



Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding

Working to ensure maximum federal resources for housing and community development.

Statement on Amendments to S. 1243 to Reduce HUD Funding

The Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF), a group of over more than 70 national organizations representing all 56 states and territories, opposes amendments to S. 1243 that would reduce the amount of funding appropriated for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in FY14 below the levels proposed in the Senate bill currently under debate.

CHCDF opposes any amendments that would decrease funding levels approved by the Committee on Appropriations or make changes to programs that could result in less funding to address housing and community development needs including the following amendments:

- S.Amdt. 1754 offered by Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) would exclude federal funds from being counted as matching funds for McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Grants.
- S.Amdt. 1758 offered by Senator Coburn would reduce funding for the Community Development Block Grants from \$3.15 billion to \$2.79 billion.
- S.Amdt. 1768 (also variations 1791, 1795) offered by Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) would cut the HOME Investment Partnerships program from \$1 billion to \$950 million and require a Comptroller study/report.

These amendments would result in fewer dollars for providing housing and supportive services for households experiencing homelessness, fewer community development resources for low income communities, and less funding to create much needed homeownership and rental housing.

Please see the accompanying letter sent on July 22, 2013 indicating support for passage of S. 1243.