Affordable Housing and Transportation: Federal Initiatives and Resources

August 11, 2020
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Federal Appropriations Process

Early February:
President’s Budget submitted to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees

April 15:
Congressional Budget Resolution

Spring-Summer:
House and Senate consideration of the appropriations bills.

Mid February:
Our deadline for appropriations requests

September 30:
Federal fiscal year ends.

Fall-Winter (Usually):
Annual appropriations enacted.
Table 1. THUD Appropriations by Bill Title, FY2020-FY2021
(dollars in millions)

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Transportation

Source: www.tourmaui.com
## Current and Future Funding

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Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- Competitive grant funds can be used for smaller-scale transportation projects, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities.
  - Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trails for pedestrians and bicycles
  - Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems providing safe routes for non-drivers
  - Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails
  - Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
  - Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent invasive species and provide erosion control
  - Environmental mitigation activities, including pollution prevention and abatement activities to address stormwater management
  - Recreational trails program

- $3,774,147 set aside from STBG for 2020.
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)

• Provides federal credit assistance in the form of secured loans, loan guarantees, and lines of credit.

• May finance transit-oriented development (TOD) infrastructure projects to improve or construct public infrastructure that is located within walking distance of, and accessible to, a fixed guideway transit facility, passenger rail station, intercity bus station, or intermodal facility."
Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development Planning (2019)

- Program to support comprehensive planning associated with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement projects.
- Eligible grantees: project sponsor of an eligible transit capital project or an entity with land use planning authority in an eligible transit capital project corridor.
- Comprehensive plans must seek to:
  - enhance economic development, ridership, and other goals established during the project development and engineering processes;
  - facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility;
  - increase access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic;
  - enable mixed-use development;
  - identify infrastructure needs associated with the eligible project; and
  - include private sector participation.
Affordable Housing

Source: Hawaii Public Radio
## Current and Future Funding

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Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

• Planning and implementation grants intended primarily to help transform severely distressed public housing and HUD-assisted private housing developments through rehabilitation, demolition, and new construction.

• Applicants must prepare a comprehensive plan to address other aspects of neighborhood distress such as violent crime, failing schools, and capital disinvestment.

• Funds can also be used for supportive services and for improvements to the surrounding community, such as developing community facilities, and addressing vacant, blighted properties.
Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)

- Finances the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of housing affordable to lower income households.
  - Although housing tax credits are federal, each state has an independent agency, a housing finance agency (HFA) that allocates the state’s share of federal housing tax credits.
- The LIHTC is a tax expenditure, which does not require an appropriation.
  - The Joint Committee on Taxation estimated that the program would cost $11.2 billion in FY20.
The CARES Act: Housing and Transportation
CARES Act: Housing Relief

• Mortgage payment forbearance

• Foreclosure relief (expired)

• Eviction Moratorium (expired)
CARES Act: Housing Funds

- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**
  - $1.25 billion for PHAs

- **Public Housing Operating Fund**
  - $685 million for PHAs

- **Native American Programs**
  - $300 million to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities

- **Homeless Assistance Grants**
  - $4 billion for Emergency Solutions Grants

- **Project-Based Rental Assistance**
  - $1 billion

- **Housing for the Elderly**
  - $50 million

- **Housing for Persons with Disabilities**
  - $15 million

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS**
  - $65 million
CARES Act: Transportation Funds

Transit Agencies

- $25 billion nationwide
- $107 million for HI transit agencies
  - $90.8 for City and County of Honolulu
  - $7.68 for The County of Maui
  - $8.9 for statewide efforts
The HEROES Act

• Passed the House May, 15.

• Includes:
  • Almost $200 billion in additional funding for housing and homelessness programs.
  • $15 billion for Federal Highway Administration Programs
  • $15.75 billion for the Federal Transit Administration

• No action in Senate yet.
The HEROES Act: Housing Programs

Emergency Rental Assistance
- $100 billion distributed through McKinney Vento Emergency Solutions Grant

Emergency Solutions Grants
- $11.5 billion for people experiencing homelessness

Emergency Vouchers
- $1 billion for emergency housing vouchers for at risk individuals

Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium
- Replace the 120 day moratorium that expired.

Homeowner Assistance Fund
- $75 billion
## The HEROES Act: Housing Funding

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The HEROES Act: Transportation Funding

Federal Highway Administration
- $15 billion for FHWA programs

Federal Transit Administration
- $15.75 billion for Public Transportation Emergency Relief

Aviation
- No new money for airports
- $75 for the Federal Aviation Administration
Executive Orders

Evictions
- Directs HHS and the CDC to determine if eviction protections are necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Directs Treasury and HUD to find funding to provide temporary assistance to renters and homeowners to avoid missing rent and mortgage payments.
- Directs HUD to take actions to “promote the ability of renters and homeowners to avoid eviction or foreclosure” through actions “encouraging and providing assistance to housing authorities, affordable housing owners, landlords, and recipients of federal grant funds.”
- Directs FHFA to use all authorities and resources to prevent eviction or foreclosure for renters and homeowners.

Unemployment Insurance
- Allows for $300/month in federal and $100/month in state extended unemployment insurance
- Reallocates FEMA Disaster Relief Funds to pay for federal share (covering approximately one month.)
- Urges states to use Crisis Response Funding (CRF) to pay for state share