

HUD FY2009 Proposed Budget as approved by the House Appropriations Subcommittee

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and HUD approved a FY2009 budget bill for HUD on June 20th. Mark-up by the full House Appropriations Committee is scheduled for June 26 and the Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider its own bill on July 10. The House Subcommittee bill provides modest increases over the FY2008 budget for most major HUD programs either to maintain current programs or “to restore the Administration’s most detrimental cuts”. Overall, the subcommittee bill would increase funding for key housing programs by about \$1.6 billion over the FY2008 budget (and by about \$2.8 billion over the President’s FY2009 request).

While the bill text, and thus detailed information, is not yet available, the National Low Income Housing Coalition reports that the \$1.6 billion in increases over the FY2008 budget include:

- About \$1 billion for the Section 8 program to maintain current contracts, though the Subcommittee admits this still leaves project-based contracts underfunded, and fund 14,000 new vouchers for veterans (10,000) and persons with disabilities (4,000).
- \$381 billion for public housing programs, including a \$300 billion increase (14.4%) for the operating fund, a \$61 billion (2.5%) increase for capital fund, and a \$20 million (20%) increase for HOPE VI.
- About \$280 billion for small funding increases to a number of programs including homeless assistance grants (up 6.7%), Section 202 (up 4%), Section 811 (up 5%) and housing counseling (up 30%). The bill level funds HOME and HOPWA and provides a 3.5% increase for the Community Development Fund.

Additional information, including a more detailed [budget chart](#), is available on the NLIHC website.