap-
16 pointments, and employment within Amtrak: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That concurrent with the President's budget request
18 for fiscal year 2016, the Inspector General shall submit
19 to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
20 a budget request for fiscal year 2016 in similar format
21 and substance to those submitted by executive agencies
22 of the Federal Government.

1 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses of the National Transpor-
4 tation Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor ve-
5 hicles and aircraft; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
6 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per
7 diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS-15; uniforms,
8 or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C.
9 5901-5902), \$103,000,000, of which not to exceed \$2,000
10 may be used for official reception and representation ex-
11 penses. The amounts made available to the National
12 Transportation Safety Board in this Act include amounts
13 necessary to make lease payments on an obligation in-
14 curred in fiscal year 2001 for a capital lease.

15 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION
16 PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT
17 CORPORATION

18 For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Cor-
19 poration for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities,
20 as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corpora-
21 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 8101-8107), \$132,000,000, of which
22 \$5,000,000 shall be for a multi-family rental housing pro-
23 gram: *Provided*, That in addition, \$50,000,000 shall be
24 made available until expended to the Neighborhood Rein-

1 vestment Corporation for mortgage foreclosure mitigation
2 activities, under the following terms and conditions:

3 (1) The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corpora-
4 tion (“NRC”) shall make grants to counseling inter-
5 mediaries approved by the Department of Housing
6 and Urban Development (HUD) (with match to be
7 determined by the NRC based on affordability and
8 the economic conditions of an area; a match also
9 may be waived by the NRC based on the aforemen-
10 tioned conditions) to provide mortgage foreclosure
11 mitigation assistance primarily to States and areas
12 with high rates of defaults and foreclosures to help
13 eliminate the default and foreclosure of mortgages of
14 owner-occupied single-family homes that are at risk
15 of such foreclosure. Other than areas with high rates
16 of defaults and foreclosures, grants may also be pro-
17 vided to approved counseling intermediaries based on
18 a geographic analysis of the Nation by the NRC
19 which determines where there is a prevalence of
20 mortgages that are risky and likely to fail, including
21 any trends for mortgages that are likely to default
22 and face foreclosure. A State Housing Finance
23 Agency may also be eligible where the State Housing
24 Finance Agency meets all the requirements under
25 this paragraph. A HUD-approved counseling inter-

1 mediary shall meet certain mortgage foreclosure
2 mitigation assistance counseling requirements, as de-
3 termined by the NRC, and shall be approved by
4 HUD or the NRC as meeting these requirements.

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

19 (3) The use of mortgage foreclosure mitigation
20 assistance by approved counseling intermediaries
21 and State Housing Finance Agencies shall involve a
22 reasonable analysis of the borrower's financial situa-
23 tion, an evaluation of the current value of the prop-
24 erty that is subject to the mortgage, counseling re-
25 garding the assumption of the mortgage by another

1 non-Federal party, counseling regarding the possible
2 purchase of the mortgage by a non-Federal third
3 party, counseling and advice of all likely restruc-
4 turing and refinancing strategies or the approval of
5 a work-out strategy by all interested parties.

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

14 (5) HUD-approved counseling entities and
15 State Housing Finance Agencies receiving funds
16 under this paragraph shall have demonstrated expe-
17 rience in successfully working with financial institu-
18 tions as well as borrowers facing default, delin-
19 quency and foreclosure as well as documented coun-
20 seling capacity, outreach capacity, past successful
21 performance and positive outcomes with documented
22 counseling plans (including post mortgage fore-
23 closure mitigation counseling), loan workout agree-
24 ments and loan modification agreements. NRC may

1 use other criteria to demonstrate capacity in under-
2 served areas.

3 (6) Of the total amount made available under
4 this paragraph, up to \$2,500,000 may be made
5 available to build the mortgage foreclosure and de-
6 fault mitigation counseling capacity of counseling
7 intermediaries through NRC training courses with
8 HUD-approved counseling intermediaries and their
9 partners, except that private financial institutions
10 that participate in NRC training shall pay market
11 rates for such training.

12 (7) Of the total amount made available under
13 this paragraph, up to 5 percent may be used for as-
14 sociated administrative expenses for the NRC to
15 carry out activities provided under this section.

16 (8) Of the total amount made available under
17 this paragraph, up to \$4,000,000 may be used for
18 wind-down and closeout of the mortgage foreclosure
19 mitigation activities program.

20 (9) Mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance
21 grants may include a budget for outreach and adver-
22 tising, and training, as determined by the NRC.

23 (10) The NRC shall continue to report bi-annu-
24 ally to the House and Senate Committees on Appro-
25 priations as well as the Senate Banking Committee

1 and House Financial Services Committee on its ef-
2 forts to mitigate mortgage default.

3 UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON
4 HOMELESSNESS
5 OPERATING EXPENSES

6 For necessary expenses (including payment of sala-
7 ries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles,
8 the rental of conference rooms, and the employment of ex-
9 perts and consultants under section 3109 of title 5, United
10 States Code) of the United States Interagency Council on
11 Homelessness in carrying out the functions pursuant to
12 title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,
13 as amended, \$3,500,000.

14 TITLE IV
15 GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

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

21 SEC. 402. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
22 shall remain available for obligation beyond the current
23 fiscal year, nor may any be transferred to other appropria-
24 tions, unless expressly so provided herein.

1 SEC. 403. The expenditure of any appropriation
2 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-
3 ment contract pursuant to section 3109 of title 5, United
4 States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such
5 expenditures are a matter of public record and available
6 for public inspection, except where otherwise provided
7 under existing law, or under existing Executive order
8 issued pursuant to existing law.

9 SEC. 404. (a) None of the funds made available in
10 this Act may be obligated or expended for any employee
11 training that—

12 (1) does not meet identified needs for knowl-
13 edge, skills, and abilities bearing directly upon the
14 performance of official duties;

15 (2) contains elements likely to induce high lev-
16 els of emotional response or psychological stress in
17 some participants;

18 (3) does not require prior employee notification
19 of the content and methods to be used in the train-
20 ing and written end of course evaluation;

21 (4) contains any methods or content associated
22 with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or
23 “new age” belief systems as defined in Equal Em-
24 ployment Opportunity Commission Notice N-
25 915.022, dated September 2, 1988; or

1 (5) is offensive to, or designed to change, par-
2 ticipants' personal values or lifestyle outside the
3 workplace.

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

7 SEC. 405. Except as otherwise provided in this Act,
8 none of the funds provided in this Act, provided by pre-
9 vious appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities fund-
10 ed in this Act that remain available for obligation or ex-
11 penditure in fiscal year 2015, or provided from any ac-
12 counts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees
13 and available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
14 available for obligation or expenditure through a re-
15 programming of funds that:

16 (1) creates a new program;

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

18 (3) increases funds or personnel for any pro-
19 gram, project, or activity for which funds have been
20 denied or restricted by the Congress;

21 (4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific
22 activity by either the House or Senate Committees
23 on Appropriations for a different purpose;

1 (5) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-
2 tivities in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, which-
3 ever is less;

4 (6) reduces existing programs, projects, or ac-
5 tivities by \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is
6 less; or

7 (7) creates, reorganizes, or restructures a
8 branch, division, office, bureau, board, commission,
9 agency, administration, or department different from
10 the budget justifications submitted to the Commit-
11 tees on Appropriations or the table accompanying
12 the explanatory statement accompanying this Act,
13 whichever is more detailed, unless prior approval is
14 received from the House and Senate Committees on
15 Appropriations: *Provided*, That not later than 60
16 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each
17 agency funded by this Act shall submit a report to
18 the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and
19 of the House of Representatives to establish the
20 baseline for application of reprogramming and trans-
21 fer authorities for the current fiscal year: *Provided*
22 *further*, That the report shall include:

23 (A) a table for each appropriation with a
24 separate column to display the prior year en-
25 acted level, the President's budget request, ad-

1 justments made by Congress, adjustments due
2 to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the
3 fiscal year enacted level;

4 (B) a delineation in the table for each ap-
5 propriation and its respective prior year enacted
6 level by object class and program, project, and
7 activity as detailed in the budget appendix for
8 the respective appropriation; and

9 (C) an identification of items of special
10 congressional interest: *Provided further*, That
11 the amount appropriated or limited for salaries
12 and expenses for an agency shall be reduced by
13 \$100,000 per day for each day after the re-
14 quired date that the report has not been sub-
15 mitted to the Congress.

16 SEC. 406. Except as otherwise specifically provided
17 by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances
18 remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2015 from
19 appropriations made available for salaries and expenses
20 for fiscal year 2015 in this Act, shall remain available
21 through September 30, 2016, for each such account for
22 the purposes authorized: *Provided*, That a request shall
23 be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
24 propriations for approval prior to the expenditure of such
25 funds: *Provided further*, That these requests shall be made

1 in compliance with reprogramming guidelines under sec-
2 tion 405 of this Act.

3 SEC. 407. No funds in this Act may be used to sup-
4 port any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use
5 the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is
6 employed only for a public use: *Provided*, That for pur-
7 poses of this section, public use shall not be construed to
8 include economic development that primarily benefits pri-
9 vate entities: *Provided further*, That any use of funds for
10 mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects
11 as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the gen-
12 eral public (including energy-related, communication-re-
13 lated, water-related and wastewater-related infrastruc-
14 ture), other structures designated for use by the general
15 public or which have other common-carrier or public-util-
16 ity functions that serve the general public and are subject
17 to regulation and oversight by the government, and
18 projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public
19 health and safety or brownsfield as defined in the Small
20 Business Liability Relief and Brownsfield Revitalization
21 Act (Public Law 107–118) shall be considered a public
22 use for purposes of eminent domain.

23 SEC. 408. All Federal agencies and departments that
24 are funded under this Act shall issue a report to the House
25 and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all sole-

1 source contracts by no later than July 30, 2015. Such re-
2 port shall include the contractor, the amount of the con-
3 tract and the rationale for using a sole-source contract.

4 SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this
5 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
6 strumentality of the United States Government, except
7 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
8 vided in, this Act or any other appropriations Act.

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

22 SEC. 411. No funds appropriated pursuant to this
23 Act may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees
24 that in expending the assistance the entity will comply
25 with sections 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933

1 (41 U.S.C. 10a-10c, popularly known as the “Buy Amer-
2 ican Act”).

3 SEC. 412. No funds appropriated or otherwise made
4 available under this Act shall be made available to any
5 person or entity that has been convicted of violating the
6 Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a-10c).

7 SEC. 413. None of the funds made available in this
8 Act may be used for first-class airline accommodations in
9 contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of
10 title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

11 SEC. 414. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act may be used to enter into a contract, memorandum
13 of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a
14 grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to any cor-
15 poration that was convicted of a felony criminal violation
16 under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months,
17 where the awarding agency is aware of the conviction, un-
18 less the agency has considered suspension or debarment
19 of the corporation and made a determination that this fur-
20 ther action is not necessary to protect the interests of the
21 Government.

22 SEC. 415. None of the funds made available by this
23 Act may be used to enter into a contract, memorandum
24 of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, make a
25 grant to, or provide a loan or loan guarantee to, any cor-

1 poration with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has
2 been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative
3 remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that
4 is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agree-
5 ment with the authority responsible for collecting the tax
6 liability, where the awarding agency is aware of the unpaid
7 tax liability, unless the agency has considered suspension
8 or debarment of the corporation and made a determination
9 that this further action is not necessary to protect the in-
10 terests of the Government.

11 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

12 SEC. 416. The amount by which the applicable alloca-
13 tion of new budget authority made by the Committee on
14 Appropriations of the House of Representatives under sec-
15 tion 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 ex-
16 ceeds the amount of proposed new budget authority is \$0.

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

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A BILL

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

MAY 27, 2014

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed