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Mr. WALSH, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

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The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

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The Committee recommends $128,037,084,000 in new budget (obligational) authority for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and 21 independent agencies and offices.

The following table summarizes the amounts recommended in the bill in comparison with the appropriations for fiscal year 2004 and budget estimates for fiscal year 2005.

Operating Plan and Reprogramming Procedures

The Committee continues to have a particular interest in being informed of reprogrammings which, although they may not change either the total amount available in an account or any of the purposes for which the appropriation is legally available, represent a significant departure from budget plans presented to the Committee in an agency's budget justifications, the basis of this appropriations Act.

Consequently, the Committee directs the Departments, agencies, boards, commissions, corporations and offices funded at or in excess of $100,000,000 in this bill, to consult with the Committee prior to each change from the approved budget levels in excess of $500,000 between programs, activities, object classifications or elements unless otherwise provided for in the Committee report accompanying this bill. For agencies, boards, commissions, corporations and offices funded at less than $100,000,000 in this bill, the reprogramming threshold shall be $250,000 between programs, activities, object classifications or elements unless otherwise provided for in the Committee report accompanying this bill. Additionally, the Committee expects to be promptly notified of all reprogramming actions which involve less than the above-mentioned amounts. If such actions would have the effect of significantly changing an agency's funding requirements in future years, or if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committee's reports are affected by the reprogramming, the reprogramming must be approved by the Committee regardless of the amount proposed to be moved. Furthermore, the Committee wishes to be consulted regarding reorganizations of offices, programs, and activities prior to the planned implementation of such reorganizations.

The Committee also directs that the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, as well as the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board shall submit operating plans, signed by the respective secretary, administrator, or agency head, for the Committee's review within 120 days of the bill's enactment.

RELATIONSHIP WITH BUDGET OFFICES

Through the years, the Committee has channeled most of its inquiries and requests for information and assistance through the budget offices of the various departments, agencies, and commissions. The Committee has often pointed to the natural affinity and relationship between these organizations and the Committee which makes such a relationship workable. The Committee reiterates its longstanding position that while the Committee reserves the right to call upon all offices in the departments, agencies, and commissions, the primary conjunction between the Committee and these entities must normally be through the budget offices. The Committee appreciates all the assistance received from each of the departments, agencies, and commissions during the past year. The workload generated by the budget process is large and growing, and therefore, a positive, responsive relationship between the Committee and the budget offices is absolutely essential to the appropriations process.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] $65,961,609,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1,2] 61,845,163,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] 64,761,609,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+4,116,446,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+1,200,000,000

[1] Excludes MCCF collections.
[2] FY 2004 discretionary programs include the impact of the rescissions imposed under PL 108–199. Includes $270,000,000 rescission of Medical Care prior year funds.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest Federal agencies in terms of employment with an average employment of approximately 219,671. It administers benefits for more than 25,200,000 veterans, and 38,400,000 family members of living veterans and survivors of deceased veterans. Thus, close to 64,000,000 people, comprising about 21.7 percent of the total population of the United States, are potential recipients of veterans benefits provided by the Federal Government.

A total of $65,961,609,000 in new budget authority is recommended by the Committee for the Department of Veterans Affairs programs in fiscal year 2005. The funds recommended provide for compensation payments to 2,935,586 veterans and survivors of deceased veterans with service-connected disabilities; pension payment for 550,856 non-service-connected disabled veterans, widows and children in need of financial assistance; education training, tuition assistance, and vocational assistance of 536,012 veterans, servicepersons, and reservists, and 73,352 eligible dependents of deceased veterans or seriously disabled veterans; housing credit assistance in the form of 300,000 guaranteed loans provided to veterans and servicepersons; administration or supervision of life in-

surance programs with 7,439,095 policies for veterans and active duty servicepersons providing coverage of $747,636,000,000; inpatient care and treatment of beneficiaries in 157 hospitals; 42 VA residential rehabilitation treatment programs (formerly called "domiciliaries"); 133 nursing homes and 879 outpatient clinics which includes independent, satellite, community-based, and rural outreach clinics involving 57,481,000 visits; and the administration of the National Cemetery Administration for burial of eligible veterans, servicepersons and their survivors.

The Department of Veterans Affairs submitted the 2005 budget in an alternative appropriations structure for consideration. The Committee has not adopted this new structure because it does not address the needs of the Congress in its role of reviewing and allocating federal budgetary resources. While the Committee recognizes the right of the executive branch to propose whatever structure it deems necessary, budget execution must ultimately follow the guidelines laid out in appropriations bills. The Committee must be convinced that the proposed changes are necessary and serve the needs of all participants in the federal budget process before any changes are adopted, and that has not been the case with the proposed restructuring. If the Department wishes to continue the wasteful practice of submitting a budget structure that will not serve the needs of the Congress, the Congress has little choice but to reject that structure and continue providing appropriations that serve its purposes as it has done for the past two years.

The Committee recognizes that a large number of active and reservist personnel returning from extended deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan will require essential supportive social services such as emergency shelter, childcare services, and drug treatment programs after discharge from the military. Since enrollment in services provided by the Department is voluntary, the Committee is concerned that many former service members are not aware of available services, or the actual number of former service members that require supportive services. The Committee applauds the efforts being undertaken by the Department as it attempts to deal with these issues and requests the Department report to Congress the best method of assessing the number of veterans and the services they may require.

The Committee has been following the testing and implementation process of the CoreFLS program at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center for a number of months and continues to be concerned that CoreFLS may not be salvageable. The Committee has found that the procurement strategy selected for such an ambitious project was most probably inappropriate. Further, the Committee is concerned that there appears to have been less than an arms-length relationship between VA personnel and the contractor selected for this project. Finally, the Committee is appalled that contract tasks in many cases did not make the contractor responsible for measurable deliverables tied to total system performance, but instead the contractor was primarily responsible only for technical advice and assistance. While the Committee considered the option of denying any funds for further development or implementation of this project, that option may be more costly and riskier than continuing with the current project.

The Committee's concerns are rooted in the fact that with a total estimated cost of $499.3 million, of which over 50% has been expended thus far, CoreFLS may not address the fundamental need to ensure VA compliance with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act or respond adequately to long-standing material weaknesses in VA's existing financial processes. Upon completion of the Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute evaluation of CoreFLS implementation, the Committee will work with senior management of the VA to ensure that further decisions about the future of CoreFLS are in the best interest of the government and the veterans.

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

COMPENSATION, PENSION AND BURIAL BENEFITS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$32,607,688,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	29,845,127,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	32,607,688,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+2,762,561,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

This appropriation provides funds for service-connected compensation payments to an estimated 2,935,586 beneficiaries and pension payments to another 550,856 beneficiaries with non-service-connected disabilities. The average cost per compensation case in 2005 is estimated at $9,963, and pension payments are projected at a unit cost of $6,058. The estimated caseload and cost by program for 2004 and 2005 are included in the budget justification materials.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee is recommending the budget estimate of $32,607,688,000 for compensation, pension and burial benefits. The bill also includes requested language not to exceed $20,703,000 of reimbursements of which $9,500,000 goes to the general operating expenses account and $11,203,000 to the medical services account for administrative expenses of implementing cost saving provisions required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, Public Law 101–508, the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992, Public Law 102–568, and the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1994, Public Law 103–446. These cost savings provisions include verifying pension income against Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration (SSA) data; establishing a match with the SSA to obtain verification of Social Security numbers; and the $90 monthly VA pension cap for Medicaid-eligible single veterans and surviving spouses alone in Medicaid-covered nursing homes. The bill includes requested language permitting this appropriation to reimburse such sums as may be earned to the medical facilities revolving fund to help defray the operating expenses of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners.

The Administration has proposed to provide a cost-of-living adjustment, based on the change in the Consumer Price Index, to all compensation beneficiaries, including dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for spouses and children. It is currently estimated at 1.3 percent. This is the same as the COLA that will be provided, under current law, to veterans pension and Social Secu-

rity recipients. The increase would be effective December 1, 2004, and would cost an estimated $242,391,000 during 2005. Funding for this COLA is reflected in the Compensation, Pensions and Burial Benefits obligations in the 2005 budget.

The Administration has proposed language that would provide indefinite 2005 supplemental appropriations for compensation and pension payments. The Committee believes current procedures are adequate and has not included the requested language in the bill.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$2,556,232,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	2,529,734,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	2,556,232,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+26,498,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

This appropriation finances the education and training of veterans and servicepersons whose initial entry on active duty took place on or after July 1, 1985. These benefits are included in the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program. Eligibility to receive this assistance began in 1987. Basic benefits are funded through appropriations made to the readjustment benefits appropriation and transfers from the Department of Defense. Supplemental benefits are also provided to certain veterans through education assistance to certain members of the Selected Reserve and are funded through transfers from the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. In addition, certain disabled veterans are provided with vocational rehabilitation, specially adapted housing grants, and automobile grants with approved adaptive equipment.

This account also finances educational assistance allowances for eligible dependents of those veterans who died from service-connected causes or have a total and permanent service-connected disability as well as dependents of servicepersons who were captured or missing-in-action.

The Committee recommends the budget estimates of $2,556,232,000 for readjustment benefits in fiscal year 2005, an increase of $26,498,000 over the current year funding level.

The Administration has proposed language that would provide indefinite 2005 supplemental appropriations for readjustment benefits because of legislative changes or year-end funding shortages. The Committee believes current procedures are adequate and has not included the requested language in the bill.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$44,380,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	29,017,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	44,380,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+15,363,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The veterans insurance and indemnities appropriation is made up of the former appropriations for military and naval insurance, applicable to World War I veterans; national service life insurance (NSLI), applicable to certain World War II veterans; servicemen's indemnities, applicable to Korean conflict veterans; and the veterans mortgage life insurance, applicable to individuals who have received a grant for specially adapted housing.

The budget estimate of $44,380,000 for veterans insurance and indemnities in fiscal year 2005 is included in the bill, an increase of $15,363,000 over the current year funding level. The amount provided will enable VA to transfer funding to the service-disabled veterans insurance fund and transfer additional amounts for payments for the 2,620 policies under the veterans mortgage life insurance program. These policies are identified under the veterans' insurance and indemnity appropriation since they provide insurance to service-disabled veterans unable to qualify under basic NSLI.

The Administration has proposed language that would provide indefinite 2005 supplemental appropriations for the insurance program. The Committee believes current procedures are adequate and has not included the requested language in the bill.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans for specially adapted housing loans	Administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$43,784,000	$500,000	$154,075,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 305,834,000	300,000	153,936,385
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	43,784,000	500,000	154,075,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−262,050,000	+200,000	+138,615
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0	0

[1] Reflects subsidy estimate from last year's report. The new estimate for 2004 is $278,215,000.

The purpose of the VA home loan guaranty program is to facilitate the extension of mortgage credit on favorable terms by private lenders to eligible veterans. This appropriation provides for all costs, with the exception of the native American veterans housing loan program, of the Department's direct and guaranteed loans programs.

The Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 requires budgetary resources to be available prior to incurring a direct loan obligation or a loan guarantee commitment. In addition, the Act requires all administrative expenses of a direct or guaranteed loan program to be funded through a program account. VA loan guaranties are made to servicemembers, veterans, reservists and unremarried surviving spouses for the purchase of homes, condominiums, manufactured homes and for refinancing loans. The Department guarantees part of the total loan, permitting the purchaser to obtain a mortgage with a competitive interest rate, even without a down payment if the lender agrees. The Department requires that a down payment be made for a manufactured home. With a Department guaranty, the lender is protected against loss up to the amount of the guaranty if the borrower fails to repay the loan.

The Committee recommends such sums as may be necessary (estimated to total $43,784,000) for funding subsidy payments, $500,000 for the limitation on direct loans for specially adapted housing loans, and $154,075,000 for administrative expenses which is the budget request. The appropriation for administrative expenses may be transferred to and merged with the General Operating Expenses account.

EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans	Administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	0	0	0
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	$994	$3,400	$69,587
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−994	−3,400	−69,587
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0	0

This appropriation covered the cost of direct loans for eligible dependents and, in addition, it includes administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program. This loan fund program was terminated pursuant to enactment of Public Law 108–183, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. Section 306 of this Act repealed all provisions relating to the obsolete education loan program.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans	Administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$47,000	$4,108,000	$311,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	51,693	3,938,000	298,230
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	47,000	4,108,000	311,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−4,693	+170,000	+12,770
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0	0

This appropriation covers the funding subsidy cost of direct loans for vocational rehabilitation of eligible veterans and, in addition, it includes administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program. Loans of up to $910 (based on indexed chapter 31 subsistence allowance rate) are available to service-connected disabled veterans enrolled in vocational rehabilitation programs when the veteran is temporarily in need of additional assistance. Repayment is made in 10 monthly installments, without interest, through deductions from future payments of compensation, pension, subsistence allowance, educational assistance allowance, or retirement pay. The Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 requires budgetary resources to be available prior to incurring a direct loan obligation. In addition, the Act requires all administrative expenses of a direct loan program to be funded through a program account.

The bill includes the budget requests of $47,000 for funding subsidy program costs and $311,000 for administrative expenses. The administrative expenses may be transferred to and merged with the General Operating Expenses account.

In addition, the bill includes requested language limiting program direct loans to $4,108,000. It is estimated that VA will make 4,524 loans in fiscal year 2005, with an average amount of $908.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Administrative expenses:	$571,000
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	571,000

Fiscal year 2004 appropriations	567,631
Fiscal year 2005 budget recommendation	571,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+3,369
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

This program tests the feasibility of authorizing VA to make direct home loans to Native American veterans who live on U.S. trust land. This is a pilot program which began in 1993 and expires on December 31, 2005. The bill includes the budget request of $571,000 for administration expenses, which may be transferred to and merged with the General Operating Expenses account.

GUARANTEED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOANS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Public Law 105–368, the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, established this program. All funds authorized for this program were appropriated in fiscal year 2000. Therefore, no appropriation request has been included for fiscal year 2005. Bill language is included allowing the use of funds in Medical Services and General Operating Expenses to administer this program.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates the largest Federal medical care delivery system in the country, with 157 hospitals, 42 VA residential rehabilitation treatment programs (formerly called "domiciliaries"), 133 nursing homes, and 879 outpatient clinics which includes independent, satellite, community-based, and rural outreach clinics.

In 2004, Congress agreed to fund Veterans Health Administration (VHA) through a new account structure comprised of four accounts: medical services, medical administration, medical facilities, and medical and prosthetic research. This action was taken to provide better oversight and receive a more accurate accounting of funds. Under this new structure, the Administration has requested total resources of $29,135,370,000 to fund the various operating programs of the VHA, an increase of $736,051,000 over the 2004 enacted level. The Committee recommendation of $30,335,370,000 is an increase of $1,200,000,000 to the budget request and $1,936,051,000 when compared to fiscal year 2004.

MEDICAL SERVICES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$19,498,600,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 17,762,054,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	18,298,600,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+1,735,204,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+1,200,000,000

[1] Includes $1,100,000,000 of two year funding and includes $270,000,000 provided by an offset of prior year funds.

This Medical Services appropriation provides for medical services of eligible veterans and beneficiaries [except non service-connected veterans and veterans exceeding the income threshold] in VA medical centers, outpatient clinic facilities, contract hospitals, State homes, and outpatient programs on a fee basis. Hospital and out-

patient care is also provided by the private sector for certain dependents and survivors of veterans under the civilian health and medical programs for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Committee recommendation includes $19,498,600,000 for medical services in fiscal year 2005.

The bill includes requested language in the Compensation and Pension appropriation transferring $11,203,000 for administrative expenses of implementing cost saving provisions required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, and the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992.

The Committee has included bill language to allow the Secretary to transfer funds between the Medical Services appropriation, Medical Administration appropriation, and Medical Facilities appropriation with a limitation on transfers up to 20 percent as necessary after notifying the Committees on Appropriations.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2006, up to $1,100,000,000 of the Medical Services appropriation. This provides flexibility to the Department as it continues to implement significant program changes.

The bill also includes requested language for the DoD VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by section 721 of the FY 2003 National Defense Authorization Act, Public Law 107–314, to transfer a minimum of $15,000,000, to remain available until expended for any purpose authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8111.

The Committee is concerned that psychiatric hospitals may be underfunded within current reimbursement models. The VA is directed to report back to the Committee by January 15, 2005 on the Bed Day of Care costs incurred for acute psychiatric patients.

The Committee recognizes the VA for its initial efforts to screen, diagnose and treat Veterans at risk for or infected with hepatitis C (HCV). However, the Committee is concerned that many Veterans who have been screened are not aware of and/or are not receiving available HCV treatment through the VA, especially Vietnam-era veterans and minority veterans. The Committee urges the VA to allocate funding for HCV based on local need, not on VERA allocation. The Committee urges the VA to continue and to expand broad HCV screening and diagnosis programs for Veterans with any risk factors for HCV, and to provide the appropriate treatment, outreach, education and patient support in order to increase the number of successfully treated Veterans.

The Committee urges that the VA Toledo Outpatient Clinic be established as a freestanding clinic and not a satellite of a VA hospital.

The Committee urges an expanded affiliation between Medical College of Ohio and the VA Outpatient Clinic in Toledo, Ohio.

The Committee directs the continuation of the long-employed Joslin Vision Network at no less than the current level.

The Committee notes with concern the growing incidence of chronic disease within the veteran population. Specifically, the Committee is aware of the high incidence of diabetes among veterans and believes that multiple vendors for diabetes monitoring systems, including blood glucose monitors, test strips, lancing devices, and other related equipment provide the best opportunity for improving patient care, competition, and management of chronic conditions. With this in mind, the Committee urges the Secretary

to withhold implementation of national standardized contracts for diabetes monitoring systems used to manage and control diabetes.

The Committee urges the VA fund a pilot program at the VAMC in Syracuse modeled on technology developed for patient health monitoring currently being used at the New York Presbyterian Hospital.

The Committee supports an initiative to demonstrate the potential effectiveness of the nation's first system-wide magnet nursing pilot program for benefit of VA nursing care. The Committee envisions the implementation of this VA magnet nursing demonstration to be achieved through the initiation of three additional pilot units through a partnership of New Jersey Meridian Health system and New Jersey-based VA medical care facilities, including local VA clinics, providing training, mentoring, and developing patient outcome and satisfaction data.

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTIONS FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF) was established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33). In fiscal year 2004, P.L. 108–199 allowed the Department to deposit first-party and pharmacy co-payments, third party insurance payments and enhanced use collections, long-term care co-payments, Compensated Work Therapy Program collections, Compensation and Pension Living Expenses Program collections, Parking Program fees, and collections from the sales of assets into the MCCF. Bill language is included transferring the receipts and the unobligated balances in these accounts in fiscal year 2005 and subsequent years to the Medical Services appropriation to remain available until expended for the purposes of the Medical Services appropriation.

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$4,705,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	4,970,500,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	4,705,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−265,500,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Medical Administration appropriation provides funds for the expenses of management and administration of VA health care system. Included under this heading are provisions for costs associated with operation of VA medical centers, other facilities, and VHA headquarters, plus the costs of VISN offices and facility director offices, chief of staff operations, quality of care oversight, all information technology hardware and software, legal services, security, billing and coding activities, and procurement.

The Committee has included bill language to allow the Secretary to transfer funds between the Medical Services appropriation, Medical Administration appropriation, and Medical Facilities appropriation with a limitation on transfers up to 20 percent as necessary after notifying the Committees on Appropriations.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2006, up to $150,000,000 of the Medical Ad-

ministration appropriation. This provides flexibility to the Department as it continues to implement significant program changes.

The Committee recommends $4,705,000,000 for medical administration in fiscal year 2005.

The Committee directs that $2,000,000 be provided for a pilot program at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center demonstrating an integrated medical asset tracking program, utilizing Ultra Wideband Radio Frequency Identification and enhanced business intelligence software.

The Committee directs that $3,000,000 be provided for a pilot program at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center to develop a VA Emergency Response Management web portal to support medical care surge needs during national emergencies utilizing a regional integrated digital environment.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$3,745,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	3,976,400,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	3,745,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−231,400,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Medical Facilities appropriation provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the VA health care system's vast capital infrastructure. Included under this heading are provisions for costs associated with utilities, engineering, capital planning, leases, laundry and food services, groundskeeping, garbage, housekeeping, facility repair, and property disposition and acquisition.

The Committee has included bill language to allow the Secretary to transfer funds between the Medical Services appropriation, Medical Administration appropriation, and Medical Facilities appropriation with a limitation on transfers up to 20 percent as necessary after notifying the Committees on Appropriations.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2006, up to $150,000,000 of the Medical Facilities appropriation. This provides flexibility to the Department as it continues to implement significant program changes.

The Committee recommendation provides $3,745,000,000 for medical facilities in fiscal year 2005.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$384,770,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	405,592,800
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] 384,770,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−20,822,800
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

[1] Excludes VA overhead costs funded under "Medical Services".

This account includes medical, rehabilitative and health services research. Medical research is an important aspect of the Department's programs, providing complete medical and hospital services for veterans. The prosthetic research program is also essential in the development and testing of prosthetic, orthopedic and sensory aids for the purpose of improving the care and rehabilitation of eli-

gible disabled veterans, including amputees, paraplegics and the blind. The health service research program provides unique opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the health care delivery system. In addition, budgetary resources from a number of areas including appropriations from the medical care account; reimbursements from the Department of Defense; and grants from the National Institutes of Health, private proprietary sources, and voluntary agencies provide support for the Department's researchers.

The Committee recommends $384,770,000 for medical and prosthetic research in fiscal year 2005. This funding level is the same as proposed in the budget request when put into the Congressional account structure and represents a decrease of $20,823,000 from the fiscal year 2004 enacted level.

The Committee is aware of new treatments for non-Hodgkins lymphoma which have proven to be more effective than conventional treatments. The Committee urges the VHA to explore the use of new treatments for veterans that suffer from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The Committee directs $1,000,000 to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation for the continuation of VA's technology transfer activities.

The Committee believes funding should be allocated towards diabetic foot complications in the African-American community.

The Committee urges the VA to undertake a wireless pilot project at the Dublin VA Medical Center to enhance the service of the Valdosta and Albany VA clinics.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$1,319,753,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	1,275,700,695
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	1,324,753,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+44,052,305
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−5,000,000

The General Operating Expenses appropriation provides for the administration of non-medical veterans benefits through the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and top management direction and support. The Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 changed the accounting of Federal credit programs and required that all administrative costs associated with such programs be included within the respective credit accounts. Beginning in fiscal year 1992, costs incurred by housing, education, and vocational rehabilitation programs for administration of these credit programs are reimbursed by those accounts. The bill includes the budget requests totaling $154,957,000 in other accounts for these credit programs. In addition, $9,500,000 is transferred from the compensation and pensions account for administrative costs of implementing cost saving provisions required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992. Section 107 of the administrative provisions provides requested language which permits excess revenues in three insurance funds to be used for administrative expenses. The VA estimates that $40,215,000 will be utilized for such purposes in fiscal year 2005. Prior to fiscal year 1996, such

costs were included in the general operating expenses appropriation. Thus, in total, $1,937,803,000 is requested in fiscal year 2005 for administrative costs of non-medical benefits.

The Committee recommends $1,319,753,000 for General Operating Expenses. This amount represents an increase of $44,052,305 when compared to fiscal year 2004 and a decrease of $5,000,000 from the budget request. The bill includes requested language allowing $66,000,000 of the funds appropriated to be available for obligation for two years and limits funding for the purchase of not more than two motor vehicles for the VBA office in Manila, Philippines. The bill also includes language directing the VBA to be funded at not less than $1,027,193,000.

The Committee strongly urges the Department to retain consolidation of the Department's information technology initiatives in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO). The Committee directs that all cyber-security and enterprise architecture activities continue to be centrally managed by the CIO.

The Committee is pleased with the Department's efforts to modernize its computing infrastructure and supports the continued implementation of the One-VA Enterprise Architecture Plan. Similar models used by the commercial sector have resulted in significantly reduced operating costs and improved overall performance. The Committee urges the Department to focus on four critical priorities: cybersecurity; information technology infrastructure consolidation; VA Web Operations; and continuity of operations. Further, the Committee directs the Department to provide a full description of each of these initiatives and to report to the Committee on a quarterly basis to ensure that key information technology objectives are being met on a timely basis.

The Committee directs the VA to proceed with information technology initiatives, including the acquisition of data replication technologies, to provide continuity of operations capability for corporate and regional data centers through the Corporate Data Center Infrastructure initiative. The Committee also directs the VA to proceed with the acquisition of data replication technologies in order to provide continuity of operations for messaging consolidation, office automation, and other necessary applications at the VA's regional computing centers. The Committee has allocated $25,000,000 Department-wide for these activities and directs that these funds be made available to, and administered by, the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$148,925,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	143,352,202
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	148,925,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+5,572,798
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+0

The National Cemetery Administration was established in accordance with the National Cemeteries Act of 1973. It has a fourfold mission: to provide for the interment in any national cemetery with available grave space the remains of eligible deceased servicepersons and discharged veterans, together with their spouses and certain dependents, and to permanently maintain their graves; to mark graves of eligible persons in national and private cemeteries;

to administer the grant program for aid to States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans' cemeteries; and to administer the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program. This appropriation provides for the operation and maintenance of 158 cemeterial installations in 39 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

The Committee recommends $148,925,000 for the National Cemetery Administration in fiscal year 2005. This funding level is $5,572,798 over the 2004 level and the same as the budget request. The Committee is providing funds to meet needs associated with new cemeteries and the increased workload projected by the Department.

Due to Hawaii's geographic isolation, veterans living in this state must use VA and state cemeteries located in Hawaii and cannot rely on VA cemeteries located in other states. Unfortunately, Hawaii is one of six states in the nation that has a VA cemetery that can no longer accept new burials unless space is made available in gravesites of previously interred family members. Because of the unique circumstances in this situation, the Committee requests that VA undertake a study to review alternatives available to veterans, including the feasibility of a new VA cemetery.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$69,711,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	61,634,200
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	64,711,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+8,076,800
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+5,000,000

The Office of Inspector General was established by the Inspector General Act of 1978 and is responsible for the audit, investigation and inspection of all Department of Veterans Affairs programs and operations. The overall operational objective is to focus available resources on areas which would help improve services to veterans and their beneficiaries, assist managers of Department programs to operate economically in accomplishing program goals, and prevent and deter recurring and potential fraud, waste and inefficiencies.

The Committee has provided $69,711,000 for the Office of Inspector General in fiscal year 2005. This amount is $8,076,800 over the fiscal year 2004 appropriation and $5,000,000 above the budget request. The increase provided is to be used to establish a new office in Florida at the Bay Pines Medical Center.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$458,800,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	271,578,179
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	458,800,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	187,221,821
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The construction, major projects appropriation provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the VA, including planning, architectural and engineering services, Capital Asset Realignment Enhanced Services (CARES) activities, assessments and site acquisition where the estimated cost of a project is $7,000,000 or more. Emphasis is placed on correction of life/safety code deficiencies in existing Department medical facilities.

The bill provides $458,800,000 the same as the budget request and an increase of $187,221,821 from the direct appropriation for fiscal year 2004. Of the amount provided, the bill specifies $361,800,000 for CARES and $10,000,000 for the Judgment Fund.

The Committee has reviewed the VA's recently released list of proposed construction projects and reminds the VA that some of these proposed projects will prematurely impact facilities that the Department is still studying. In an effort to avoid possible duplication of effort and to avoid the expenditure of funds unnecessarily, the VA should defer any action on the design or construction of projects until the aforementioned studies are complete. Further, the Committee is aware of statements recently made by the Secretary indicating that VA would not commence with construction until final decisions are made. The Committee appreciates the Secretary's commitment to take this approach.

The Committee urges the Secretary to re-visit the decision to not establish a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in the Elkhart County area of Indiana.

The Committee notes the clear direction given to the VA and the Department of the Navy in the VISN–12 CARES study and previous legislation by Congress to combine the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center with Naval Hospital Great Lakes. The Committee is pleased that renovation of the North Chicago surgical suites are imminent and that the two departments are concluding the site selection process for the Joint Ambulatory Care Center. The Committee directs the Secretary to work with the Secretary of the Navy to report on the design, construction schedule, funding, and operating plan for the new Joint Ambulatory Care Center by March 1, 2005.

The Committee is concerned by limited consultation by the Department with local communities during some aspects of the recent Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services process. In some instances, direct Congressional involvement was required to encourage belated outreach to affected communities.

The Secretary's final decision on the CARES Commission Report deferred action on 8 facilities, pending completion of feasibility studies. Further study was directed to enable more specific conclusions about the regional health care requirements associated with each facility. The Secretary's statement on the CARES decision noted "Where further study is recommended, VA will continue to include stakeholders as part of the study process."

The Committee expects the agency to improve consultation with Members of Congress and affected communities. The mission of the VA is too important for decisions to be made without the input of all stakeholders. Accordingly, the Committee directs the agency to defer final action on any facility undergoing a feasibility study until affected stakeholders have been given adequate opportunity to consult with Task Forces and the agency about the future of these facilities. Further, the agency is directed to conduct needs assessment studies to be completed as part of all major or basic feasibility studies.

The specific amounts recommended by the Committee are as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Location and description	Available through 2004	2005 request	House recommendation
Veterans Health Administration (VHA):			
Tampa, FL, SCI expansion		$7,100	$7,100
Pensacola, FL, Joint VA and Navy OPC		55,500	55,500
Temple, TX, Blind rehabilitation and psychiatric beds		56,000	56,000
San Juan, PR, Seismic corrections, design		15,000	15,000
Syracuse, NY, SCI addition		53,900	53,900
Atlanta, GA, Wards modernization		20,700	20,700
Menlo Park, CA, Seismic corrections		33,239	33,239
San Francisco, CA, Seismic corrections		41,500	41,500
Los Angeles, CA, Seismic corrections, design		8,000	8,000
Lee County, FL, Outpatient clinic—Land purchase		6,510	6,510
Des Moines, IA, Extended care building		25,000	25,000
San Diego, CA, Seismic corrections		48,260	48,260
Subtotal, CARES[1]		370,709	370,709
Advance planning fund: Various stations		14,000	14,000
Asbestos abatement: Various stations		3,000	3,000
Claims Analyses: Various locations		1,000	1,000
Judgment Fund: Various locations		8,091	8,091
Hazardous Waste: Various locations		2,000	2,000
Emergency Response Security Study		2,000	2,000
Subtotal, Other line-items		30,091	30,091
Total VHA construction, major projects		400,800	400,800
Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)		0	0
National Cemetery Administration (NCA):[2]			
Sacramento, CA Phase I Development		21,600	21,600
Florida Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements		20,000	20,000
Rock Island, IL Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements		10,200	10,200
Subtotal, Construction		51,800	51,800
Design Fund: Various locations		3,200	3,200
Advance planning fund: Various locations		1,000	1,000
Subtotal, Other line-items		4,200	4,200
Total NCA construction, major projects		56,000	56,000
Staff Offices: Various locations		2,000	2,000
Total construction, major projects		458,800	458,800

[1] Projects selected after the completion of the CARES studies for authorization and approval.
[2] National Cemetery Administration major project requests do not include the purchase of pre-placed crypts, which are funded by the Compensation and Pensions appropriation.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$230,799,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	250,656,350
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	230,799,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	– 19,857,350
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The construction, minor projects appropriation provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department, including planning, CARES activities, assessment of needs, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is less than $7,000,000.

The Committee recommends $230,799,000 for the construction, minor projects appropriation in fiscal year 2005, an increase of $19,857,350 to the fiscal year 2004 appropriation, and the same as the budget request. Of the amount provided, $40,000,000 shall be for CARES activities.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	105,163,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	101,497,610
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	105,163,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+3,665,390
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

This program provides grants to assist States to construct State home facilities, for furnishing domiciliary or nursing home care to veterans, and to expand, remodel or alter existing buildings for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home or hospital care to veterans in State homes. A grant may not exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the project.

The Committee recommends $105,163,000 for grants for construction of State extended care facilities in fiscal year 2005, the same as the budget request. The amount provided is an increase of $3,665,390 to the fiscal year 2004 enacted level.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$32,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	31,811,200
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	32,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+188,800
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

This program provides grants to assist States with the establishment, expansion, and improvement of State veterans' cemeteries which are operated and permanently maintained by the States. Grants under this program fund up to 100 percent of construction costs and the initial equipment expenses when the cemetery is established.

The states remain responsible for providing the land and for paying all costs related to the operation and maintenance of the state cemeteries, including the costs for subsequent equipment purchases. The Committee recommends $32,000,000 for grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries in fiscal year 2005, the same as the budget request and $188,800 above the fiscal year 2004 enacted level.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The bill continues the first twenty administrative provisions from title I contained in Public Law 108–199, the fiscal year 2004 appropriations bill, with revised dollar figures, and other conforming modifications. Two new provisions are included. The first new provision earmarks in appropriations the property management contract and the authority to transfer funds from GOE to the Housing Program appropriation, if actual contract costs are higher than $8,800,000. The second new provision provides access to unobligated balances of funds appropriated to the Medical Services account for emergency expenses from the January 1994 earthquake in Southern California.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation:	
Program Level	$37,786,258,000
Fee Receipts	−2,814,000,000
Rescissions	−2,321,000,000
Offsetting Collections	−72,209,000
Net Appropriation [1]	32,579,049,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation:	
Program Level	37,893,986,000
Fee Receipts	−3,462,124,000
Rescissions	−3,177,000,000
Offsetting Collections	−52,603,000
Net Appropriation	31,202,259,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request:	
Program Level	36,754,568,000
Fee Receipts	−2,842,000,000
Rescissions	−2,321,000,000
Offsetting Collections	−72,209,000
Net Appropriation [1]	31,519,359,000
Comparison with Fiscal year 2004 appropriation:	
Program Level	−107,728,000
Fee Receipts	+648,124,000
Rescissions	+856,000,000
Offsetting Collections	−19,606,000
Net Appropriation [1]	+1,376,790,000
Comparison with Fiscal year 2005 budget request:	
Program Level	+1,031,690,000
Fee Receipts	+28,000,000
Rescissions	0
Offsetting Collections	0
Net Appropriation [1]	+1,059,690,000

[1] The fiscal year 2005 totals do not reflect a legislative proposal assumed in the budget transferring the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program to the Department.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89Y09174). HUD is the principal Federal agency responsible for administering and regulating programs and industries concerned with the Nation's housing needs, economic and community development, and fair housing opportunities.

In carrying out the mission of serving the needs and interests of the Nation's communities and of the people who live and work in them, HUD administers mortgage and loan insurance programs, rental and homeownership subsidy programs for low-income families, neighborhood rehabilitation programs, and community development programs.

The Committee recommends a total program level of $37,786,258,000 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a reduction of $107,728,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level, and $1,031,690,000 above the request.

Over the past four years, the Committee has demonstrated the high priority it places on housing and community development pro-

grams by providing significant additional resources to the Department at a time of fiscal constraint. Total funding provided for HUD programs has increased from $33,098,735,000 in fiscal year 2001 to $37,786,258,000 proposed for fiscal year 2005, a $4,687,523,000 or 14 percent increase in four years. However, despite this large increase, funding for most HUD programs has remained flat, or been reduced, because Section 8 funding has grown by 44 percent during that time, a rate of growth unmatched by any other program funded in this bill. Most of the growth has occurred in Section 8 voucher renewals, which has increased by almost 30 percent since fiscal year 2001 including a 14.5% increase in fiscal year 2004 alone. Consequently, Section 8 funding now consumes over 53 percent of HUD's entire budget, up from 41 percent four years ago. Such growth is not sustainable and reform is imperative to ensure that the nation's housing and community development needs are served.

The Committee has not included authorization legislation proposed by the Administration which would provide public housing authorities greater flexibility in administering their programs by eliminating mandatory income targeting, mandatory tenant rent caps, and other requirements. The Committee has taken this action without prejudice toward the merits of the individual proposal but strictly because such changes fall outside the Committee's jurisdiction. However, the Committee strongly urges the authorization committees to take the actions necessary to reform the program. The Committee is concerned that absent such reform, the viability of all HUD programs, including the Section 8 program, will be compromised.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER AND RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] 0
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	$19,257,190,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] 18,465,800,000
Comparison with Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] – 19,257,190,000
Comparison with Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] – 18,465,800,000

[1] The Committee recommendation does not provide funding for this account, but instead funds activities previously included in the account under the new Tenant-based Rental Assistance and Project-Based Rental Assistance accounts.

The Committee does not propose funding all section 8 rental assistance programs in one account, the Housing Certificate Fund, as provided for in fiscal year 2004. Section 8 rental assistance now constitutes 53 percent of the entire budget for the Department. In order to provide the Congress with a more complete accounting of the funds appropriated for these programs, the Committee recommends a new account structure to fund tenant-based rental assistance programs, including Section 8 vouchers, through the new Tenant-Based Rental Assistance account, and project-based rental assistance through the new Project-Based Rental Assistance account. The Committee believes this new account structure will provide better transparency and strengthen oversight of the expenditures in these programs.

TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$14,677,055,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] 0
Comparison with Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] +14,677,055,000
Comparison with Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] +14,677,055,000

[1] Funding for tenant-based rental assistance activities was requested under the Housing Certificate Fund account as provided for in fiscal year 2004.

The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance account (TBRA) funds the Section 8 voucher program and other tenant-based rental assistance programs and activities. Tenant-based rental assistance (vouchers) provides a rental subsidy on behalf of a low-income individual or family to allow the participant to rent privately owned housing rather than limiting participants to subsidized housing programs. Section 8 rental vouchers are administered locally by the public housing agencies. Amounts provided in this account include funding for the renewal of expiring section 8 vouchers including enhanced vouchers, new tenant-protection vouchers including enhanced vouchers, relocation assistance, and payment of fees to public housing agencies administering Section 8 voucher programs.

The Committee recommends a total of $14,677,055,000 for this account, an increase of $490,825,000 above the comparable levels provided for these activities in fiscal year 2004 and $1,561,998,000 above the budget request. Consistent with the budget request, the Committee recommends continuation of the $4,200,000,000 advance appropriation for tenant-based rental assistance.

The recommendation reflects a 3.5 percent increase for voucher renewals and associated administrative costs above the amount provided in fiscal year 2004. The amounts provided represent the total funding available to the Department for Section 8 voucher renewals and administrative costs and the Department is prohibited from augmenting these funds from any other source. The Committee has taken this action to eliminate any confusion over the amount of funding available to the program in fiscal year 2005 and to ensure that the Department and the public housing authorities manage the program within the resources provided. The Committee reiterates that the Section 8 voucher program is funded as a discretionary program, not a mandatory program. Consequently, the Department and the public housing authorities must manage the program within a budget. Therefore, the Department is directed to continue to renew annual contributions contracts under the voucher program on a budget-basis.

The following table provides the comparable funding levels requested in the budget and funded in previous years in the Housing Certificate Fund for activities funded in this new account:

[In thousands of dollars]

Activity	2003 enacted	2004 enacted	2005 request	2005 recommended
Voucher Renewals	$11,106,701	$12,721,335	$11,793,177	$13,303,177
Tenant Protection Vouchers	234,017	205,277	163,000	163,000
Administrative Costs:	1,100,980	1,259,618	1,158,880	1,210,878
(Administrative Fees)	(1,051,191)	(1,210,107)	(1,155,938)	(1,161,938)
(FSS Coordinators)	(48,000)	(47,716)	(0)	(46,000)

[In thousands of dollars]

Activity	2003 enacted	2004 enacted	2005 request	2005 recommended
(Working Capital Fund)	(1,789)	(1,795)	(2,942)	(2,940)
Total, Tenant-Based Assistance	12,441,698	14,186,230	13,115,057	14,677,055

The recommendation includes the following:

—Renewal of expiring Section 8 vouchers: $13,303,177,000 for renewals of Section 8 vouchers, an increase of $581,842,000 over the fiscal year 2004 appropriation, and $1,510,000,000 above the request. This represents an increase of a 4.6 percent increase over the 2004 appropriation and 13 percent over the budget request.

The Committee remains concerned about the spiraling increase in the costs of the voucher program. The vast majority of the cost increase has occurred because the amount public housing authorities are spending for each voucher rose by almost 29 percent between 2001 and 2004, at a time when the national rental market has softened significantly. Both HUD and the public housing authorities have a responsibility to ensure that resources are efficiently and effectively used and that such programs are managed within the budgets provided.

The Committee reiterates that the Department is to continue the practice of renewing annual contributions contracts on a "budget", or "dollar", basis. Language is not included to set forth a formula for determining the allocation of funds for each public housing authority. Instead, the Committee directs the Department to use its discretionary authority to determine the budget for each public housing authority. In determining such budgets, the Committee believes that such determinations should be based only upon verified data to ensure data integrity and quality.

No funds have been provided separately in a central fund. Instead funding has been provided only for the budget-based renewal of expiring annual contributions contracts. No funding or authority is provided to allow amendments to such contracts. Public housing authorities are required to manage their programs within the budget provided in their annual contributions contract renewal.

The Committee is aware that public housing authorities are required to ensure that their programs are managed in a cost-effective and efficient manner. These requirements include setting appropriate payment standards, verifying that rents are reasonable, verifying tenant income. The Committee directs the Department to increase its oversight and monitoring of public housing authoritie's compliance with these requirements, and report its finding to the Committee not later than November 15, 2004.

Language is continued, carried in previous years, prohibiting public housing authorities from over-leasing. The Committee is very concerned that, despite the specific statutory prohibitions in the fiscal years 2003 and 2004 appropriations Acts, some public housing authorities continued to engage in this prohibited practice. The Committee directs the Department to provide a report to the Committee not later than November 15, 2004 of all public housing authorities that violated the statutory prohibitions, the sources of funds used to support such over-leasing, and the sanctions levied against such authorities by the Department.

—Tenant Protection: $163,000,000 for tenant protection activities to provide Section 8 vouchers to individuals and families living in public and assisted housing affected by demolition or disposition of the units or owners opting-out of the Section 8 project-based program; for conversion of section 202 and section 23 projects to section 8 vouchers; for the family unification program; and for the witness protection program. Again this year, funding for new vouchers under the HOPE VI program is to be provided within the Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI) account. Funding included for tenant protection is only to be used for rental subsidies. Funding for associated administrative expenses is provided separately within this account.

—Administrative Costs: The Committee recommends a total of $1,210,878,000 for administrative costs and other expenses associated with the Section 8 voucher program. Of this amount $1,161,938,000 is for payments to public housing authorities for administrative fees, an increase of $6,000,000 above the request and $48,169,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level. Language is included allocating these funds on a pro-rata basis to public housing agencies based on the amount they received for such purpose in fiscal year 2004 and requiring such funds to be used only for activities related to Section 8 voucher program.

In addition, $46,000,000 is for Family Self-Sufficiency service coordinator staff in each eligible public housing agency, a decrease of $2,000,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level. The budget did not propose funding for this purpose. And, not less than $2,940,000 is for transfer to the Working Capital Fund for the development of and modifications to information technology systems.

Language is continued in the bill under Administrative Provisions, requiring public housing authorities to continue to reserve incremental vouchers funded in previous year for persons with disabilities upon turnover.

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$5,340,745,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] 0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+5,340,745,000

[1] Funding for project-based rental assistance activities was requested under the Housing Certificate Fund account as provided for in fiscal year 2004.

The Project-Based Rental Assistance account (PBRA) funds project-based rental assistance program and activities. Project-based rental assistance provides a rental subsidy to a private landlord tied to a specific housing unit so that the properties themselves, rather than the individual living in the unit, remains subsidized. Amounts provided in this account include funding for the renewal of expiring project-based contracts, including Section 8, moderate rehabilitation, and single room occupancy (SRO) contracts, amendments to section 8 project-based contracts, and administrative costs for performance-based project-based Section 8 contract administrators and costs associated with administering moderate rehabilitation and single room occupancy contracts.

The Committee recommends a total of $5,340,745,000 for this account, an increase of $269,786,000 above the comparable levels provided for these activities in fiscal year 2004 and $10,002,000 below the budget request.

The following table provides the comparable funding levels requested in the budget and funded in previous years in the Housing Certificate Fund for activities funded in this new account:

[In thousands of dollars]

Activity	2003 enacted	2004 enacted	2005 request	2005 recommended
Contract Renewals	$4,452,932	$4,945,787	$5,226,823	$5,216,823
Administrative Costs	216,984	125,172	123,924	123,922
(Sec. 8 Contract Administrators)	(194,726)	(99,410)	(101,900)	(101,900)
(Mod. Rehab. Administrative Fees)	(21,066)	(24,565)	(20,062)	(20,062)
(Working Capital Fund)	(1,192)	(1,197)	(1,962)	(1,960)
Total, Project-Based Assistance	4,669,916	5,070,959	5,350,747	5,340,745

The Committee recommends $5,196,823,000 for renewals of expiring project-based rental assistance contracts, an increase of $204,413,000 above the fiscal year 2004 level and $10,000,000 below the request. Of this amount, $4,990,000,000 is for section 8 project-based subsidy contracts, an increase of $320,832,000 above fiscal year 2004; $206,823,000 is for moderate rehabilitation contracts, a decrease of $46,419,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level; and $20,000,000 is provided for Single Room Occupancy contracts (associated administrative costs) as requested, a decrease of $3,192,000 below fiscal year 2004.

For administrative costs associated with project-based rental assistance, the recommendation includes $101,900,000 for performance-based contract administrators for section 8 project-based assistance and $20,062,000 for moderate rehabilitation administrative costs.

The Committee also recommends no less than $1,960,000 be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for development of and modifications to information technology systems which serve project-based rental assistance programs.

Pursuant to the budget request, no new funding is provided for project-based Section 8 contract amendments for fiscal year 2005, and instead the Committee assumes that amendment requirements will be met through unobligated balances and recaptures available in the Housing Certificate Fund.

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$2,580,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	2,696,253,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	2,674,100,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−116,253,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−94,100,000

The Public Housing Capital Fund provides funding for public housing capital programs, including public housing development, modernization, and amendments. Examples of capital modernization projects include replacing roofs and windows, improving common spaces, upgrading electrical and plumbing systems, and renovating the interior of an apartment.

The Committee recommendation includes $2,580,000,000 for this program, a decrease of $116,253,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level and $94,100,000 below the request.

Within the amounts provided, the Committee recommends the following:

—Up to $37,850,000 is for technical assistance activities, including up to $12,440,000 for remediation services to troubled public housing agencies and for Fair Market Rent (FMR) surveys, an increase of $2,850,000 above the request and $11,855,000 below the 2004 level. The increase above the request has been provided for FMR surveys. The Committee expects not less than $4,750,000 for activities related to FMR surveys.

—Up to $5,000,000 for costs associated with administrative and judicial receiverships, as requested. The Committee recognizes that receiverships may result in some extraordinary costs not normally a part of a PHA's normal operational and capital budget. However, these funds are expected to be used for such costs rather than to fund activities normally covered from within a PHA's operating subsidy, capital fund, and section 8 administrative fees allocations. The Committee request the Department to provide a proposed spending plan for the use of these funds prior to expenditure during fiscal year 2005.

—$53,200,000 the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program, a decrease of $1,500,000 below the request and the 2004 level.

—Up to $38,000,000 may be used for emergency capital needs resulting from emergency and natural disasters that occur in fiscal year 2005, a decrease of $1,976,400 below the 2004 level and $12,000,000 below the request. Language requested in the budget is not included to broaden the use of these funds. Instead, the Committee recommends language, modified from previous years to ensure funds are used only for repairs needed due to an unforeseen and unanticipated emergency event or natural disaster event that occurred during fiscal year 2005.

—No less than $10,150,000 for transfer to the Working Capital Fund to support the development, of and modifications to, information technology systems which support Public and Indian Housing (PIH) programs, a decrease of $397,000 below fiscal year 2004 and $5,650,000 above the request. This reflects the Committee's continued believe that investments must be made to correct deficiencies in PIH information technology systems to improve PIH's ability to conduct appropriate financial and management oversight of its programs.

The recommendation does not designate $30,000,000 for costs associated with the demolition of severely distressed public housing and instead includes $143,000,000 under the HOPE VI program for these activities.

The recommendation does not include funding and the "Freedom to House" Public Housing Demonstration Initiative without prejudice to the merits of the proposal. The Committee understands that this proposal is intended to build upon and make improvements to the Moving to Work Demonstration. The Committee strongly encourages the authorization committee of jurisdiction to consider this proposal.

As requested, the recommendation does not designate a separate set-aside for the Neighborhood Networks grants because such activities are already an eligible use of capital funds.

The Committee appreciates the detailed quarterly reports on the obligation and expenditure of capital funds provided by HUD during fiscal year 2004. Due to improvements in the timely expenditure of these funds, the Committee no longer requires the detailed status report for all open and closed capital grants, but instead only requires the summary information quarterly. However, the Department is requested to continue to provide the quarterly detailed reports on those PHA with obligation rates of less than 90 percent.

PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$3,425,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	3,578,760,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	3,573,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−153,760,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−148,000,000

The Public Housing Operating Fund (PHOF) subsidizes the costs associated with operating and maintaining public housing. This subsidy supplements funding received by public housing authorities (PHA) from tenant rent contributions and other income. In accordance with section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, funds are allocated by formula to public housing authorities for the following purposes: utility costs; anticrime and anti-drug activities, including the costs of providing adequate security; routine maintenance cost; administrative costs; and general operating expenses.

The Committee recommends $3,425,000,000 to subsidize PHAs' fiscal year 2005 operating costs, a decrease of $153,760,000 below the PHAs' fiscal year 2004 payment level, and $148,000,000 below the request. Language is continued, proposed for deletion, designating $10,000,000 for transfer to the Department of Justice to be allocated by the Attorney General through existing programs, such as Weed and Seed, to those areas where additional assistance is needed to augment Federal, State and local efforts to effectively fight crime and drugs in public housing. In addition, the Committee notes that PHAs are authorized to use their operating and capital funds for anti-crime and anti-drug activities. All activities previously authorized under the public housing drug elimination program (PHDEP) are permissible activities under the operating and capital fund accounts.

Includes language, as proposed in the budget, restating fundamental principles of appropriations law which prohibits funds appropriated in this Act for fiscal year 2005 payments from being used to supplement a prior year appropriation for prior year payments.

Continues language, carried in prior years, prohibiting funds from being used for section 9(k) activities. Proposed language is not included making funds available for two years.

The Committee has not recommended a set-aside of $5,000,000 for a proposed new voluntary graduation incentive program without prejudice to the merits of the proposal. The Committee strongly

encourages the authorization committee of jurisdiction to examine this proposal.

REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING (HOPE VI)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$143,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	149,115,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−6,115,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+143,000,000

The Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing program, also known as HOPE VI, provides competitive grants to public housing authorities to revitalize entire neighborhoods adversely impacted by the presence of badly deteriorated public housing projects. In addition to developing and constructing new affordable housing, the program provides PHAs with the authority to demolish obsolete projects and to provide self-sufficiency services for families who reside in and around the facility.

The Committee recommends funding HOPE VI at $143,000,000, a decrease of $6,115,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level. Of this amount up to $4,000,000 is for technical assistance. The budget did not request any funding for this program.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$622,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	650,241,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	647,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−28,241,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−25,000,000

The Native American Housing Block Grants program provides funds to Indian tribes and their tribally-designated housing entities (TDHEs) to address housing needs within their communities. The block grant is designed to fund a TDHE's operating requirements and capital needs.

The Committee recommends $622,000,000 for this account, a decrease of $28,241,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level and $25,000,000 below the budget request.

The recommendation includes the following: $1,914,000 for the section 601 Loan Guarantee program to guarantee a total loan volume of $17,155,000; $4,300,000 for inspections, training, travel costs, and technical assistance; $2,100,000 for the National American Indian Housing Council to conduct training programs and to provide technical assistance; no less than $2,600,000 for transfer to the Working Capital Fund for information technology systems development and modifications; and $150,000 for transfer to the HUD salaries and expenses account for administrative expenses.

Language is included elsewhere in this title rescinding excess prior year funds from the title VI loan guarantee program as proposed in the budget.

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$5,000,000	$145,345,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	5,269,000	197,243,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	1,000,000	29,070,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−269,000	−51,898,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+4,000,000	+116,275,000

Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 establishes a loan guarantee program for Native Americans to build or purchase homes on trust land. This program provides access to sources of private financing for Indian families and Indian housing authorities that otherwise cannot acquire financing because of the unique legal status of Indian trust land. This financing vehicle enables families to construct new homes or to purchase existing properties on reservations.

The Committee recommends $5,000,000 for the section 184 Loan Guarantee program to guarantee a total loan volume of $145,345,000, a decrease of $269,000 and $51,898,000 in total loan commitment authority from the 2004 level. Language is included transferring $250,000 to the HUD salaries and expenses account for administrative expenses.

Language is included elsewhere in this title rescinding excess prior year funds from this program as proposed in the budget.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] 0
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	$9,500,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] −9,500,000

[1] In fiscal year 2004, funding for this program was provided under the Community Development Fund.

The Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act of 2000 created the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program to provide grants to the State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for housing and housing related assistance to develop, maintain and operate affordable housing for eligible low-income Native Hawaiian families.

The Committee does not recommend funding this program as a separate account as proposed in the budget, but instead continues funding for this program under the Community Development Fund as provided in fiscal year 2004.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$1,000,000	$37,403,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	1,029,000	39,712,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	1,000,000	37,403,000
Comparison with Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−29,000	−2,309,000

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans
Comparison with Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0

The Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act of 2000 created the Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund program to provide loan guarantees for native Hawaiian individuals and their families, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and private nonprofit organizations experienced in the planning and development of affordable housing for Native Hawaiians for the purchase, construction, and/or rehabilitation of single-family homes on Hawaiian Home Lands. This program provides access to private sources of financing that would otherwise not be available because of the unique legal status of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Committee recommends $1,000,000 for this program to guarantee a total loan volume of $37,403,000, the full amount requested. Language is included transferring $35,000 to the HUD salaries and expenses account for administrative expenses.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$282,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	294,751,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	294,800,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	– 12,751,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	– 12,800,000

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program is authorized by the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Act. This program provides States and localities with resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies to meet the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Ninety percent of funding is distributed by formula to qualifying States and metropolitan areas on the basis of the cumulative number and incidences of AIDS reported to the Centers for Disease Control. The remaining 10 percent of funding is distributed through a national competition. Government recipients are required to have a HUD-approved Comprehensive Plan/Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS).

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee recommends $282,000,000, a decrease of $12,751,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level, and a decrease of $12,800,000 below the budget request. Within the total amount provided, $2,000,000 is for technical assistance, training and oversight as requested. The Committee continues to believe that creating new housing opportunities for persons with AIDS should be the priority for HOPWA funding.

Bill language is included, carried in previous years, which requires the Secretary to renew expiring permanent supportive housing contracts previously funded under the national competition which meet all program requirements before awarding new competitive grants.

RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$24,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	24,853,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−853,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+24,000,000

This account provides funding to rural non-profit organizations, community development corporations, Indian tribes, State housing finance agencies, State economic development and/or Federally recognized community development agencies.

The Committee recommends $24,000,000 for the Rural Housing and Economic Development program, a decrease of $853,000 below the level provided in fiscal year 2004. The budget request had proposed to eliminate funding for this program.

Modified language is included, similar to language carried in previous years, requiring the Department to award funds for this program no later than September 1, 2005.

EMPOWERMENT ZONES/ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$14,250,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	14,912,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−662,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+14,250,000

This account provides discretionary grant funding to 15 urban Enterprise Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs) designated in Round II.

The statute that created Round II EZ/ECs did not authorize discretionary grant funding for these communities, but instead authorized tax incentives to stimulate revitalization efforts in these communities. However, since fiscal year 1999, discretionary grant funds have been provided under this account. Therefore, the Committee recommends $14,250,000 in continued grant funding for the 15 urban Round II EZ/ECs.

Language is included making these funds available for obligation for three years, consistent with the funds availability provided for other community development activities funded within the Department.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$4,711,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	4,920,795,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	4,618,094,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−209,795,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+92,906,000

The Community Development Fund provides funding to State and local governments, and to other entities that carry out community and economic development activities under various programs.

The Committee recommends a total of $4,711,000,000 for the Community Development Fund account, a decrease of $209,795,000 from the amount provided in fiscal year 2004 and an increase of $92,906,000 to the fiscal year budget request. Funding under this account is allocated as follows:

—$4,304,900,000 for Community Development Block Grant formula grants, including funding for insular areas;

—$69,000,000 for Native American Community Development Block Grants, of which up to $4,000,000 may be used for emergency grants;

—$33,500,000 for the National Community Development Initiative (NCDI), as follows:

$4,700,000 for Habitat for Humanity capacity building activities, of which $750,000 is to be used to expand the ability of Indian tribes to participate in the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity program and other Habitat for Humanity efforts; and

$28,800,000 for the Enterprise Foundation and LISC capacity building activities, including $4,800,000 for activities in rural areas;

—$36,700,000 for section 107 activities, as follows:

$10,000,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, of which up to $2,000,000 may be used for technical assistance;

$1,400,000 for technical assistance;

$2,900,000 for Community Development Work Study;

$6,700,000 for Hispanic Serving Institutions;

$6,700,000 for Community Outreach Partnerships; and

$9,000,000 for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program

—$3,200,000 for the Housing Assistance Council;

—$2,400,000 for the National American Indian Housing Council;

—$4,800,000 for the National Housing Development Corporation (NHDC), for continuation of its program of acquisition, rehabilitation and preservation of at-risk affordable housing;

—$4,800,000 for the National Council of La Raza, for its national HOPE Fund to leverage additional investments in affordable housing and community development projects;

—$26,000,000 for the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity (SHOP) program;

—$62,000,000 for Youthbuild, including $2,000,000 for capacity building;

—$2,000,000 for a grant for the 2006 Special Olympics in Ames, Iowa;

—$136,500,000 for economic development initiatives. Language is again included in the bill prohibiting funds from being used for operating expenses of a facility, program or organization, and limiting costs associated with grant and project administration to no more than 20 percent of the total grant award. The Committee notes projects receiving funding must comply with the environmental review requirements set forth in section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 3547); the Committee will not entertain waivers of this requirement. In addition, funds may not be used for reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the enactment of the Act providing funding for an economic development initiative.

Targeted grants shall be provided as follows:

1. $605,000 for Covenant House in Anchorage, Alaska for capital improvement needs;

2. $100,000 to the City of Gadsden, Alabama for construction of the facility for the New Centurions Substance Abuse Program for Women;

3. $200,000 to the City of Hanceville, Alabama for construction of the Wallace State Center for Automotive Manufacturing and Plastics;

4. $200,000 to the City of Rainsville, Alabama for construction of the Rainsville Agricenter;

5. $150,000 to the City of Guntersville, Alabama for renovation of the Old Rock School Whole Backstage Theater;

6. $100,000 to the City of Hokes Bluff, Alabama for construction of a Senior Center;

7. $60,000 to the City of Arab, Alabama for construction of the Lola Boyd Outdoor Education and Wildlife Area facility;

8. $50,000 to the City of Gordo, Alabama for construction of a public library;

9. $50,000 to the City of Fayette, Alabama for renovation of the historic old Post Office;

10. $20,000 to Winston County, Alabama for facilities construction and renovation of the Historic Houston Jail;

11. $20,000 to Winston County, Alabama for facilities construction and renovation of the Winston County Local Government Record Depository;

12. $250,000 for the City of Birmingham, Alabama for renovations to the Birmingham Zoo;

13. $200,000 to the City of Mobile, Alabama for renovations to the Saenger Theater;

14. $200,000 to Wallace Community College for construction for the Southeast Alabama Nursing Initiative in Dothan, Alabama;

15. $150,000 to the Chris Hammond Youth Foundation for construction of a youth sports complex in Wedowee, Alabama;

16. $150,000 to the City of Tuskgee, Alabama for park renovations;

17. $50,000 to the City of Decatur, Alabama for improvements to Delano Park;

18. $100,000 to the Madison County Commission in Alabama for countywide planning;

19. $100,000 to Athens State University for facilities renovation of McCandless Hall;

20. $125,000 to the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Gardens in Alabama for improvements to facilities;

21. $50,000 to the Muscle Shoals Regional Center at the University of North Alabama for a feasibility study;

22. $125,000 to the Helen Keller Birthplace Foundation for restoration of Ivy Green in Tuscumbia, Alabama;

23. $100,000 to the Huntsville Museum of Art in Alabama for facilities upgrades;

24. $50,000 to the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center in Decatur, Alabama for facilities construction and renovation;

25. $100,000 to the Northwest Alabama Children's Advocacy Center for facilities improvements, expansions, and upgrades;

26. $75,000 to Parents and Children Together in Decatur, Alabama for facilities construction, renovation, and upgrades to its center;

27. $75,000 to the Princess Theatre Center for Performing Arts in Decatur, Alabama for facilities renovations;

28. $50,000 to the Bankhead Educational Foundation, Inc. for facilities planning and construction in Lawrence County, Alabama;

29. $100,000 to the 1856 Memphis and Charleston Railroad Freight Depot in Huntsville, Alabama, for repairs and renovations;

30. $75,000 to the City of Hueytown, Alabama for construction of the Hueytown Community Center;

31. $150,000 to North Arkansas College in Harrison, Arkansas for facilities construction of the North Arkansas College Health Sciences Education Center;

32. $150,000 to the City of Phoenix, Arizona for construction of the Bob Stump Veteran's Museum;

33. $200,000 to the Arkansas State University for facilities construction and renovation of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center in Mountain Home, Arkansas;

34. $100,000 to the Old Independence Regional Museum in Arkansas for facilities renovation;

35. $75,000 to the City of Prescott, Arkansas for construction of a public swimming pool;

36. $125,000 to the City of Conway, Arkansas for sidewalks, street furniture, and façade improvements to the Conway Redevelopment project;

37. $150,000 for the Marc Center in Mesa, Arizona for construction of the Marc Day Treatment and Training Center;

38. $250,000 to Patronato Sax Xavier for facilities renovation at Mission San Xavier del Bac in Tucson, Arizona;

39. $450,000 to the Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation for the preservation of the Fox Tucson Theatre in Tucson, Arizona;

40. $100,000 to the Town of Springerville, Arizona for renovations to the historic Old Springerville Elementary School;

41. $75,000 to the Dunbar Coalition for the Dunbar Project in Tucson, Arizona for playground equipment, restoration of the school ramada, and renovation of the auditorium;

42. $100,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix for a new facility for the Glendale Boys & Girls Club in Phoenix, Arizona;

43. $250,000 to Chicanos Por La Causa for land acquisition at the Buckeye Road Site Development in Phoenix, Arizona;

44. $250,000 to the Riverside Community College in Riverside, California for facilities construction and renovation improvements;

45. $200,000 to the Riverside Community College for construction of the School of Nursing in Riverside, California;

46. $400,000 to HomeAid America for the construction of HomeAid America Temporary homeless shelters in Costa Mesa, California;

47. $250,000 to the San Diego Food Bank in San Diego, California for facilities improvements;

48. $1,000,000 to the City of Lincoln, California for construction and renovation of a Cultural and Business Center;

49. $600,000 to the City of Sierra Madre, California for the construction of the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center;

50. $100,000 to the Lompoc Boys & Girls Club for facilities renovation of the Lompoc Boys & Girls Clubhouse;

51. $150,000 to the Thousand Oaks Boys & Girls Club for construction of a new clubhouse on the campus of Colina Middle School in Thousand Oaks, California;

52. $200,000 to the City of Redding, California for industrial park development at the Stillwater Business Park;

53. $375,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of East San Diego County for construction of a new clubhouse in Santee, California;

54. $250,000 to the City of Oceanside, California for construction of a new Senior Center;

55. $100,000 to the town of Yucca Valley, California for the Civic Center Park;

56. $150,000 to the City of Twentynine Palms, California for facilities and land acquisition for the Joshua Tree National Park Visitors Center;

57. $250,000 for the City of Desert Hot Springs, California for the development and construction of the Civic and Community Center;

58. $250,000 to the City of Banning, California for construction and renovation of the city pool;

59. $300,000 to the National Orange Show in San Bernardino, California for facilities construction and renovation of the stadium;

60. $650,000 to the City of Apple Valley, California for construction of the Civic Center Park project;

61. $250,000 to the City of Lancaster, California for land acquisition for the North Downtown Transit Village Project;

62. $200,000 to the City of Whittier, California for the expansion and remodeling of the Whittwood Branch Library;

63. $200,000 to the International Agri-Center in Tulane, California for facilities construction;

64. $200,000 to the City of Citrus Heights, California for the Auburn Boulevard Commercial Corridor Enhancements;

65. $225,000 to the City of Livermore, California for facilities construction and renovations for the Tri-Valley Homeownership Clearinghouse;

66. $250,000 to the North Fork Community Development Council for industrial park development in North Fork, California;

67. $200,000 to the City of Westminster, California for construction of the Community Cultural and Education Center;

68. $200,000 to Kern County, California for infrastructure improvements of the Imperial Way Industrial Park;

69. $300,000 to the City of Bakersfield, California for sidewalks, street furniture and façade improvements;

70. $500,000 to the University of California for facilities construction and renovation to the Shafter Cotton Research and Extension Center in Shafter, California;

71. $75,000 to the City of San Bernardino, California for expansion of its senior center;

72. $175,000 to the City of Los Angeles, California for rehabilitation of the Echo Park Boathouse;

73. $100,000 to the Sylmar Recreation and Park Center in Sylmar, California for facilities construction and renovation;

74. $100,000 to the Valley Economic Development Center in Pacoima, California for facilities construction of the Pacoima Community Development Federal Credit Union;

75. $125,000 to the City of Santa Barbara, California for construction and restoration associated with the Arroyo Burro Beach Park;

76. $75,000 to the City of Stockton, California for renovation of the El Dorado Teen Center;

77. $75,000 to the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego for the construction of a new homeless shelter in San Diego, California;

78. $75,000 to the City of Fresno, California for improvements in the Southern Fresno Industrial Park;

79. $175,000 to the City of Palo Alto, California for restoration of the Palo Alto Children's Library;

80. $300,000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, California for facilities construction and renovations;

81. $100,000 to the County of Imperial, California for project planning of the Imperial County Eco Park;

82. $75,000 to the City of Los Angeles, California for land acquisition and development of the East Wilmington Park;

83. $75,000 to the City of San Jose, California for renovations and upgrades to a shopping district;

84. $125,000 to the County of Alameda Public Works Agency for sidewalks improvements in Cherryland and Ashland, California;

85. $100,000 to the City of San Jose, California for construction of a multipurpose community center;

86. $300,000 to the Sacramento Area Regional Technology Alliance for an economic development planning study;

87. $125,000 to the City of Long Beach, California for renovation and expansion of the Museum of Latin American Art;

88. $75,000 to the City of Montebello, California for renovations to the George Hensel Aquatic Center;

89. $300,000 to the International Museum of Women in San Francisco, California for rehabilitation and buildout;

90. $400,000 to the Filipino Cultural Center in San Francisco, California for construction and buildout;

91. $125,000 to the East Los Angeles Community Corporation for renovation of office space in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, California;

92. $75,000 to the El Proyecto Pastoral for construction of a pre-school center in Los Angeles, California;

93. $125,000 to the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Park for restoration of a mural in Los Angeles, California;

94. $100,000 to the City of Anaheim, California for the reconstruction and lighting of the Magnolia High School athletic fields;

95. $75,000 to the City of Burbank, California for construction of the Ovrom Recreation Center and Community Day School;

96. $75,000 to the City of Porter Ranch, California for facility expansion of the North Valley YMCA;

97. $100,000 to the City of Azusa, California for construction of a health care clinic;

98. $100,000 to the City of Duarte, California for construction of a new library;

99. $100,000 to the City of Fremont, California for facilities renovations to the Kidango Rix Child Care Center;

100. $100,000 to the City of San Leandro, California for the construction of the San Leandro Senior Citizens Center;

101. $125,000 to the City of Lafayette, California for the construction of a veterans memorial building;

102. $75,000 to the City of American Canyon, California for construction of the Veterans Memorial Park;

103. $75,000 to the City of Windsor, California for the rehabilitation of Keiser Park;

104. $175,000 to the City of Inglewood, California for construction of the Inglewood Senior Center;

105. $100,000 to the City of Lawndale, California for construction of the Lawndale Senior Center;

106. $75,000 to the City of Los Angeles, California for renovation of the Barnsdall House and Park;

107. $275,000 to the City of Santa Monica, California for facilities construction and renovation of the Santa Monica National Mountains Gateway Visitors Center;

108. $100,000 to the Valley of the Moon Children's Home for construction in Santa Rosa, California;

109. $100,000 to Center Point, Inc. in Marin County, California for renovation of a treatment facility for youth;

110. $100,000 to the City of Aurora, Colorado for facilities construction and renovation of the Fitzsimmons Redevelopment Authority;

111. $100,000 to Jefferson County, Colorado for facilities and construction of an early childhood development center;

112. $150,000 for the City of Arvada, Colorado for the design phase of the community's arts and humanities center;

113. $75,000 to the Denver Department of Human Services for renovations and buildout of a homeless shelter in Denver, Colorado;

114. $100,000 to the Bent of the River Audubon Center for facilities renovation of the Visitor's Center;

115. $150,000 for Trinity-On-Main in New Britain, Connecticut for the Trinity-On Main Arts Education and Community Center for property acquisition and renovation;

116. $100,000 to Progressive Training Associates in Bridgeport, Connecticut for facilities construction;

117. $100,000 to the Stamford Center for the Arts for facilities construction of Little Theater & Arts Education Center;

118. $200,000 to the Stamford Yerwood Center in Stamford, Connecticut for facilities renovation;

119. $300,000 to the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut for facilities construction and renovation of the Music and Arts Center for Humanity;

120. $100,000 to the Town of Willington, Connecticut for construction of the Willington Senior Center;

121. $150,000 to the City of Norwich, Connecticut for the development of Harbor Park;

122. $200,000 to the Main Street Development Corporation for land acquisition, planning and facilities construction associated with the Nangatuck Valley Economic Growth Initiative in Naugatuck Valley, Connecticut;

123. $150,000 to the City of Derby, Connecticut for the Sterling Opera House renovation;

124. $125,000 to the Greater Dwight Development Corporation for construction of the Dwight Community Child Care Center in New Haven, Connecticut;

125. $125,000 to the University of Hartford, Connecticut for renovations to the Hartt Performing Arts Center;

126. $100,000 for the Beebe School of Nursing in Lewes, Delaware for facilities construction and renovation;

127. $250,000 for the City of Clearwater, Florida for facilities construction and renovation improvements for the Clearwater Homeless Intervention Project;

128. $500,000 for Volunteer Jacksonville for the construction of the Volunteer Jacksonville Facility in Jacksonville, Florida;

129. $300,000 for the South Florida Goodwill for facility renovations in Miami, Florida;

130. $500,000 to the Centro Mater Head Start Facilities for construction of a new facility in Hialeah, Florida;

131. $100,000 to Orange County, Florida for expansion of the Marks Street Senior Center;

132. $650,000 to the Office of Farmworker Ministries in Apopka, Florida for facilities construction;

133. $150,000 to the Sebring Airport Authority for industrial park development in Sebring, Florida;

134. $500,000 to the City of Fort Myers, Florida for the restoration of Edison & Ford Winter Estates;

135. $200,000 to the City of Sarasota, Florida for the Fredd "Glossie" Atkins park expansion;

136. $150,000 to the City of Ocoee, Florida for facilities construction for a senior citizen veterans services center;

137. $200,000 to the City of Palatka, Florida for the Palatka Riverfront improvements;

138. $100,000 to the City of Miami, Florida for the Elderly Assistance Program for facilities construction;

139. $250,000 to the City of Boca Raton, Florida for sidewalks, street furniture, and façade improvements;

140. $150,000 to the City of Gainesville, Florida for facilities improvements and upgrades of the Depot Regional Stormwater Park;

141. $150,000 for Alachua County, Florida for streetscape improvements for the Partners for a Productive Community Enhancement Initiative;

142. $634,000 to Hubbs/Sea World for facilities construction of a marine and coastal research center in Brevard County, Florida;

143. $633,000 to Shands/Jacksonville for facilities construction and renovation of an emergency room/trauma center in Jacksonville, Florida;

144. $633,000 to the Orlando Regional Medical Center for facilities construction and renovation of the Pediatric Trauma Center in Orlando, Florida;

145. $50,000 to Crosswinds Youth Services for facilities construction of a youth center in Brevard County, Florida;

146. $200,000 to the City of Largo, Florida for Central Park facilities improvements;

147. $900,000 to the City of Clearwater, Florida for streetscape improvements for the Beachwalk project;

148. $250,000 to Pinellas County, Florida for facilities construction and renovation of the Urban League community Center;

149. $900,000 to the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida for planning, design, and construction of facilities;

150. $900,000 to the City of Dunedin, Florida for facilities construction and renovation of the city community center;

151. $100,000 to the National Armed Services and Law Enforcement Memorial Museum, in Dunedin, Florida for facilities construction and renovation;

152. $900,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida for facilities renovation and expansion of the Florida Museum of Fine Arts;

153. $400,000 to the City of Palm Harbor, Florida for the downtown revitalization project;

154. $400,000 to the City of Treasure Island, Florida for the community development project;

155. $900,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida for restoration of the Jordan School;

156. $300,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida for the Tangerine Avenue community development project;

157. $300,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida for Dome Industrial Park facilities renovation and construction;

158. $300,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida for facilities construction and improvements at Bartlett Park;

159. $250,000 to the City of Tampa, Florida for facilities construction and renovation for the Bay History Center;

160. $675,000 to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida for construction of the Youth Opportunity Center;

161. $200,000 to the City of Clearwater, Florida for construction and renovation for the Homeless Intervention Project;

162. $300,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida for facilities construction and renovation for the Mid-Pinellas Science Center;

163. $380,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida for construction and renovation for the Catholic Charities Mercy House;

164. $150,000 to the Tri-County Ag Complex in Altha, Florida for construction of a multipurpose center;

165. $150,000 to the City of Carrabelle, Florida for construction of a recreation park;

166. $200,000 to the City of Orlando, Florida for land acquisition in the Parramore Neighborhood;

167. $75,000 to the City of St. Petersburg, Florida to rehabilitate the Jordan School;

168. $75,000 to the Urban League of Broward County, Florida for construction of a community building resource center;

169. $75,000 to Hendry County, Florida for sidewalks, street furniture, and façade improvements at Hendry LaBelle Community Civic Park;

170. $75,000 to the Miami-Dade County Empowerment Zone Trust for facility construction of the Poinciana Biopharmaceutical Park;

171. $75,000 for Antioch Micro-Enterprise Network in Augusta, Georgia for the Antioch Micro-Enterprise Network's Entrepreneur Training Program;

172. $200,000 to Mercer University for facilities construction for the Mercer University Critical Personnel Development Program;

173. $100,000 to Cobb County, Georgia for construction of the Marietta, Georgia Senior Center;

174. $100,000 to the City of Marietta, Georgia for capitalization of the Marietta Growth Fund;

175. $100,000 to the City of Marietta, Georgia for capitalization of the Marietta Growth Fund;

176. $75,000 to the Joint Development Authority of Ben Hill and Irvin Counties, Georgia for industrial park development;

177. $500,000 to the Coastal Heritage Society for construction of the Savannah Battlefield Interpretive Center in Savannah, Georgia;

178. $250,000 to Cherokee County, Georgia for construction of the Cherokee County Emergency Children's Shelter in Canton;

179. $100,000 to the City of Plains, Georgia for construction and facilities buildout of a history resource center;

180. $75,000 to the SOWEGA Council on Aging for construction of a senior center in Albany, Georgia;

181. $100,000 to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Dougherty County, Georgia for building renovation;

182. $100,000 to the National Infantry Foundation in Columbus, Georgia for construction of a museum and park;

183. $100,000 to Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia for renovation of a building;

184. $75,000 to America's Second Harvest of Georgia for facility buildout in centers;

185. $75,000 to Lowndes Association Ministries to People for renovation of a multipurpose center in Valdosta, Georgia;

186. $75,000 to the East Baker Historical Society/21st Century Community Corporation in Georgia for facility repairs;

187. $100,000 to the Flint River Auditorium Alliance for renovation of an auditorium in Flint River, Georgia;

188. $100,000 to the Albany Theater in Albany, Georgia for facilities renovations;

189. $200,000 to the Miller County Development Authority for construction of a sound stage in Colquitt, Georgia;

190. $150,000 to the Covenant House of Atlanta, Georgia to purchase and construct a new crisis shelter for homeless youth;

191. $150,000 to Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia for renovations to Rockefeller Hall;

192. $125,000 to the Tubman Museum in Macon, Georgia for construction;

193. $100,000 to the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii for expansion and renovation of the Makiki Library;

194. $150,000 to the City of Storm Lake, Iowa for the construction of the Storm Lake Destination Park;

195. $100,000 to the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County in Iowa City, Iowa, for capitalization of loan funds;

196. $200,000 to the City of Waterloo, Iowa for industrial park development;

197. $125,000 to the City of Des Moines, Iowa for land acquisition for a technology park;

198. $100,000 to the Clearwater Economic Development Association for an economic planning study for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Project;

199. $500,000 to the City of Blackfoot, Idaho for land acquisition and improvements at the Jensen Grove City Park and Jensen Grove Lake;

200. $150,000 to Franklin County, Idaho for the moving, renovation, restoration of the Oneida Stake Academy building in Preston, Idaho;

201. $200,000 to Idaho State University for facilities construction for the L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center;

202. $100,000 to Power County, Idaho for the Fort Hall Reservation/Power County Joint Economic Redevelopment Initiative;

203. $200,000 to the City of Crest Hill, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of Our Children's Homestead Foster Home Development;

204. $150,000 to the Village of Zurich, Illinois for industrial park development;

205. $500,000 to the City of DeKalb, Illinois for industrial park infrastructure improvements;

206. $350,000 to the City of Downers Grove, Illinois for capital improvements for the Ray Graham Association for People With Disabilities;

207. $100,000 to the World War II Black Navy Veterans of Great Lakes Memorial Foundation for the North Chicago Veterans' Memorial in North Chicago, Illinois;

208. $275,000 to the St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois for improvements, including consolidation of ambulatory care;

209. $275,000 to the Lakeview Regional Museum in Peoria, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of a new building;

210. $275,000 for PeoriaNEXT in Peoria, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of the Innovation Center business incubator;

211. $250,000 for Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of Whipple Hall;

212. $275,000 for Glen Oak Zoo in Peoria, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of a new Africa exhibit;

213. $100,000 Eureka College, Eureka, IL, for continued construction of Science and Technology Center;

214. $100,000 Northfield Park District, IL, for facilities renovation and rehabilitation;

215. $150,000 to the City of Havana, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of the Havana Rural Center;

216. $100,000 to the Rockford Literary Council for facilities construction in Rockford, Illinois;

217. $200,000 to the Burpee Museum-Discovery Center museum campus expansion project in Rockford, Illinois;

218. $400,000 to the City of Joliet, Illinois for the continued restoration of the Rialto Square Theater;

219. $175,000 to the City of Benton, Illinois for construction of a new library;

220. $250,000 to the Night of Ministry in Chicago, Illinois for rehabilitation and construction of the The Night of Ministry Homeless Youth Housing Shelter;

221. $1,000,000 to the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois for facilities construction;

222. $75,000 to the Academy for Urban School Leadership for construction of a gymnasium and playing fields in Chicago, Illinois;

223. $200,000 to the City of Grafton, Illinois for development of the marina and harbor, including construction of sidewalks;

224. $200,000 to the Western Illinois University for construction of the Quad City Campus in Moline, Illinois;

225. $200,000 to the Chicago Park District for the Davis Square Park reconstruction in Chicago, Illinois;

226. $175,000 to the Calumet Area Redevelopment Initiative for land acquisition and restoration of the Lake Calumet area in Chicago, Illinois;

227. $125,000 to The Inner Voice/A Little Bit of Heaven for facility upgrades to homeless shelters on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois;

228. $400,000 to the Village of Western Springs, Illinois for land acquisition and construction of a parking lot;

229. $350,000 to the Greater Chicago Food Depository for construction of a new foodbank and training facility;

230. $75,000 to the City of Des Plaines, Illinois for expansion of a senior center;

231. $350,000 to the City of Marion, Indiana for refurbishing the City of Marion Memorial Coliseum;

232. $100,000 to Madison Township, Indiana for construction of the Madison Township Community Center;

233. $250,000 to the City of South Bend, Indiana for industrial park development at the Studebaker Corridor;

234. $250,000 to the South Bend Heritage Foundation in South Bend, Indiana for facilities construction and renovation;

235. $150,000 to the City of Anderson, Indiana for industrial park development;

236. $100,000 to the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for facilities construction for the Hanna-Creighton Community Enhancement Initiative;

237. $200,000 to the Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana, for facilities construction for the Center for Technology and Online Resources;

238. $150,000 to the University of Indianapolis for facility expansion in Indianapolis, Indiana;

239. $125,000 to the City of Rising Sun, Indiana for the rehabilitation of a building into a community performance center and meeting space;

240. $500,000 to the Town of Schererville, Indiana for construction of a recreational facility;

241. $275,000 to the City of Whiting, Indiana for renovation of the Whiting Social Center Facility;

242. $250,000 to Historic Abilene, Inc., in Kansas for the revitalization of New Old Abilene Town;

243. $100,000 to the City of Ottawa, Kansas for improvements to the Municipal Swimming Pool;

244. $200,000 to the City of Topeka, Kansas for industrial park development at the Center Point commerce park;

245. $250,000 to the City of Wichita, Kansas for the renovations at the Veterans Memorial Park;

246. $350,000 to the City of Wichita, Kansas for facilities construction for the development of the 21 st Street Community Development Corporation;

247. $125,000 to the Kansas Chapter, National Korean War Veterans' Association for construction of the Korean War Memorial of Overland Park, Kansas;

248. $75,000 to El Centro, Inc. for facilities construction and renovation in a business park in Kansas City, Kansas;

249. $100,000 to the City of Radcliff, Kentucky for streetscape improvements;

250. 150,000 to the Trinity Family Life Center of Louisville, Kentucky for facilities construction of a multi-purpose center;

251. 700,000 to the Louisville Metro Government in Kentucky for the Newburg neighborhood revitalization;

252. 100,000 to Dream Foundation, Inc. in Louisville, Kentucky for playground construction;

253. $250,000 to Breathitt County Fiscal Court for the construction of an intergenerational community entertainment center in Jackson, Kentucky;

254. $250,000 to the Roy F. Collier Community Center for computer hardware, equipment, and furniture needs in Inez, Kentucky;

255. $200,000 to Metcalfe County Fiscal Court for construction of the Metcalfe County Enrichment Center in Edmonton, Kentucky;

256. $125,000 to Morehead State University for construction and expansion of classrooms in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky;

257. $150,000 to the City of St. Francisville, Louisiana for facilities construction and renovation;

258. $300,000 to the Biomedical Research Foundation of NW Louisiana for industrial park development in Shreveport, Louisiana;

259. $250,000 to St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana for facilities renovations to the Louisiana War Veterans Home;

260. $125,000 to the City of Bastrop, Louisiana for renovation of a building into a technology multiplex;

261. $125,000 to the St. Mary's Women and Infants Center for renovations to its facilities for homeless women and children in Boston, Massachusetts;

262. $100,000 to the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts for site preparation, design, sidewalks, street furniture, and facade improvements;

263. $75,000 to the Town of Dedham, Massachusetts for parks improvements;

264. $150,000 to the Mystic Valley Development Corporation in Medford, Massachusetts for the development of a technology and research center;

265. $150,000 to the Malden Immigrant Center in Malden, Massachusetts for facilities construction, upgrades and buildout;

266. $100,000 to Main South Community Development Corporation in Worcester, Massachusetts for the Gardner-Kilby Hammond Neighborhood Revitalization Project;

267. $125,000 to the Lowell, Massachusetts Boys and Girls Club for facility improvements;

268. $150,000 to the City of Springfield, Massachusetts for construction of the Springfield Public Market;

269. $175,000 to the American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts for increased classroom space at the Reed Mansion and Breck Hall;

270. $200,000 to the New England Log Homes Redevelopment for demolition in Great Barrington, Massachusetts;

271. $500,000 to the City of Hatfield, Massachusetts for facilities expansion at the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts;

272. $150,000 to Salem State College in Salem, Massachusetts for construction and renovation of its Art Glass Works Facility;

273. $75,000 to the Enterprise Foundation for a feasibility study in Annapolis, Maryland;

274. $150,000 to the Baltimore School for the Arts for building upgrades in Baltimore, Maryland;

275. $200,000 to the Town of North Beach, Maryland for construction of a gym and multipurpose room at the Bayside Boys and Girls Club;

276. $200,000 to the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital for the Girl Scout Camp construction, in Charles and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland;

277. $250,000 to St. Mary's County for land acquisition and demolishment at the Lexington Manor Northern Parcel in Leonardtown, Maryland;

278. $75,000 to the Cal Ripken Senior Foundation for construction of a stadium in Aberdeen, Maryland;

279. $75,000 to Prince Georges County, Maryland for facilities construction and renovation of the Permanent Employment & Training Center and Multicultural Academy;

280. $125,000 to the Anacostia Watershed Society for facilities renovation of the George Washington House in Prince George's County, Maryland;

281. $125,000 to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute for facilities construction and renovation in Portland, Maine;

282. $100,000 to the City of Lewiston, Maine for renovation of a public theatre;

283. $125,000 to the City of Greenville, Maine for rehabilitation of the Junction Wharf,

284. $100,000 to the City of Lewiston, Maine for renovation of the the Franco-American Heritage Center;

285. $350,000 to Boysville of Michigan for facilities construction and renovations;

286. $150,000 to Global Enterprises for Water Technology for building acquisition and renovation at Clearwater Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan;

287. $250,000 to the Grand Valley State University for acquisition of a research facility, training and education space for the Annis Water Resource Institute in Muskegon, Michigan;

288. $500,000 to the Michigan Jewish Institute for facilities construction and renovation at the College Academic Center in West Bloomfield, Michigan;

289. $100,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Troy, Michigan for facilities construction and renovation;

290. $100,000 to the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency for facilities construction and renovation in Pontiac, Michigan;

291. $200,000 to the City of Durand, Michigan for downtown streetscape improvements;

292. $125,000 to the City of Detroit, Michigan for demolition;

293. $175,000 to the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Dearborn, Michigan for construction of a museum;

294. $75,000 to Genesee County, Michigan for demolition, rehabilitation, and site preparation;

295. $75,000 to the Tuscola Human Development Commission for construction of an intergenerational day care facility in Caro, Michigan;

296. $325,000 to the City of Detroit, Michigan for sidewalks, street furniture, and façade improvements to the Detroit RiverWalk, East River Front;

297. $150,000 to Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Michigan for construction of a trauma and emergency center;

298. $50,000 to the Cities of Manistique and Charlevoix, Michigan for the Northern Michigan Senior Centers Renovation Project;

299. $100,000 to the St. Cloud Housing & Redevelopment Authority for renovations to Germain Towers;

300. $150,000 to Scott County, Minnesota for renovation of affordable housing at the Belle Haven Apartment Preservation;

301. $100,000 to the Cornerstone Advocacy Service in Bloomington, Minnesota for facilities construction;

302. $75,000 to the City of South St. Paul, Minnesota for site preparation at Port Crosby Park;

303. $150,000 to the City of Royalton, Minnesota for the renovation of a multi-purpose community facility;

304. $150,000 to the City of Park Rapids, Minnesota for Teamworks for industrial park development;

305. $100,000 to Leech Lake Tribal College for facilities construction and renovation in Cass Lake, Minnesota;

306. $100,000 to the City of Willmar, Minnesota for redevelopment of a closed airport into the City of Willmar Industrial Park;

307. $100,000 to the City of Canby, Minnesota for construction of the Prairie Farm Preservation Education and Exhibit Center;

308. $150,000 to the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota for rehabilitation of a multipurpose community center;

309. $275,000 to the Ritz Theater Foundation in Minneapolis, Minnesota for renovations to the Ritz Theater;

310. $150,000 to the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota for facilities construction at the Temblad Mansion;

311. $150,000 to the Show-Me Aquatics for facilities construction in Saint Charles, Missouri;

312. $80,000 to Greene County, Missouri for the development of an industrial park;

313. $250,000 to the City of Springfield, Missouri for the construction of a community multipurpose center;

314. $500,000 for the Gillioz-Ronald Reagan Theatre in Springfield, Missouri for facilities renovation;

315. $200,000 for the Missouri Soybean Association for construction of the Missouri Soybean Association's Discovery Research Institute;

316. $200,000 to the Southeast Missouri State University for construction of the Southeast Missouri State University River Campus in Cape Girardeau, Missouri;

317. $150,000 to the Missouri Soybean Association for renovations to the New Generation Agribusiness Incubation Center in Kansas City, Missouri;

318. $200,000 to the Brookfield Industrial Development Authority in Brookfield, Missouri, for industrial park development;

319. $75,000 to the City of St. Louis, Missouri for construction of the Northside Recreation Center;

320. $100,000 to the City of St. Louis, Missouri for streetscape improvements, façade improvements, and street furniture in the commercial district;

321. $100,000 to the Lemay Development Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri for land and site acquisition, demolition, streetscape improvements and renovation of St. Louis neighborhoods;

322. $200,000 to the Missouri Sheriffs Association for construction of an indoor firing range in Jefferson City, Missouri;

323. $100,000 to Laderdale County, Mississippi for facilities construction for Mississippi Scrimber Wood Project;

324. $100,000 to the LeFleur Lakes Development Foundation in Rankin and Hinds Counties, Mississippi for an economic planning study;

325. $125,000 to Mississippi State University for Phase II expansion of its Research, Technology and Economic Development Park in Mississippi State, Mississippi;

326. $350,000 to the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi for the North Memphis Street Redevelopment Revitalization Project;

327. $100,000 to Clarke County, Mississippi for development of an industrial park;

328. $125,000 to Wayne County, Mississippi for development of an industrial park;

329. $100,000 to the Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi for the renovation and expansion of current facilities for the Center for Rural and Small Town Development;

330. $75,000 to the Mississippi Valley State University for a feasibility study of the recreation areas at the Boys and Girls Club facilities in Itta Benna, Mississippi;

331. $200,000 to the Montana State University-Northern for facilities equipment and technology upgrades in Havre, Montana;

332. $150,000 to the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art for facilities construction and renovation in Winston-Salem, North Carolina;

333. $200,000 to the Blowing Rock Community Arts Center Foundation in Blowing Rock, North Carolina for construction of the Blowing Rock Performing Arts Center;

334. $100,000 to the City of Charlotte, North Carolina for facilities construction and renovation at Grier Heights;

335. $150,000 to the City of Raeford, North Carolina for streetscape improvements;

336. $150,000 to Scotland County, North Carolina for demolition of the Scotland County Hospital;

337. $100,000 to the City of Hatteras, North Carolina for construction of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum;

338. $100,000 to Gaston County, North Carolina, for industrial park development for the Gaston County Technology Park Expansion;

339. $100,000 to Gaston County, North Carolina to establish a revolving loan for investment in downtown Gastonia;

340. $50,000 for the City of Etowah, North Carolina for the Etowah community park for streetscape improvements;

341. $250,000 for the Education and Research Consortium at Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina for science building facilities construction and renovation;

342. $250,000 for the Education and Research Consortium at Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina for dormitory facilities construction and renovation;

343. $100,000 to the Raleigh Area Development Authority in Raleigh, North Carolina for capitalization of a loan fund;

344. $150,000 to Duplin County, North Carolina for retrofitting and upgrades to the West Park Business Technology Center;

345. $75,000 to the Wake County Library Foundation for construction of a downtown library in Raleigh, North Carolina;

346. $100,000 to the North Carolina Community Development Initiative, Inc. for construction and buildout of a community center in Apex, North Carolina;

347. $150,000 to the North Carolina Community Development Initiative, Inc. for expansion and buildout of substance abuse treatment facilities in Durham, North Carolina;

348. $100,000 to Durham County, North Carolina for renovation and buildout of a community health center;

349. $100,000 to the Center for Community Self-Help in Durham, North Carolina for construction and buildout of a farmer's market facility;

350. $150,000 to the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina for construction and buildout of a performing and cultural arts center;

351. $150,000 to the Town of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina for renovation, expansion, and buildout of a community center;

352. $150,000 to the Town of Apex, North Carolina for renovation, expansion, and buildout of a performing and cultural arts center;

353. $100,000 to the Summit House, Inc. for construction and buildout of a residential facility in Greensboro, North Carolina;

354. $75,000 to the Music Maker Relief Foundation, Inc. in Durham, North Carolina for acquisition, renovation, and buildout of a facility;

355. $125,000 to the Bennett College Science Center for facilities construction and renovation in Greensboro, North Carolina;

356. $100,000 to the East Market Street Development Corporation for facility renovations to the old post office site in Greensboro, North Carolina;

357. $125,000 to the Three Affiliated Tribes at Fort Berthold for construction of a cultural interpretive center;

358. $200,000 for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska for the Antelope Valley revitalization project;

359. $400,000 to the Boys and Girls Home of Nebraska for Columbus Hospital renovations;

360. $250,000 for the Girls and Boys Town USA in Newark, New Jersey, Jersey City, New Jersey, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Las Vegas, Nevada and New Orleans, Louisiana for construction at the national priority projects of Girls and Boys Town USA;

361. $100,000 to the City of Concord, New Hampshire for facilities restoration and improvements to the Bicentennial Square;

362. $250,000 to the City of Nashua, New Hampshire for facilities restoration and improvements to Thoreau's Park;

363. $150,000 to the Currier Art Museum for facilities construction and renovation of the Currier Museum Gallery in Manchester, New Hampshire;

364. $100,000 to the Children's Specialized Hospital for facility renovations in Mountainside, New Jersey;

365. $100,000 to the City of Bernardsville, New Jersey for the downtown streetscape project;

366. $100,000 to the Hunterdon County YMCA for construction of a child care facility in Hunterdon County, New Jersey;

367. $100,000 to the Town of Dover, New Jersey for an economic development planning study;

368. $100,000 to the Borough of Somerville for an economic development planning study;

369. $100,000 to the Borough of Wanaque, New Jersey for improvements to the Haskell Business District Redevelopment;

370. $175,000 to the Borough of Washington, New Jersey for sidewalks, street furniture and façade improvements;

371. $250,000 to the City of Mount Holly, New Jersey for facilities construction and renovation to the Mt. Holly Workforce Development & Economic Revitalization Center;

372. $250,000 to the City of Greater Trenton, New Jersey for the construction of the Greater Trenton YMCA;

373. $200,000 to the LEAP Academy University Charter High School for facilities construction and renovation in Camden City, New Jersey;

374. $125,000 to the Township of Franklin in Somerset County, New Jersey for acquisition of a building to be renovated into a museum;

375. $175,000 to the City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey for rehabilitation and construction of the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center;

376. $100,000 to Hudson County Community College for construction of Union City Campus in Union City, New Jersey;

377. $100,000 to the Jersey City Medical Center in New Jersey for facilities construction and expansion of a heart institute;

378. $150,000 to Monmouth University in West Long Beach, New Jersey for renovation of the Guggenheim Memorial Library;

379. $100,000 to the County of Essex, New Jersey for expansion of the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, New Jersey;

380. $150,000 to the City of Newark, New Jersey for land acquisition for the University Heights Science Park;

381. $150,000 to the Newark Museum in Newark, New Jersey for renovation and expansion of an existing facility;

382. $175,000 to the Town of Hackensack, New Jersey for streetscape renovation;

383. $150,000 to the Fort Lee Senior Center in Fort Lee, New Jersey for expansion;

384. $150,000 for the Association ode Comerciantes Latinos de Nuevo Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for facilities construction;

385. $200,000 to the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico for construction of the Santa Barbara/Martineztown Learning Center;

386. $75,000 to Mora County, New Mexico for construction of the David Cargo Public Library;

387. $200,000 to Nye County, Nevada for facilities renovation of the Pahrump/Nye County Fairgrounds;

388. $100,000 to the City of Henderson, Nevada for downtown revitalization;

389. $200,000 to Boulder City, Nevada for the Historic Boulder City Hotel Rehabilitation;

390. $100,000 to the Nevada Partners, Inc. for facilities construction and expansion of a training facility in North Las Vegas, Nevada;

391. $25,000 to the Town of Mentz, New York for renovations to the Senior Center;

392. $50,000 to the City of Auburn, New York for facilities construction and renovation of Willard Chapel;

393. $50,000 to the United Cerebral Palsy in Utica, New York for development of children's campus in Rome, New York at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park;

394. $75,000 to the City of Auburn, New York for renovations of the Merry Go Round Playhouse;

395. $200,000 to the City of Geneva, New York for facilities construction and renovation of the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park;

396. $300,000 to the City of Utica, New York for facilities construction and renovation of the Science and Technology Center at Utica College;

397. $300,000 to the City of Utica, New York for facilities construction and renovation of the Stanley Theater Expansion and Modernization Project;

398. $50,000 to Brooklyn Remembers Inc. for construction of the Brooklyn Remembers Memorial in Brooklyn, New York;

399. $150,000 to the Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers for facilities construction and renovation of a Primary Care Outpatient Center in Stapleton, New York;

400. $150,000 to Yeled V'Yalda for construction of the Yeled V'Yalda Treatment Center for Children with Disabilities in Brooklyn, New York;

401. $500,000 to the Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York for construction of a new Library and Information Resource Center;

402. $250,000 to the Town of Monroe, New York for construction of the Monroe Free Library;

403. $250,000 to the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System for facilities construction and renovations to expand the Emergency Department in Bay Shore, New York;

404. $350,000 to Paul Smith's College in Franklin County, New York for construction of the Joan Weil Student Center;

405. $50,000 to the Cheektowaga Senior Center in Cheektowaga, New York for facilities improvements;

406. $150,000 to the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, New York for facilities renovation;

407. $268,000 to the Genesee Country Village and Museum in Mumford, New York for facilities improvements;

408. $250,000 to the Catskill Mountain Foundation for the renovation of the Orpheum Theatre and Sugar Maples Resort in Hunter, New York;

409. $250,000 to the Warren County Economic Development Corp. in North Creek, New York for facilities construction of the North Creek Ski Bowl;

410. $500,000 to the City of Syracuse, New York for facilities construction and renovations of the Amos Block Redevelopment Project;

411. $250,000 to the City of Syracuse, New York for renovations and streetscape improvements to the ARC of Onondaga facility for developmentally disabled adults;

412. $250,000 to the City of Syracuse, New York for renovations to P.E.A.C.E. Inc. facilities in Central New York;

413. $75,000 to Ononaga County, New York for the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame for facilities expansion and renovation;

414. $400,000 to the City of Syracuse, New York for facilities renovations to Syracuse Stage;

415. $250,000 to the City of Syracuse, New York for facilities expansion and renovation of Vera House;

416. $100,000 to the City of Rochester, New York for planning and expansion of the High Falls Film Festival;

417. $1,000,000 to St. John Fisher's College in Rochester, New York for construction of a new School of Pharmacy;

418. $200,000 to the Town of Penfield, New York for renovations to the Camp Haccamo facilities for the disabled;

419. $600,000 to the Metropolitan Development Association in Syracuse, New York for the Essential New York Initiative;

420. $100,000 to the Town of Palmyra, New York for renovations to the Palmyra Community Center;

421. $75,000 to the Wayne County, New York for planning and marketing of an alternative use strategy for the Savannah Elementary School Building;

422. $400,000 to the Metropolitan Development Association in Syracuse, New York for construction and renovations of the Electronics Park complex;

423. $500,000 to the New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority for facilities construction;

424. $250,000 to the Simon Wiesenthal New York Tolerance Center in New York City for facade restoration improvements;

425. $500,000 to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City for façade restoration improvements;

426. $500,000 to the National Center for Disabilities Services in Albertson, New York for facilities construction and renovation;

427. $500,000 to Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City for facilities construction;

428. $250,000 to the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks for construction of a new museum in New York State;

429. $500,000 to Brooklyn Public Library in New York for restoration of the central plaza;

430. $250,000 to the Rivers and Estuaries Center on the Hudson in New York for facilities construction;

431. $350,000 to Daemon College in Amherst, New York for facilities improvement;

432. $75,000 to the North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center for expansion of a building in Long Island, New York;

433. $125,000 to the City of Holtsville, New York for facilities construction of the Brookhaven/Patchogue Family YMCA;

434. $125,000 to Elmcor Youth and Adult Activities for construction of an economic development center in Queens, New York;

435. $150,000 to City of Mt. Vernon, New York for restoration of an abandoned building into a job training and cultural center;

436. $125,000 to the City of Kingston, New York for the Ulster Performing Arts Center for renovations, upgrades, and repairs;

437. $125,000 to the Rural Ulster Preservation Company in Kingston, New York for renovations to the Kirkland Hotel;

438. $75,000 to Johnson City, New York for facilities construction and renovations to the Goodwill Theater;

439. $75,000 to the City of Northport, New York for construction of the Northport American Legion facility;

440. $75,000 to the Village of Dobbs Ferry, New York for streetscape improvements;

441. $150,000 to the Village of Port Chester, New York for construction of a senior center;

442. $100,000 to the Volunteer Counseling Services of Rockland County, New York for renovations to its building;

443. $100,000 to the City of Greenburgh for upgrades and renovations in Webb Park;

444. $100,000 to the Village of West Haverstraw, New York for sidewalk improvements;

445. $75,000 to the Queens Borough Public Library System for construction of a library in Queens, New York;

446. $125,000 to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum for facilities construction, renovation and buildout;

447. $125,000 to the Town of North Hempstead, NewYork for renovation of blighted properties in New Cassel, New York;

448. $100,000 to the City of Albany, New York for the South End for building demolition;

449. $100,000 to the City of Albany, New York for expansion of the Palace Theater stage;

450. $100,000 to the City of Albany, New York for the Corning Preserve Albany Waterfront Development;

451. $125,000 to Jamaica Hospital in New York, New York for land acquisition;

452. $75,000 to the Federation of Italian-American Organizations for expansion and renovation of its community center in Brooklyn, New York;

453. $125,000 to the Brooklyn Public Library for renovation and development of the library's Central Plaza in Brooklyn, New York;

454. $100,000 to the City of Brooklyn, New York for construction of a computer lab;

455. $150,000 to The Armory Foundation for facilities renovation in New York;

456. $150,000 to the Amigos del Museo del Barrio, Inc. in New York, New York for capital improvements to the Heckscher Building;

457. $100,000 to the Aaron Davis Hall, Inc. for restoration and renovation of the hall into a performing arts building in Harlem, New York;

458. $500,000 to the Mary Mitchell Family & Youth Center for construction of a multipurpose center in Bronx, New York;

459. $200,000 to the City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation for renovations to the Bath House at Crotona Park;

460. $125,000 to the Pergones Theater in Bronx, New York for interior structural renovation work;

461. $100,000 to the City of Buffalo, New York for renovations to the Broadway Market;

462. $75,000 to the Town of Tonawanda, New York for repairs to a training facility;

463. $75,000 to Group 14621 Community Association for renovations to the Pulaski Library in Rochester, New York;

464. $200,000 to the Brooklyn Academy of Music Local Development Corporation for design, construction, and streetscape improvements to the District's South Site in Brooklyn, New York;

465. $175,000 to the Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation to rehabilitate a building for business and economic development activities in Brooklyn, New York;

466. $75,000 to the Electchester Housing Companies for facilities renovations and upgrades in Electchester, New York;

467. $150,000 to the Victory Videos Ministry in the City of Forest Park, Ohio for the construction of a youth center;

468. $500,000 to the Westcott House Foundation for facilities construction and renovations to the Westcott House in Springfield, Ohio;

469. $300,000 to the Lancaster Campus of Ohio University for facilities construction of a Community Event and Conference Center in Lancaster, Ohio;

470. $100,000 to Fairfield County, Ohio for facilities construction and renovations at the new location for Fairfield Industries;

471. $50,000 to the Ohio Wesleyan University for facilities construction and renovations in Delaware, Ohio;

472. $200,000 to the City of Willowick, Ohio for site preparation and construction of the Willowick Lakefront Development;

473. $200,000 to Newbury Township, Ohio for sidewalks, street furniture and facade;

474. $350,000 to the Hocking Athens Perry Community Action in Glouster, Ohio for renovations to the community center;

475. $350,000 for the 14th Street Community Center in Portsmouth, Ohio for facilities construction and renovation;

476. $1,500,000 for the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce's Foundation in Canton, Ohio for industrial park development;

477. $250,000 to the City of Columbus, Ohio for construction of the YWCA Family Center;

478. $250,000 to Development Projects, Inc. for site preparation for the Downtown Dayton Northeast Quadrant in Dayton, Ohio;

479. $250,000 to the St. Mary's Development Corporation for land acquisition for the Multi-Family Housing Project in Dayton, Ohio;

480. $125,000 to the City of Broadview Heights, Ohio for demolition;

481. $75,000 to Stella Maris, Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio for construction of a community recovery center;

482. $650,000 to the City of Toledo, Ohio for the Erie Street Market for facilities reconstruction;

483. $250,000 to the City of Toledo, Ohio for building construction and streetscape improvements along Detroit Avenue;

484. $100,000 to the City of Toledo, Ohio for economic development planning for the Reynolds Road Green Corridor project;

485. $100,000 to the Lagrange Development Corporation in Toledo, Ohio for construction of a community center;

486. $100,000 to Washington State Community College in Marietta, Ohio for construction of a conference center;

487. $150,000 to the City of Moore, Oklahoma for the expansion of Buck Thomas Park;

488. $250,000 to the Harrah Industrial and Economic Development Authority for industrial park infrastructure development in Harrah, Oklahoma;

489. $200,000 to the City of Perkins, Oklahoma for development of the Oklahoma Territorial Plaza;

490. $150,000 to the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma for facilities construction and renovation of the Tulsa Hispanic Family Resource Center;

491. $75,000 to Southeastern Oklahoma State University for the purchase and restoration of the Fortenberry Opera House in Durant, Oklahoma;

492. $200,000 to the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center for facilities renovations in white City, Oregon;

493. $75,000 to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry for land acquisition in East Portland, Oregon;

494. $75,000 to the City of Portland, Oregon for the Central City Eastside Streetcar project;

495. $225,000 to the Port of Brookings Harbor, Oregon for construction of a seafood processing plant;

496. $75,000 to the City of Salem, Oregon for facility improvements to the Salem Conference Center;

497. $125,000 to the City of Salem, Oregon for industrial park development at the Mill Creek Industrial and Employment Center;

498. $150,000 to Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania for construction of the Erie Technology Incubator;

499. $250,000 to the Montgomery County Community College for facilities construction of the Small Business Development & University Transfer Center in Pottstown, Pennsylvania;

500. $250,000 to ARC of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania for facilities construction of a MARC building;

501. $100,000 to the Lower Makefield Township, Pennsylvania for construction of the 9–11 Bucks County Memorial "Garden of Reflection";

502. $200,000 to Bucks County Planning Commission for construction of the Freedom Neighborhood One Community Center in Bristol Township, Pennsylvania;

503. $200,000 to the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania for facilities expansion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

504. $100,000 for the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Authority for industrial park development in Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania;

505. $150,000 to Allegheny County Department of Economic Development for site preparation and construction of Clinton Industrial Park in Findlay Township, Pennsylvania;

506. $100,000 to the Punxsutawney Weather Museum for improvements in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania;

507. $100,000 to the Brookville YMCA in Brookville, Pennsylvania for facilities renovations;

508. $150,000 to Tabor Community Services in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for property acquisition and renovation;

509. $150,000 to the York Street Center and Stillmeadow Child Care Center in York, Pennsylvania for facilities renovations;

510. $200,000 to Sayre Borough, Pennsylvania for renovation of the Enterprise Center;

511. $200,000 to Trehab Center in Montrose, Pennsylvania for facilities construction;

512. $70,000 for the Morrison's Cove Memorial Park Recreation Center in Blair County, Pennsylvania for facilities improvements;

513. $100,000 for the Penn's Woods Council, Boy Scouts of America for camp upgrades in Tyrone, Pennsylvania;

514. $130,000 for Indiana University of Pennsylvania for construction of a Regional Development Complex in Indiana, Pennsylvania;

515. $250,000 to the University Technology Park in Chester, Pennsylvania to develop parking facilities for its first and second phase buildings;

516. $125,000 to the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for renovations to the Rock School;

517. $75,000 to the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for infrastructure repairs;

518. $75,000 to the Homeless Children Education Fund/Learning Centers' homeless shelters for facility revitalization and renovations in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania;

519. $75,000 to the Bloomfield Preservation and Heritage Society for construction of an education center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

520. $100,000 to the Urban Redevelopment Authority to construct public green space in an urban area in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

521. $75,000 to the Breachmenders Mentoring Grants Program in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for facility renovations and upgrades;

522. $75,000 to the Neighborhood Centers Association for facilities construction of a childhood education center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

523. $200,000 to the Center in the Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for facility enhancements for a senior housing facility;

524. $100,000 to the Pinn Business Development Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for building renovations;

525. $50,000 to the American Theater Arts for Youth, Inc. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for facility enhancements;

526. $50,000 to the Potters House Mission in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for land acquisition;

527. $50,000 to The Inglis Foundation for facility upgrades in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for enhanced services;

528. $100,000 to the Mann Center for Performing Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for rehabilitation and expansion of the performance hall;

529. $350,000 to the Educational Advancement Alliance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for acquisition or facilities construction of a multipurpose facility;

530. $100,000 to the Greater St. Matthew Community Development Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for construction of child development center;

531. $100,000 to the United Way of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for facility upgrades of the People's Emergency Center West Philadelphia Digital Community Inclusion Project;

532. $100,000 to the Borough of Tremont, Pennsylvania for sidewalks and streetscape lighting;

533. $225,000 to the City of Harrisburg for capital costs associated with the CorridorOne Regional Rail Program of the Modern Transit Partnership in downtown Harrisburg, Pennsylvania;

534. $150,000 to the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for land acquisition, facilities renovation, and demolition;

535. $75,000 to the City of Scranton, Pennsylvania for land acquisition, facilities renovation, and demolition;

536. $150,000 to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania for improvements to the Mount Pleasant Veterans Park;

537. $500,000 to the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania for facilities construction and development;

538. $400,000 to Cambria County, Pennsylvania for facility construction and improvements to the Johnstown Regional Technology Complex;

539. $250,000 to Armstrong County, Pennsylvania for construction of replacement facilities at the Belmont Complex;

540. $300,000 to Fayette County, Pennsylvania for development of a business park;

541. $200,000 to the Greene County Community Center for construction of a new community center in Greene County, Pennsylvania;

542. $150,000 to the Cambria County, Pennsylvania War Memorial Authority for construction of a stage and sports floor;

543. $100,000 to Armstrong County, Pennsylvania for planning and renovation of buildings for reuse associated with the IUP Kittening Campus Reuse Project;

544. $100,000 to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania for acquisition and reuse of a facility in the Lenox Building Rehabilitation project;

545. $250,000 to the Waynesburg College Center for Economic Development in Greene County, Pennsylvania for facilities construction and renovations;

546. $500,000 to Fayette County, Pennsylvania for renovation, revitalization, and improvement associated with the Downtown Uniontown Revitalization Project;

547. $100,000 to Washington County, Pennsylvania for engineering and design of improvements at the Alta Vista Business Park;

548. $175,000 to the Cornerstone Adult Services/Bristol Center for renovation of a mill building in Bristol, Rhode Island;

549. $150,000 to the City of East Providence, Rhode Island for facilities construction and renovation of the East Providence Senior Center;

550. $250,000 to Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island for facilities renovations;

551. $75,000 to the City of West Warwick, Rhode Island for construction of the West Warwick Senior Center;

552. $200,000 to the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind for renovations of a dormitory building in Spartanburg, South Carolina;

553. $100,000 to the City of Columbia, South Carolina for capitalization of the Enterprise Revolving Loan Fund;

554. $100,000 to the City of Columbia, South Carolina for industrial park development;

555. $150,000 to the Five Rivers Community Development Corporation for the acquisition of land for a community training site in Georgetown County, South Carolina;

556. $150,000 to the South Sumter Resource Center for facilities construction and renovation in Sumter, South Carolina;

557. $300,000 to Clinton Junior College in Rock Hill, South Carolina for construction of a new library/classroom facility;

558. $100,000 to the Lee County Public Library in Lee County, South Carolina for facilities expansion and relocation;

559. $125,000 to the Cheyenne River Youth Project for construction of a teen center in Eagle Butte, South Dakota;

560. $100,000 to the City of Williamson County, Tennessee for the planning and improvements for the Cool Springs Life Sciences Center;

561. $250,000 to East Tennessee Historical Society for construction of the East Tennessee History Center in Knoxville, Tennessee;.

562. $500,000 to the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association for construction of an East Tennessee Veterans Memorial in Knoxville, Tennessee;

563. $100,000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee for facilities renovations;

564. $100,000 to Oak Ridge/Knoxville, Tennessee for facilities construction of a Center for Entrepreneurial Growth Incubator;

565. $250,000 to Hamilton County, Tennessee for facilities construction for a Center for Entrepreneurial Growth Incubator;

566. $75,000 to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee for development of a physical facilities master plan;

567. $125,000 to the Arts Center of Cannon County in Woodbury, Tennessee for construction and renovation of the Cannon County Cultural Tourism Complex;

568. $75,000 to the Southwest Tennessee Community College for expansion of a biotechnology building in Memphis, Tennessee;

569. $175,000 to the Arts Center of Cannon County for expansion and construction of the Cannon County Cultural Tourism Complex in Woodbury, Tennessee;

570. $150,000 to the Lauderdale County Economic Development Board in Ripley, Tennessee for industrial park development at the North Industrial Park;

571. $250,000 to the City of Arlington, Texas for facilities construction and land acquisition and including up to $100,000 for an economic development planning study;

572. $250,000 to the City of Arlington, Texas for facilities construction and renovation of the Central Arlington Housing Development Corporation;

573. $1,000,000 for Texas A&M International University for facility improvements in the City of Laredo, Texas;

574. $200,000 to the City of Houston, Texas for the Super Block renovations;

575. $750,000 to the City of Forth Worth, Texas for construction of the Trinity River Vision project;

576. $150,000 to the City of Leonard, Texas for streetscape infrastructure including sidewalks projects;

577. $200,000 to the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum in Greenville, Texas for facilities construction and renovation;

578. $100,000 to the City of Lubbock, Texas for the Breedlove Dehydrated Foods facility expansion;

579. $200,000 to the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock, Texas for facilities upgrades;

580. $250,000 to the City of Dallas, Texas for renovation to the Texas Theatre;

581. $100,000 for the World Congress on Information Technology in Austin, Texas for facilities construction and renovation of the International Center;

582. $100,000 to the NABA International Park for the construction and renovations of its visitor center;

583. $100,000 to Southwest Key in Austin, Texas for facilities construction;

2584. $100,000 to Quinn Campus, Inc. for renovation and upgrades at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas;

585. $100,000 to the City of Killeen, Texas for construction of a senior citizens center;

586. $350,000 to the City of Waco, Texas for construction of a homeless shelter;

587. $375,000 to the City of Dallas, Texas for renovation of the Dallas Texas Theater;

588. $100,000 to the City of Fort Worth, Texas for the redevelopment of the Magnolia Oleander Walk;

589. $150,000 to Harris County, Texas Precinct 2 for the Harris County Unincorporated Area Revitalization Program in Harris County, Texas to enhance economic development in the area;

590. $150,000 to the City of Houston, Texas for construction and buildout of a park and family center;

591. $75,000 to Texas A&M University in Kingsville, Texas for facility expansion of the Center for Young Children;

592. $125,000 to the City of Houston, Texas for capital improvements to the Guadalupe Plaza Park;

593. $75,000 to the City of Houston, Texas for the renovation of a school building to house an African-American archive and cultural center;

594. $125,000 to the City of Dallas, Texas for rehabilitation of the Black Dance Theater;

595. $75,000 to the City of Dallas, Texas for facilities construction and buildout of the Joppa Rodeo;

596. $225,000 to the City of Beaumont, Texas for the replacement of existing sidewalks;

597. $75,000 to the Port Arthur International Seamen's Center in Port Arthur, Texas for facilities construction;

598. $175,000 to the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority for the sidewalk improvements in Corpus Christi, Texas;

599. $125,000 to the Canutillo, Texas Independent School District for construction of a Science and research center;

600. $200,000 to the City of Gilmer, Texas for facilities construction and renovation to the Upshur County Library;

601. $100,000 to the City of Marshall, Texas for facilities construction and renovation of a hotel;

602. $280,000 to the Texas Frontier Trails in Mineral Wells, Texas for construction of an amphitheater;

603. $75,000 to the Texas Cowboy Reunion Old-timers Association for renovation of the Bunkhouse and Round-up Hall in Stamford, Texas;

604. $150,000 to Brigham City, Utah for facilities construction and renovation of the Box Elder Dance Academy;

605. $125,000 to the Utah Shakespearean Festival for architectural and engineering design and construction of a performance facility;

606. $100,000 to Salt Lake County, Utah for construction of the East Side Senior Center;

607. $150,000 for the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Virginia for facilities renovation;

608. $500,000 to the Virginia Performing Arts Foundation for construction of the Virginia Performing Arts Foundation Education Center in Richmond, Virginia;

609. $150,000 to the Mary Washington College Foundation for facilities construction and renovation of the Maury Center Project;

610. $200,000 to the City of Fairfax, Virginia for the City of Fairfax Downtown Redevelopment Project;

611. $250,000 to the Lutheran Housing Services, Inc. for in Burke, Virginia for facilities construction;

612. $100,000 to the Town of Smithfield, Virginia for the Smithfield Downtown Revitalization Project;

613. $100,000 for the Franklin County Library in Rocky Mount, Virginia for facilities renovation and equipment replacement;

614. $100,000 for Piedmont Arts Association for technology improvements in Martinsville, Virginia;

615. $150,000 to the Town of Appomattox, Virginia for facilities construction of an African-American cultural and heritage museum at the Carver-Price building;

616. $100,000 for the Town of South Boston, Virginia for renovations and creation of a community arts center at the Prizery;

617. $125,000 for the City of Moneta, Virginia for facilities construction and renovation of an art, education and community outreach center;

618. $150,000 to Kenbridge, Virginia for facilities and construction at the Kenbridge Town Center;

619. $75,000 to the Town of Boydton, Virginia for revitalization efforts of the central business district;

620. $150,000 for Henry County, Virginia Motorsports in conjunction with Patrick Henry Community College for facilities improvements;

621. $75,000 to the City of Big Island, Virginia for the Sedalia Center restoration;

622. $500,000 to the Total Action Against Poverty to restore and revitalize the Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development in downtown Roanoke, Virginia;

623. $75,000 to the United Way of Front Royal in the City of Front Royal, Virginia for construction for a transitional housing program;

624. $100,000 to the City of Leesburg, Virginia for facilities construction of Loudoun Cares;

625. $250,000 for the Good Shepard Alliance in Leesburg, Virginia to build a homeless and poverty center;

626. $250,000 to the City of Leesburg, Virginia for construction/renovation of the Dodona Manor;

627. $500,000 to the City of Winchester, Virginia for construction of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley;

628. $200,000 to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College for construction of the Virginia Packaging Applications Center;

629. $75,000 to the Chicago Board of Education for construction and renovations for a high school in Chicago, Illinois;

630. $175,000 to the Northern Virginia Urban League for rehabilitation of the Freedom House in Alexandria, Virginia;

631. $100,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Alexandria, Virginia for renovation and expansion of its facility;

632. $100,000 to the Shirlington Incubation Center in Arlington, Virginia for construction of an incubator;

633. $100,000 to the Arlington Housing Corporation in Arlington County, Virginia for property acquisition, building demolition, and facilities renovation;

634. $150,000 to New Market Heights for site preparation and construction of a memorial and visitor's center in Henrico County, Virginia;

635. $300,000 to Edgehill Recovery Retreat Center in Winchester, Virginia for facilities construction;

636. $200,000 to the City of Covington, Washington for facilities construction and renovation of the Community Recreation Center;

637. $300,000 to the Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center in Prosser, Washington for facilities construction;

638. $100,000 for the Spokane Symphony for renovations to the Fox Theater in Spokane, Washington;

639. $75,000 to the Fire Mountain Arts Council for renovation of a theatre in Morton, Washington;

640. $200,000 to the Town of Port Townsend, Washington for construction on the Northwest Maritime Center;

641. $75,000 to the City of Hoquiam, Washington for renovation of the Senior Nutrition Center;

642. $200,000 to the Port of Bremerton, Washington for expansion of a marina;

643. $200,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, Washington for facilities construction in Lakewood, Gig Harbor, and Kitsap County, Washington;

644. $75,000 to the Edmonds Public Facilities District for renovations at the Edmonds Center for the Arts in Edmonds, Washington;

645. $125,000 to the City of Bellingham, Washington for renovations to the Mount Baker Theater;

646. $75,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of King County, Washington for renovation of the Greenbridge Community Center in White Center;

647. $75,000 to the Asian Counseling and Referral Service for construction of a new building in Seattle, Washington;

648. $75,000 to the City of Federal Way, Washington for the West Hylebos Wetlands Boardwalk Replacement;

649. $70,000 to the Paper Industry International Hall of Fame in Appleton, Wisconsin for facilities construction and renovation;

650. $100,000 to the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin for the National Railway Museum for exhibits;

651. $250,000 to the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin for the Cedarburg Site revitalization project;

652. $175,000 to the City of Beloit, Wisconsin for sidewalks, street furniture, and façade improvements;

653. $100,000 to Dakota County Technical College and Chippewa Valley Technical College for construction of the Center of Technology Innovation and Learn Lab in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Rosemount, Minnesota;

654. $1,000,000 to the Ashwabay Outdoor Education Foundation in Washburn, Wisconsin for acquisition of land;

655. $1,000,000 to the Marshfield Clinic for construction of the Laird Center for Applied Sciences;

656. $250,000 to the Wisconsin Rapids Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for a loan fund;

657. $150,000 to the Business and Industrial Development Corporation for renovations at the Mid-Atlantic Technology, Research and Innovation Center in South Charleston, West Virginia;

658. $775,000 to the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation in Lewisburg, West Virginia for facilities construction and buildout;

659. $1,000,000 to the 4–County Economic Development Corporation in Oak Hill, West Virginia for facilities construction;

660. $2,000,000 to Glenville State College in Glenville, West Virginia for the construction of a new campus community education center;

661. $500,000 to Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling, West Virginia for facilities upgrades and buildout;

662. $1,000,000 to Vandalia Heritage Foundation, Inc. for land acquisition;

663. $1,120,000 to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, Inc. for facilities construction;

664. $400,000 to the Monongalia County Schools Foundation, Inc. in West Virginia for construction of recreational facilities;

665. $100,000 to Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia for facilities construction, upgrades and buildout;

666. $75,000 to the Mountaineer Area Council in Fairmont, West Virginia for facilities construction;

667. $200,000 to the Ritchie County Commission in West Virginia for facilities upgrades;

668. $130,000 to the Fremont County Association of Governments for improvements to the Fremont County War Memorial.

—$21,735,000 for the Neighborhood Initiatives program.

Targeted grants shall be provided as follows:

1. $250,000 to Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of Bradley Hall; -

2. $250,000 to Pathway Services in Jacksonville, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of a respite care facility;

3. $100,000 to Teen Challenge in Decatur, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation;

4. $100,000 to Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois for design and construction of a science building;

5. $100,000 to Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana for facilities construction and renovation of the Center for Technology and Online Resources;

6. $100,000 to Tazewell/Woodford Head Start in East Peoria, Illinois for facilities construction and renovation of a new facility;

7. $100,000 to the City of Peoria, Illinois for Southern Gateway revitalization project;

8. $275,000 to the First Gethsemane Center for Family Development in Louisville, Kentucky for the purchase of a multi-purpose facility;

9. $600,000 to Maryhurst, Inc. in Louisville, Kentucky for facilities construction and renovation of a multi-purpose youth activities center;

10. $675,000 to the YMCA of Greater Louisville, Kentucky for streetscape improvements;

11. $200,000 to the Visually Impaired Preschool Services in Louisville, Kentucky for facilities construction and renovation;

12. $735,000 to the Monroe County Heritage Christian Home for costs associated with construction of the Springdale Farm Demonstration Project located in Ogden, Monroe County, New York;

13. $500,000 to NYSERNET for optical networking infrastructure;

14. $550,000 to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board for Finger Lakes Open Lands Conservation Project;

15. $475,000 to the Genessee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council for the Finger Lakes Open Lands Conservation Project;

16. $6,000,000 to the City of Syracuse, New York for the Neighborhood Initiative Program;

17. $1,000,000 for The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio for facilities construction and renovation in the Community Properties of Ohio Initiative;

18. $5,000,000 to the Institute for Scientific Research for construction related to a high-technology diversification initiative;

19. $2,225,000 to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, Inc. for mission purposes and economic development initiatives;

20. $1,000,000 to the Vandalia Heritage Foundation, Inc. for community and neighborhood revitalization and economic diversification initiatives;

21. $500,000 to Wheeling Jesuit University for education and research initiatives at the university;

22. $1,000,000 to the City and County of San Francisco for capital improvements, upgrades and buildout for a senior homeless facility.

Additionally, not less than $3,465,000 is provided for transfer to the Working Capital Fund to support the development of and modifications to information technology systems that serve programs or activities under Community Planning and Development.

The Committee has not provided funds for the Development Challenge Pilot or the Faith Based Pilot, which were included as new items in the budget request. The Committee takes this action due to larger funding pressures in this bill and without prejudice.

Language is included in the bill, similar to language carried in prior Acts, which: (1) designates amounts available for the various programs and activities funded under this account; (2) limits administrative expenses to no more than 20 percent of any grant with certain exceptions; and (3) provides three-year availability for obligation of funds provided under this heading.

Language is also included which makes technical changes to grants provided in prior years.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Program costs	Limitation on guaranteed loans
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$7,000,000	$275,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	7,282,000	275,000,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−282,000	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+7,000,000	+275,000,000

The Section 108 Loan Guarantees program underwrites private market loans to assist local communities in the financing of the acquisition and rehabilitation of publicly-owned real property, rehabilitation of housing, and certain economic development projects.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $7,000,000 for program costs associated with the section 108 loan guarantee program. This amount is $282,000 below the enacted level and $7,000,000 above the budget request. Of the funds provided, $6,000,000 is for credit subsidy costs to guarantee $275,000,000 in section 108 loan commitments in fiscal year 2005, and $1,000,000 is for administrative expenses to be transferred to the salaries and expenses account.

BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$24,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	24,853,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−853,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+24,000,000

The Brownfields Redevelopment program provides competitive economic development grants in conjunction with section 108 loan guarantees for qualified brownfield projects. Grants are made in accordance with section 108(q) selection criteria.

The goal of the program is to return contaminated sites to productive uses with an emphasis on creating substantial numbers of jobs for lower-income people in physically and economically distressed neighborhoods.

The Committee recommends $24,000,000 for this program, a decrease of $853,000 below the fiscal year 2004 enacted level. The budget request proposed to eliminate this program. The Committee expects HUD to closely coordinate its brownfields efforts with the Environmental Protection Agency, which is responsible for cleanup and assessment components of the program, and whose Administrator has lead responsibility for the federal brownfields effort.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$1,920,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	2,005,597,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	2,084,200,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−85,597,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−164,200,000

The HOME investment partnerships program provides grants to States, units of local government, Indian tribes and insular areas, through formula allocation, for the purpose of expanding the supply of affordable housing in the jurisdiction. Upon receipt, State and local governments develop a comprehensive housing affordability strategy that enables them to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct new affordable housing, or to provide rental assistance to eligible families.

The Committee recommends $1,920,000,000 for activities funded under this account, a decrease of $85,597,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level and $164,200,000 below the request. Funds are provided as follows:

—*Formula Grants:* $1,776,000,000 for formula grants for participating jurisdictions (States, units of local government and consortia of units local government) and insular areas, a decrease of $79,850,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level. Of the amount provided, pursuant to the statute, at least 15 percent

of each participating jurisdiction's allocation is reserved for housing that is developed, sponsored, or owned by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs);

—*Down-payment Assistance Initiative:* $85,000,000 for the Down-payment Assistance Initiative to be allocated by the Secretary to participating jurisdictions to provide down-payment assistance to low-income families to help them achieve homeownership. The 2005 budget request had included $200,000,000 for down-payment assistance. The reduction to the request for the down-payment assistance program is taken without prejudice, and is due to other significant funding pressures in this bill;

—*Housing Counseling:* $38,000,000 for housing counseling programs. The Committee has continued funding for this activity within this account rather than creating a separate account as proposed in the budget request;

—*HOME/CHDO Technical Assistance:* $17,400,000 for technical assistance activities for State and local participating jurisdictions and non-profit CHDOs. The Committee notes that the HOME statute authorizes technical assistance to be provided through contracts with eligible non-profit intermediaries as well as with other organizations recommended by participating jurisdictions and therefore expects HUD to use $8,000,000 to contract with qualified non-profit intermediaries to provide CHDO technical assistance in fiscal year 2005;

—*Working Capital Fund:* no less than $2,000,000 for transfer to the Working Capital Fund to support the development and modification of information technology systems which serve programs and activities under Community Planning and Development.

The budget request had proposed to transfer the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) program from the Policy Development and Research (PD&R) account to the HOME account, with a funding level of $2,000,000. Instead, the Committee has continued to fund PATH in the PD&R account at a level of $7,000,000 in fiscal year 2005.

The Committee is concerned that recent changes to metropolitan statistical area (MSA) boundaries may significantly lower area median incomes (AMI) in some communities with high housing costs, making ineligible many families and individuals who are currently eligible for housing subsidized through the Community Development Block Grant program and the HOME program, which have AMI eligibility requirements. The Committee encourages HUD to explore ways to help such MSAs transition to the new AMIs, other than through any adjustment of funding formulas, to reduce the impact of MSA boundary changes on affordable housing and homeownership opportunities.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$1,206,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	1,259,525,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	1,282,400,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−53,525,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−76,400,000

The homeless assistance grants account provides funding for the following homeless programs under title IV of the McKinney Act: (1) the emergency shelter grants program; (2) the supportive housing program; (3) the section 8 moderate rehabilitation (single room occupancy) program; and (4) the shelter plus care program. This account also supports activities eligible under the innovative homeless initiatives demonstration program.

The Committee recommends funding homeless programs at $1,206,000,000, a decrease of $53,525,000 below the level provided in fiscal year 2004 and $76,400,000 below the budget request. The recommendation includes no less than $186,000,000 to provide full funding for the costs associated with the renewal of all expiring Shelter Plus Care contracts. Language is included in the bill requiring funds to be made available for this purpose.

The recommendation includes $11,500,000 for the national homeless data analysis project and for technical assistance, and no less than $2,500,000 for transfer to the Working Capital Fund for development and modifications of information technology systems that serve activities under Community Planning and Development.

Language is included in the bill which: (1) requires not less than 30 percent of the funds appropriated, excluding amounts made available for renewals under the shelter plus care program, be used for permanent housing; (2) requires the renewal of all expiring shelter plus care contracts; (3) requires funding recipients to provide a 25 percent match for social services activities; (4) requires all homeless programs to coordinate their programs with mainstream health, social services and employment programs; and (5) provides two-year availability for obligation of funds provided under this account, except that no year availability is provided for the portion of funding necessary to meet initial contract requirements for the Single Room Occupancy program.

Within this account, funding is not provided for a new Prisoner Reentry initiative, which was proposed at $25 million in the budget request.

SAMARITAN HOUSING INITIATIVE

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	0
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	$50,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−50,000,000

The Committee has not included $50,000,000 requested in the budget for the Samaritan Housing Initiative because the necessary authorization legislation has not yet been passed by Congress.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$741,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	773,728,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	773,300,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−32,718,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−32,300,000

The housing for the elderly (Section 202) program provides eligible private, non-profit organizations with capital grants to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of housing intended for low-income elderly people. In addition, the program provides project-based rental assistance (PRAC) to support operational costs for units constructed under the program.

The Committee recommends a $741,000,000 for the Section 202 program for fiscal year 2005, a decrease of $32,728,000 from the fiscal year 2004 enacted level and $32,300,000 below the request. The recommendation allocates funding as follows:

—$654,550,000 for new capital and project rental assistance contracts (PRAC);

—$3,000,000 for one-year renewals of expiring PRAC payments;

—$48,000,000 for service coordinators and the continuation of congregate services grants;

—$20,000,000 for grants to convert section 202 projects to assisted living facilities;

—$15,000,000 for grants for planning, preliminary design and site control activities; and

—no less than $450,000 for transfer to the Working Capital Fund to support the development of and modifications to information technology systems which support programs and activities for elderly programs.

Language is included, carried in prior years, relating to the initial contract and renewal terms for assistance provided under this heading.

HOUSING FOR THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$238,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	249,092,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	248,700,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−11,092,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−10,700,000

The housing for the persons with disabilities (Section 811) program provides eligible private, non-profit organizations with capital grants to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of supportive housing for disabled persons and provides project-based rental assistance (PRAC) to support operational costs for such units. The Committee recommends a $238,000,000 for Section 811 activities, a decrease of $11,092,000 from the fiscal year 2004 enacted level, and $10,700,000 below the request. The recommendation allocates funding as follows:

—$146,311,000 for capital grants and PRAC;

—$50,000,000 for renewals of expiring tenant-based rental assistance;

—$2,349,000 PRAC renewals;

—$10,000,000 for incremental tenant-based assistance; and

—$28,890,000 is provided for amendments required for tenant-based contracts (vouchers) entered into prior to fiscal year 2004. The Committee has also provided the authority to amend $14,610,000 in tenant-based contracts with fiscal year 2004 appropriated funds.

—$450,000 for transfer to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems for

programs and activities for housing for persons with disabilities programs.

The Committee had provided funding and authority to provide a total of $43,500,000 needed to amend tenant-based contracts entered into prior to fiscal year 2004. The Committee is frustrated that HUD had entered into contracts without a reasonable anticipation of the full cost of the contracts, leading to a substantial liability for the housing for persons with disabilities program in a time when additional funds to correct this problem are simply not available in this overall bill. The Committee is also dismayed that this amendment need came to its attention several months following the submission of both the fiscal year 2005 budget justification and the fiscal year 2004 operating plan. The Committee has made every effort to minimize the impact of this amendment need on the housing for persons with disabilities program, and provides adequate funds to maintain construction contracts at the full level in the budget request, while limiting new incremental vouchers to $10,000,000. The Committee expects that HUD will currently and in the future properly manage its housing for persons with disabilities contracts so that the Department will never again create a substantial funding liability that shifts funds away from current needs to address mistakes of the past.

The Committee directs HUD to issue program guidance for the Section 811 "mainstream" tenant-based program by March 15, 2005. HUD shall include guidance on: (1) targeting of rental assistance consistent with 811 eligibility criteria; (2) maintenance of these vouchers exclusively for persons eligible under Section 811 upon turnover; (3) retention of a meaningful role for non-profit disability organizations. The Committee is aware of concerns that funding for Section 811 tenant-based rental assistance may be diverted to the Section 8 voucher program. Such diversion would be a violation of Section 811 statute.

HOUSING COUNSELING

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] 0
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	$45,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] −45,000,000

[1] In fiscal year 2004, $39,764,000 was appropriated for housing counseling as a set-aside under the HOME Investments Partnership Program account.

Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 authorized HUD to provide housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low and moderate income renters, and the homeless. The Committee does not recommend the creation of a separate account for housing counseling activities, but instead has provided $38,000,000 for this activity as a set-aside within the HOME Investments Partnership Program account.

FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 authorized HUD to establish a revolving fund into which rental collections in excess of the established basic rents for units in section 236 subsidized projects are deposited. Subject to approval in appropriations

acts, the Secretary is authorized under the Housing and Community Development Amendment of 1978 to transfer excess rent collections received after 1978 to the Troubled Projects Operating Subsidy program, renamed the Flexible Subsidy Fund.

The Committee recommends that the account continue to serve as a repository of excess rental charges appropriated from the Rental Housing Assistance Fund. Although these resources will not be used for new reservations, they will continue to offset Flexible Subsidy outlays and other discretionary expenditures to support affordable housing projects.

The recommendation includes language identical to language carried in prior years, to allow surplus funds derived from rental collections which were in excess of allowable rents levels to be returned to project owners only for the purposes of rehabilitating and renovating those properties.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$13,000,000
Offsetting collections	−13,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	12,923,000
Offsetting collections	−12,923,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	13,000,000
Offsetting collections	−13,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+77,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended by the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, authorized the Secretary to establish Federal manufactured home construction and safety standards for the construction, design, and performance of manufactured homes.

All manufactured homes are required to meet the Federal standards, and fees are charged to producers to cover the costs of administering the Act.

The Committee recommends up to $13,000,000 for the manufactured housing standards programs to be derived from fees collected and deposited in the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund established pursuant to the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000. The amount recommended is an increase of $77,000 above the fiscal year 2004 level and equal to the fiscal year 2005 request.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

	Limitation of direct loans	Limitation of guaranteed loans	Administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$50,000,000	$185,000,000,000	$356,882,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	50,000,000	185,000,000,000	356,882,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	50,000,000	185,000,000,000	366,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0	0	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0	−9,118,000

The FHA mutual mortgage insurance program account includes the mutual mortgage insurance (MMI) and cooperative management housing insurance (CMHI) funds. This program account covers unsubsidized programs, primarily the single-family home mort-

gage program, which is the largest of all the FHA programs. The cooperative housing insurance program provides mortgages for cooperative housing projects of more than five units that are occupied by members of a cooperative housing corporation.

The Committee recommends the following limitations on loan commitments in the MMI program account as follows: $185,000,000,000 for loan guarantees and $50,000,000 for direct loans. The recommendation also includes $356,882,000 for administrative expenses, of which $352,906,000 is transferred to the Salaries and expenses account, and $3,976,000 is transferred to the Office of Inspector General. In addition, $78,000,000 is provided for non-overhead administrative contract expenses, of which no less than $15,000,000 is transferred to the Working Capital Fund for development and modifications to information technology systems that serve programs or activities under Housing Programs or the Federal Housing Administration. Language is continued as requested and carried in previous years appropriating additional administrative expenses in certain circumstances.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

	Limitation of direct loans	Limitation of guaranteed loans	Administrative expenses	Program costs
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$50,000,000	$35,000,000,000	$227,649,000	$10,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	50,000,000	25,000,000,000	227,649,000	14,912,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	50,000,000	35,000,000,000	234,000,000	10,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0	+10,000,000,000	0	−4,912,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0	−6,351,000	0

The FHA general and special risk insurance (GI and SRI) program account includes 17 different programs administered by the FHA. The GI fund includes a wide variety of insurance programs for special purpose single and multi-family loans, including loans for property improvements, manufactured housing, multi-family rental housing, condominiums, housing for the elderly, hospitals, group practice facilities and nursing homes. The SRI fund includes insurance programs for mortgages in older, declining urban areas which would not be otherwise eligible for insurance, mortgages with interest reduction payments, mortgages for experimental housing and for high-risk mortgagors who would not normally be eligible for mortgage insurance without housing counseling.

The Committee recommends the following limitations on loan commitments for the general and special risk insurance program account as requested: $35,000,000,000 for loan guarantees and $50,000,000 for direct loans.

As requested, the recommendation includes a $10,000,000 direct appropriation for credit subsidy which is equal to the budget request, and $4,912,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level. The recommendation also includes $227,649,000 for administrative expenses, of which $207,767,000 is transferred to the Salaries and Expenses account and $19,882,000 is transferred to the Office of Inspector General. An additional $86,000,000 is provided for non-overhead administrative expenses, of which no less than $9,600,000 is transferred to the Working Capital Fund for development and

modifications to information technology systems that serve activities under Housing Programs or Federal Housing Administration.

Language is continued, carried in previous years, appropriating additional administrative expenses in certain circumstances.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Limitation of guaranteed loans	Administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$200,000,000,000	$10,695,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	200,000,000,000	10,695,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	200,000,000,000	10,986,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	−291,000

The guarantee of mortgage-backed securities program facilitates the financing of residential mortgage loans insured or guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Rural Housing Services program. The Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) guarantees the timely payment of principal and interest on securities issued by private service institutions such as mortgage companies, commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations which assemble pools of mortgages, and issues securities backed by the pools. In turn, investment proceeds are used to finance additional mortgage loans. Investors include non-traditional sources of credit in the housing market such as pension and retirement funds, life insurance companies and individuals.

The recommendation includes a $200,000,000,000 limitation on loan commitments for mortgage-backed securities as requested, the same level provided in fiscal year 2003. The Committee also recommends $10,695,000 for administrative expenses to be transferred to the Salaries and Expenses account, the same amount provided in fiscal year 2004 and a reduction of $291,000 below the request.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$45,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	46,723,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	46,700,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−1,723,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−1,700,000

The Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 directs the Secretary to undertake programs of research, studies, testing, and demonstrations related to the HUD mission. These functions are carried out internally through contracts with industry, non-profit research organizations, and educational institutions and through agreements with state and local governments and other federal agencies.

The bill includes $45,000,000 for research and technology, a decrease of $1,717,000 below the fiscal year 2004 enacted level and $1,700,000 below the budget request. Within this account,

$7,000,000 is provided for the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) Initiative.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$46,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	47,717,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	47,700,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−1,717,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−1,700,000

The Fair Housing Act, title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing and authorizes assistance to State and local agencies in administering the provision of fair housing statutes. The Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) assists State and local fair housing enforcement agencies that are certified by HUD as "substantially equivalent" to HUD with respect to enforcement policies and procedures. The FHAP assures prompt and effective processing of complaints filed under title VIII that are within the jurisdiction of State and local fair housing agencies. The Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) alleviates housing discrimination by providing support to private nonprofit organizations, State and local government agencies and other nonfederal entities for the purpose of eliminating or preventing discrimination in housing, and to enhance fair housing opportunities.

The Committee recommends a total of $46,000,000 for this account, a decrease of $1,717,000 below the fiscal year 2004 enacted level and $1,700,000 below the budget request.

Of this amount, $26,500,000 is for FHAP and $19,500,000 is for FHIP.

The Committee expects HUD to continue to provide quarterly reports on obligation and expenditure of these funds, delineated by each program and activity.

Language is included, carried in previous years, designating the amount available for FHIP.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$167,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	173,968,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	139,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−6,968,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+28,000,000

The Lead Hazard Reduction Program, authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, provides grants to State and local governments to perform lead hazard reduction activities in housing occupied by low-income families. The program also provides technical assistance, undertakes research and evaluations of testing and cleanup methodologies, and develops technical guidance and regulations in cooperation with EPA.

The Committee recommends $167,000,000 for this account, an increase of $28,000,000 above the budget request. Amounts provided are to be allocated as follows:

—$138,300,000 for the lead-based paint hazard control grant program to provide assistance to State and local governments and Native American tribes for lead-based paint abatement in private low-income housing;

—$8,900,000 for Operation LEAP (Lead Elimination Action Program), which provides competitive grants to non-profit organizations and the private sector for activities which leverage funds for local lead hazard control programs;

—$9,900,000 for technical assistance and support to State and local agencies and private property owners. This is an increase of $100,000 over the budget request;

—$9,900,000 for the Healthy Homes Initiative for competitive grants for research, standards development, and education and outreach activities to address lead-based paint poisoning and other housing-related diseases and hazards;

Language is included, as requested in the budget, delegating the authority and responsibility for performing environmental review for the Healthy Homes Initiative, LEAP, and Lead Technical Studies projects and programs to governmental entities that are familiar with local environmental conditions, trends and priorities. This delegated environmental review authority is currently available in the CDBG, HOPWA, SHOP, SHP, and special projects programs.

The Committee reminds the Department that all funding provided under this heading is to be competitively awarded as required under the HUD Reform Act of 1989 and section 205 under Administrative Provisions under this title.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	By transfer							
	Appropriation	FHA funds	GNMA funds	CPD	Title VI	Indian housing	Hawaiian housing	Total
FY 2005 recommendation	$543,773,000	$560,672,000	$10,695,000	$1,000,000	$150,000	$250,000	$35,000	$1,116,575,000
FY 2004 appropriation	543,773,000	560,672,000	10,695,000	1,000,000	150,000	250,000	35,000	1,116,575,000
FY 2005 budget request	591,579,000	576,000,000	10,986,000	0	150,000	250,000	35,000	1,179,000,000
Comparison with Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comparison with Fiscal year 2005 budget request	−47,806,000	−15,328,000	−291,000	+1,000,000	0	0	0	−62,425,000

A single appropriation has been provided to finance all salaries and related costs associated with administering the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, except the Office of Inspector General and the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. These activities include housing, mortgage credit and secondary market programs community planning and development programs, departmental management, legal services, and field direction and administration.

The Committee recommends total funding of $1,116,575,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Department, a decrease of $62,425,000 below the request and the same level provided in fiscal year 2004.

Language is included in the bill setting forth the amounts and staffing levels provided for the various offices funded under this heading as follows:

Office	FTE	Amount
Office of Housing	3,301	$310,663,000
Office of Public and Indian Housing	1,643	174,910,000
Office of Community Planning and Development	856	88,653,000
Office of Policy Development and Research	180	23,405,000
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity	640	61,234,000
Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control	49	5,171,000
Government National Mortgage Association	73	8,599,000
Departmental Management	207	23,844,000
Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives	8	2,142,000
Office of the Chief Financial Officer	227	37,832,000
Office of the General Counsel	710	78,779,000
Office of Field Policy and Management	500	52,426,000
Office of Administration	792	245,646,000
Total, Management and Administration	9,214	$1,116,575,000

Amounts provided are consistent with a pro-rata distribution of staffing among offices based on revised Department's Resource Allocation and Estimation Process (REAP) studies completed to date. However, the Committee understands REAP refresh studies are ongoing for the Offices of Housing, Public and Indian Housing, and the Chief Financial Officer and therefore the Committee considers these distributions to be preliminary and expects the Department to provide revised distributions upon completion of all REAP refresh studies. Further, the Department is reminded that it may reallocate funds and FTE between the amounts specified above for these offices only in accordance with operating plan and/or reprogramming procedures.

The recommendation reflects the Committee's believe that necessary staffing must be maintained to ensure continued improvements in the Department's oversight and administration of its programs, particularly in the areas of financial management. Within the total amount made available, the Department is directed to provide no less than 75 FTE for the Section 8 Quality Assurance Division created in fiscal year 2004. Therefore, the object classification distribution, which shall also serve as the basis for operating plan and reprogramming changes is as follows:

Personal Services—$908,984,000
Travel and Transportation of Persons—$17,031,000
Transportation of Things—$548,000
Rent, Communications and Utilities—$131,791,000

Printing and Reproduction—$2,740,000
Other Services—$48,058,000
Supplies and Materials—$4,687,000
Furniture and Equipment—$2,511,000
Indemnities—$255,000

Operating Plans/Reprogramming Requirements.—The Committee appreciates the need for management flexibility to allocate management and administrative resources or reorganize offices and programs to address changing requirements at the departments and agencies funded in the bill, including HUD. To provide such flexibility, while ensuring appropriate consultation and oversight, all Departments within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction are required to submit operating plans and reprogramming letters and reorganization proposals for Committee approval. On a number of occasions, the Committee has expressed its concerns that HUD has not adhered to these requirements and instead has reallocated resources among programs, projects and activities, reorganized offices and created new offices without prior notification and approval by the Committee. The Committee directs HUD to follow the Committee's requirements regarding operating plans, reprogrammings and reorganizations so that the Committee is kept informed of, and therefore is better able to respond to, changing requirements at the Department. HUD is reminded that operating plans or reprogramming requirements apply to any reallocation of resources totaling more than $500,000 among any program, project or activity as well as to any significant reorganization within offices or the proposed creation or elimination of any program or office, regardless of the dollar amount involved; and any reorganization, regardless of the dollar amount involved. Object classification changes above $500,000 also are subject to operating plan or reprogramming requirements. Unless otherwise specified in this Act or the accompanying report, the approved level for any program, project, or activity is that amount detailed for that program, project, or activity in the Department's annual detailed budget justification document. These requirements apply to all funds provided to the Department. The Department is expected to make any necessary changes during fiscal year 2004 to its current procedures and systems to ensure that it is able to meet the necessary operating plan and reprogramming requirements applied to other agencies funded in the bill.

Budget Submission.—The Committee commends the Department for working with the Committee over the last two years to improve the quality of the annual Budget Justification submission. The fiscal year 2005 submission was significantly improved from previous years submissions. The submission was formatted in the traditional appropriations account structure and included the necessary detail for most programs required by the Committee to assess funding requests and program requirements. The Committee appreciates the Department's cooperation and efforts to ensure that the submission is a useful document. The Committee requests that the Department continue to work to make refinements in certain areas as part of the fiscal year 2006 budget submission. The Committee expects the Department's fiscal year 2006 submission to be submitted in the identical format and continues its direction that strategic planning document, formats or materials are not to be incorporated into the submission. Language has been continued under Adminis-

trative Provisions, carried in fiscal year 2004, setting forth such requirements.

Language is included in the bill, similar to language carried in prior Acts, which designates amounts provided from various accounts for salaries and expenses and which requires the Department to implement appropriate funds control and financial management procedures. Language carried in previous years regarding limitations on certain positions at the Department is deleted as proposed in the budget.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$100,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	233,614,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	234,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−133,614,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−134,000,000

The Working Capital Fund was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3535 to provide necessary capital for the development of, modifications to, and infrastructure for Department-wide information technology systems, and for the continuing operation of both Department-wide and program-specific information technology systems.

The Committee recommends $100,000,000 direction appropriation for the Working Capital Fund to support Department-wide information technology system activities, a reduction of $133,614,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level and $134,000,000 below the request. The recommendation does not include language proposed in the budget to give the Department the authority to divert funding provided to address information technology needs in various HUD programs to instead augment funding for Department-wide infrastructure.

The Committee is frustrated that the Department has, to date, been unable to successfully award a new contract to provide for its Department-wide information technology infrastructure and maintenance support. As a result, during fiscal year 2004, the Department has significantly overspent for outdated technology to the detriment of critical financial and management systems. The Committee can no longer accept the extraordinary costs associated with continued delays which have prohibited the Department from modernizing its information technology infrastructure. The Committee does not intend to provide continued funding to support the status quo. The Committee expects the Department to develop and be prepared to implement alternative approaches to meeting its information technology needs should the Department be unable to successfully and expeditiously put in place a modernized information technology infrastructure. Therefore, the Committee has reduced funding for this account, and will re-evaluate the Department's funding needs based upon the Department's success in completing its efforts to implement a modernized information technology infrastructure.

In addition to the direct appropriation for Department-wide systems, funds are transferred from various accounts to be used exclusively for program-specific information technology requirements. The Committee recommends transfers totaling $52,654,000 as follows:

FHA, Mutual mortgage insurance fund—$15,000,000
FHA, General and special risk insurance fund—$9,600,000
Community development fund—$4,700,000
HOME investment partnerships program—$2,000,000
Homeless assistance—$2,500,000
Public housing capital fund—$10,150,000
Native American Indian block grants—$2,600,000
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance—$2,940,000
Project-Based Rental Assistance—$1,960,000
Housing for the elderly—$450,000
Housing for the disabled—$450,000
Office of Inspector General—$300,000

The Committee remains committed to improving HUD's information technology capacity. To a large extent, both HUD's and Congress' ability to oversee the effectiveness of HUD's programs is undermined due to the failure of HUD's information systems to provide the information necessary to assess program performance and ensure effective resource management. The Committee continues to have concerns regarding the Department's progress in implementing several of its major information technology projects. The Department is directed to continue to work with the Committee to further develop and define and update its five-year IT requirements based upon the format previously requested by the Committee. The Department is directed to provide an updated five-year IT plan consistent with such format no later than November 15, 2004. In addition, the Department is directed to submit to the Committee no later than September 15, 2004 a report on updating the status of, funds spent to date, and estimated fiscal year 2005 funding requirements for the following major projects: PIH Information Center (PIC), FHA Subsidiary Ledger, HUD Integrated Financial Management Improvement Project (HIFMIP), HUD Integrated HR and Training System (HIHRTS), and the Single Family Integration System. Such report shall include a comparison to the information submitted to the Committee on November 15, 2003.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

	Appropriation	FHA funds	Total
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$77,000,000	$23,858,000	$100,858,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	76,546,000	23,858,000	100,404,000
Fiscal year 2005 request	77,000,000	24,000,000	101,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+454,000	0	+454,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	−142,000	−142,000

The Office of Inspector General provides agency-wide audit and investigative functions to identify and correct management and administrative deficiencies that create conditions for existing or potential instances of fraud, waste and mismanagement. The audit function provides internal audit, contract audit, and inspection services. Contract audits provide professional advice to agency contracting officials on accounting and financial matters relative to negotiation, award, administration, re-pricing and settlement of contracts. Internal audits evaluate all facets of agency operations. Inspection services provide detailed technical evaluations of agency operations. The investigative function provides for the detection

and investigation of improper and illegal activities involving programs, personnel and operations.

The Committee recommends $100,858,000 for the Office of Inspector General, an increase of $454,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2004 and $142,000 below the budget request. Of this amount, $23,858,000 is derived from transfers from FHA funds.

Language is included in the bill, similar to language carried in prior Acts, which: (1) designates amounts available to the Inspector General from other accounts; and (2) clarifies the authority of the Inspector General with respect to certain personnel issues.

The Committee directs the IG to increase its audits and investigative efforts related to Public Housing Agencies' administration of the Section 8 voucher program. The Committee requests that the IG provide a workplan for these activities no later than January 1, 2005.

OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$59,209,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	39,680,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	59,209,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+19,529,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) was established in 1992 to regulate the financial safety and soundness of the two housing government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs)—the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). The office was authorized in the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, which also provided the regulator enhanced authority to enforce these standards. In addition to financial regulation, the OFHEO monitors the GSEs compliance with affordable housing goals that were contained in the Act.

The Committee recommends a total of $59,209,000 for OFHEO, an increase of $19,529,000 over the enacted level and equal to the budget request, to be derived from fees assessed to the GSEs and deposited into the Federal Housing Enterprises Oversight Fund. The funding increase supports an additional 59 FTE for OFHEO, for a total of 237 FTE. In addition, the funding increase will provide $3,300,000 for contract services for special examinations, $2,500,000 to complete the automated examination workstation, and $1,400,000 for analytical software to improve oversight of interest rate risk. These enhancements will strengthen annual examinations, accounting treatment examinations, and capital management analyses, adding the necessary supervision to ensure that OFHEO performs as an early warning system for control and management problems and providing the necessary capabilities to address emerging financial issues.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

(RESCISSION)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	−$1,557,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−2,844,000,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	−1,557,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+1,287,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Committee recommends a rescission of $1,557,000,000 from unobligated balances and carryover remaining in the Housing Certificate Fund from the Section 8 tenant-based and project-based rental assistance programs as proposed in the budget. The Committee directs that a portion of this rescission be met by reducing public housing authorities tenant-based Section 8 program reserves to one-week as assumed in the budget.

Language is included under this account clarifying that excess balances in the Housing Certificate Fund shall not be used to augment fiscal year 2005 funding for the tenant-based rental assistance. The Committee believes such practice is inappropriate since it results in total program spending in excess of the levels appropriated in the bill leading to future funding problems that create instability and uncertainty for the individuals who rely on the program and jeopardize funding for other important housing programs.

DRUG ELIMINATION GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING

(RESCISSION)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	−$5,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	−5,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−5,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The recommendation rescinds $5,000,000 from excess balances remaining from funds appropriated in fiscal year 2001 and prior years for the Public Housing Drug Elimination program as proposed in the budget. The program was terminated in fiscal year 2002.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

(RESCISSION)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	−$21,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	−21,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−21,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Committee recommends a rescission of $21,000,000 from unused credit subsidy appropriated in prior years for the title VI Indian Housing Federal Loan Guarantee program as proposed in the budget.

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(RESCISSION)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	−$33,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	−33,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−33,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Committee recommends a rescission of $33,000,000 from unused credit subsidy appropriated in prior years for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee fund as proposed in the budget.

OTHER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

(RESCISSION)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	−$675,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−303,000,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	−675,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−372,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Committee recommends a rescission of $675,000,000 from amounts appropriated in the fiscal year 1983 Supplemental Appropriations Act for amendment funding for both State-aided, non-insured Rental Supplement and Rental Housing Assistance Payment contracts as proposed in the budget.

The Committee recommends this rescission with reservation because these funds will need to be restored in future years to fund these contracts. While the Committee has adopted this rescission proposed in the budget in order to avoid significant cuts in departmental programs, the Committee believes it imprudent for the Department to propose additional rescissions from funding known to be required to fulfill existing long-term contracts in the future.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(RESCISSION)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	−$30,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	−30,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−30,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Committee recommends a rescission of $30,000,000 from unused credit subsidy appropriated in prior years for the general and special risk insurance funds as proposed in the budget.

The bill contains a number of administrative provisions.

Section 201 relates to the division of financing adjustment factors, as requested.

Section 202 prohibits available funds from being used to investigate or prosecute lawful activities under the Fair Housing Act, which was proposed for deletion.

Section 203 continues language to correct an anomaly in the HOPWA formula that results in the loss of funds for certain States.

Section 204 authorizes the Secretary to waive certain requirements related to an assisted living pilot project, as requested.

Section 205 continues language requiring funds appropriated to be distributed on a competitive basis in accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989.

Section 206 continues language, carried in previous years, regarding the availability of funds subject to the Government Corporation Control Act and the Housing Act of 1950.

Section 207 continues language, carried in previous years, regarding allocation of funds in excess of the budget estimates.

Section 208 continues language, carried in previous years, regarding the expenditure of funds for corporations and agencies subject to the Government Corporation Control Act.

Section 209 continues language, carried in previous years, requiring submission of a spending plan for technical assistance, training and management improvement activities prior to the expenditure of funds.

Section 210 continues language requiring the Secretary to provide quarterly reports on uncommitted, unobligated and excess funds in each departmental program and activity.

Section 211 continues language requiring the Secretary to maintain section 8 assistance on certain properties occupied by elderly or disabled families.

Section 212 extends a technical amendment included in the fiscal year 2000 Appropriations Act relating to the allocation of HOPWA funds in the Philadelphia and Raleigh-Cary metropolitan areas. A proviso is added to allow a state to administer the HOPWA program in the event that a local government is unable to undertake the HOPWA grants management functions.

Section 213 continues language allowing the Secretary to maintain and dispose of certain elderly and disabled projects upon foreclosure.

Section 214 continues language setting certain requirements for the Department's annual congressional justification of appropriations.

Section 215 continues language carried in previous years elsewhere in this title requiring public housing authorities to continue to reserve incremental vouchers funded in previous years for persons with disabilities upon turnover.

Section 216 clarifies an equitable title issue for the section 202 program.

Section 217 relates to state authority regarding participation on housing boards.

The Committee does not recommend ten new administrative provisions requested in the budget to amend various housing authorization statutes. The Committee strongly recommends that the relevant authorization Committees address these authorization proposals, particularly in light of the reforms needed to address cost and management concerns associated with programs funded by the Department.

TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$41,100,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	41,056,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	41,100,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+44,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Commission is responsible for the administration, operation and maintenance of cemetery and war memorials to commemorate the achievements and sacrifices of the American Armed Forces where they have served since April 6, 1917. In performing these functions, the American Battle Monuments Commission maintains twenty-four permanent American military cemetery memorials and thirty-one monuments, memorials, markers and offices in fifteen foreign countries, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the British dependency of Gibraltar. In addition, six memorials are located in the United States: the East Coast Memorial in New York; the West Coast Memorial, The Presidio, in San Francisco; the Honolulu Memorial in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii; and the American Expeditionary Forces Memorial and the World War II and Korean War Veterans Memorials in Washington, DC.

The Committee recommends $41,100,000 for fiscal year 2005 for the Commission's salaries and expenses account as proposed in the budget.

The recommendation includes $9,100,000 for continued construction costs of the Normandy Interpretive Center at the Normandy American Cemetery in France, the full amount requested. The Cemetery averages nearly two million visitors per year, and the existing facilities are over 40 years old and inadequate to serve this large number of visitors. The new and expanded center will provide a fuller array of interpretive services to put the D-Day landings and the following battles in Europe in perspective as one of the greatest military achievements of all time. The Committee understands that exchange rate fluctuations may impact construction costs and expects the Commission's fiscal year 2006 budget submission to accommodate such changes.

The responsibility for operation and maintenance of the World War II Memorial passed to the National Park Service when the memorial was dedicated. The Commission, however, retains a fiduciary role in overseeing the remainder of funding donated by the public for construction of the memorial. The Commission is directed to report annually to the Committee on the financial position of the fund including any expenditures during the prior year.

Language is included allowing up to $7,500 to be used for official reception and representation expenses.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$9,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+9,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+9,000,000

The Commission's foreign currency fluctuations account is authorized pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2109 to pay the costs of salaries and expenses that exceed the amount appropriated for salaries and expenses because of fluctuations in currency exchange rates of foreign countries occurring after a budget request for the Commission is submitted to the Congress. The account may not be used for any other purpose.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $9,000,000 to re-capitalize the Commission's Foreign Currency Fluctuations account. Due to declining exchange rates during fiscal year 2004, all available resources in the account have been depleted and necessary Commission activities have been deferred. Current estimates of exchange rates during fiscal year 2005 indicate that the Commission's budget submission will be insufficient to support Commission activities. Re-capitalization of the account ensures that funds are available to offset dollar losses during fiscal year 2005.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$9,451,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	8,201,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	9,451,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+1,250,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	+0

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board was authorized by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to investigate accidental releases of certain chemical substances resulting in, or that may cause, serious injury, death, substantial property damage or serious adverse effects on human health. The Board became operational in fiscal year 1998.

For salaries and expenses in fiscal year 2005, the Committee is recommending $9,451,000, an increase of $1,250,000 from the level for fiscal year 2004 and an equal to the request.

Again this year, bill language has been included which limits the number of career senior executive service positions to three.

The Committee directs that of the amounts approved in this appropriation, the Board must limit transfers of funds between object classifications or program activities to not more than $100,000 without prior notification of the Committees on Appropriations. Changes from the budget request in excess of $250,000 shall be subject to the normal Committee reprogramming guidelines as outlined at the beginning of this report. No changes may be made to any expense as reflected in the budget justification, except as approved by the Committees on Appropriations, if it is construed by the Committee to be policy or change in policy.

The Committee notes that, pursuant to Congressional direction, the Board has been seeking discussions with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to ensure efficient coordination of fieldwork and appropriate exchange of technical expertise. The Committee lauds the Board's attempt to work with DHS, and urges DHS to work with the Board to complete the MOU expeditiously.

EMERGENCY FUND

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$400,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	447,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	400,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−47,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	+0

The emergency fund provides a funding mechanism by which periodic accident investigation cost fluctuations can be met without delaying critical phases of the investigations. Amounts provided to the Emergency fund are available until expended and may be added to in future appropriations acts.

The purpose of the fund is to address investigation costs that greatly exceed the amounts already budgeted and provided for in the current fiscal year and is not to be used to offset the agencies normal operating expenses. The Board is directed to notify the Committee in writing of any withdrawals from the emergency fund within 2 business days of such withdrawal. Such notification shall include the amount being withdrawn from the fund, the purpose and need for the withdrawal, and any relevant budget implications.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$60,640,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	60,640,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	48,403,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	+12,237,000

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund provides grants, loans and technical assistance to new and existing community development financial institutions such as community development banks, community development credit unions, revolving loan funds and micro-loan funds. Recipients must use the funds to support mortgage, small business and economic development lending in currently underserved, distressed neighborhoods. The Fund is also responsible for implementation of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $60,640,000 for the program in fiscal year 2005, an increase of $12,237,000 when compared to the budget request. The Committee recommendation includes bill language designating $4,000,000 for financial and technical assistance for Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native communities.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$62,650,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	59,646,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	62,650,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+3,004,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	0

The Consumer Product Safety Act established the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), an independent Federal regulatory agency, to reduce unreasonable risk of injury associated with consumer products. Its primary responsibilities and overall goals are: to protect the public against unreasonable risk of injury associated with consumer products; to develop uniform safety standards for consumer products, minimizing conflicting State and local regulations; and to promote research into prevention of product-related deaths, illnesses, and injuries.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $62,650,000 for fiscal year 2005 the same level as requested and an increase of $3,004,000 over the fiscal year 2004 appropriation.

The Committee urges the CPSC to expand its relationship with the Home Safety Council and its Great Safety Adventure Program.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$572,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	581,027,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	642,232,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−9,027,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−70,232,000

The Corporation for National and Community Service was established by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 to enhance opportunities for national and community service and provide national service educational awards. The Corporation makes grants to States, institutions of higher education, public and private nonprofit organizations, and others to create service opportunities for a wide variety of individuals through full-time national and community service programs. Funds for the Volunteers in Service to America and the National Senior Service Corps are provided in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill.

The Committee recommends the same three-account structure that was included in the fiscal year 2004 enacted bill, which included a separate salaries and expenses account. The budget request integrated salaries and expenses into the general funding account.

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$541,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	549,961,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request[1]	607,338,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−8,961,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−66,338,000

[1] This amount represents the budget request for operational expenses excluding salaries and expenses. While the budget request integrated $28,894,000 of salaries and expenses into the larger Corporation appropriation, the Committee continues to provide a separate account for this purpose.

The Committee recommends $290,000,000 for AmeriCorps competitive and formula state grants and $144,000,000 for the trust, including $13,000,000 to be held in reserve, and $3,900,000 for the President's Freedom Scholarships. The Committee expects that this level for AmeriCorps grants and the trust will support a minimum of 70,000 volunteers, a reduction of 5,000 volunteers from the 75,000 volunteers supported by the fiscal year 2004 enacted budget. The reduction in volunteers supported by this bill is taken with-

out prejudice, and is a consequence of broader funding constraints in this bill overall.

The Committee's recommendation includes the following program levels:

	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	FY 2005 recommendation
Learn and Serve	$42,746,000	$46,000,000	$40,000,000
National Civilian Community Corps	24,852,000	27,027,000	25,500,000
Innovation and Demonstration	11,159,000	30,010,000	12,000,000
Evaluation	2,982,000	6,000,000	3,000,000
State Commissions	11,929,000	14,568,000	12,000,000
Points of Light Foundation	9,941,000	10,000,000	9,700,000
America's Promise	4,971,000	7,500,000	4,800,000
Teach for America	0	4,000,000	0
Silver Scholarships	0	10,000,000	0

The Committee's recommendation for Learn and Serve grants does not include the requested increase of $3,000,000 for a higher education initiative. The decrease below the fiscal year 2004 enacted budget should be applied on a pro rata basis to ongoing grants, which will be in their third and final year in fiscal year 2005.

The Committee's recommendation of $25,500,000 for the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) does not provide the full $2,000,000 increase for capital improvement costs at NCCC facilities requested in the budget. The Committee directs the Corporation to address the most crucial capital improvement needs for fiscal year 2005 with the $500,000 increase provided by the Committee, and any necessary additional amounts within remaining available funds. Less critical capital improvements should be deferred to subsequent years.

The Committee does not recommend an earmark for Teach for America (TFA) requested in the budget. The Committee notes that Teach for America operates an outstanding program that has successfully competed for AmeriCorps grants and has placed thousands of teachers in underserved areas. TFA is encouraged to continue to compete for AmeriCorps grants in fiscal year 2005.

The Committee does not recommend funding for the new Silver Scholarships initiative, which is not authorized.

The Committee is pleased with the progress made to date by the Corporation on the rulemaking directed in the fiscal year 2004 appropriations Act. As the Corporation moves into the notice and comment period, the Committee expects to continue to be kept informed of its progress. Further, consistent with the direction of the fiscal year 2004 Act, the Committee expects the rulemaking to establish policy guidelines for the long-term.

The Committee directs the Corporation to submit an operating plan within 90 days of enactment of this bill and abide by the reprogramming requirements outlined at the beginning of this report.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$25,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	24,853,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request[1]	28,894,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+147,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−3,894,000

[1] While the budget request did not include a separate salaries and expenses account, this is the comparable level in the budget request for these activities.

For salaries and expenses, the Committee recommends an appropriation of $25,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, $147,000 more than the fiscal year 2004 level and $3,894,000 below the budget request. The Committee does not recommend increases for publications, marketing, and outreach, as requested in the budget.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$6,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	6,213,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	6,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−213,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Office of Inspector General is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. This Office provides an independent assessment of all Corporation operations and programs, including those of the Volunteers in Service to America and the National Senior Service Corps, through audits, investigations, and other proactive projects.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $6,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, $213,000 less than the fiscal year 2004 level and equal to the budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee has included two administrative provisions carried in the fiscal year 2004 appropriations Act regarding qualified student loans eligible for education awards and the availability of funds for the placement of volunteers with disabilities.

The Committee has repeated an administrative provision carried in the fiscal year 2004 Act regarding Inspector General audits to ensure proper use of AmeriCorps grant funding.

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$16,725,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	15,844,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	17,623,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+881,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−898,000

The Veterans' Judicial Review Act established the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The Court reviews appeals from Department of Veterans Affairs claimants seeking review of a benefit denial. The Court has the authority to overturn findings of fact, regulations and interpretations of law.

The bill includes $16,725,000 for the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in fiscal year 2005, an increase of $881,000 above the current year appropriation and $898,000 below the budget request.

The bill also identifies $1,100,000 to be used for the pro bono representation program, the same as proposed in the budget request.

The Committee has not included the budget request of approximately $900,000 for the GSA to conduct feasibility studies preparatory to design and construction of the Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center. The Committee notes that there has been no independent assessment of the need for such a facility and contrary to the recommendations of the Committee included in its report from last year, the Court has not provided information concerning its efforts to resolve issues with its current facility. Nor has the Court addressed the Committee recommendation that alternative Federal office space may well meet its needs. The Committee directs the Court to seek an independent assessment of its basic needs, which may then lead to inclusion of a new facility as part of the General Services Administration 5-year plan. Until such an assessment is completed and presented to the Congress, the Committee will continue to oppose funding for the Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$29,600,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	28,829,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	29,600,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+771,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Secretary of the Army is responsible for the administration, operation and maintenance of Arlington National Cemetery and the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery. At the close of fiscal year 2003, the remains of 302,054 persons were interred/inurned in these cemeteries. There were 3,903 interments and 2,342 inurnments in fiscal year 2003. It is projected that there will be 3,925 interments and 2,775 inurnments in fiscal year 2004. In addition to its principal function as a national cemetery, Arlington is the site of approximately 3,100 non-funeral ceremonies each year and has approximately 4,000,000 visitors annually.

The Committee recommends $29,600,000 for operations and maintenance of the Cemetery, an increase of $771,000 from the fiscal year 2004 funding level and equal to the budget request.

The Committee believes it is extremely important that the Cemetery be able to expand into continguous space to maintain the Cemetery as a unified site to honor the nation's veterans. The Committee requests the Cemetery to keep the Committee fully informed of any proposals to divert land currently slated for the Cemetery's use for other purposes, including Navy Annex and Fort Myer land, and report on the impact of such proposals on the Cemetery's long-term requirements.

The recommendation includes $1,500,000 in fiscal year 2005 for the Cemetery's automation project, bringing the total provided for this project over the last two years to $4,200,000. The Committee remains supportive of this effort but notes that detailed information on the overall project plan, cost and schedule has yet to be provided. The Committee expects the Cemetery to continue working

with the Office of Management and Budget, the Veterans Administration and other governmental agencies to capitalize on the most efficient and cost effective solutions to meet its technology needs as it finalizes its plans. The Cemetery is directed to provide a report to the Committee not later than November 15, 2004, on its plan for the project, including but not limited to, current status of the project, estimated total project cost, timeline for completion, and recurring out-year funding requirements.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$80,486,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	78,309,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	80,486,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+2,177,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), an agency within the National Institutes of Health, was authorized in section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to conduct certain research and worker training activities associated with the nation's Hazardous Substance Superfund program.

For fiscal year 2005 the Committee has recommended a funding level of $80,486,000, an increase of $2,177,000 above the enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Committee directs that funds be divided between the research and the worker training programs in the same proportions as in the budget request.

AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY

TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$76,654,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	73,034,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	76,654,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+3,620,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), an agency of the Public Health Service, was created in section 104(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. The ATSDR's primary mission is to conduct surveys and screening programs to determine relationships between exposure to toxic substances and illness. Other activities include the maintenance and annual update of a list of hazardous substances most commonly found at Superfund sites, the preparation of toxicological profiles on each such hazardous substance, consultations on health issues relating to exposure to hazardous or toxic substances, and the development and implementation of certain research activities related to ATSDR's mission.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee has recommended a funding level of $76,654,000, which is $3,620,000 above the fiscal year 2004 funding level and the same as the budget request.

The Committee is aware of the high quality of work being conducted by the nation's schools of public health in the area of environmental hazards research and effective response protocols for accidental or intentional releases of toxic substances. Within the in-

crease provided, the Committee encourages the Agency to expand its collaborations with schools of public health in these areas.

The Committee encourages ATSDR to provide adequate funding in fiscal year 2005 for its cooperative agreement with the minority health professions community.

The Committee urges ATSDR, within available funds, to conduct a study of the health effects of naturally occurring asbestos and report its findings to the Committee by September 30, 2005.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$7,753,069,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	8,365,817,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	7,789,245,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−612,748,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−36,176,000

The Environmental Protection Agency was created by Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1970, which consolidated nine programs from five different agencies and departments. Major EPA programs include air and water quality, drinking water, hazardous waste, research, pesticides, radiation, toxic substances, enforcement and compliance assurance, pollution prevention, oil spills, Superfund, Brownfields, and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program. In addition, EPA provides Federal assistance for wastewater treatment, sewer overflow control, drinking water facilities, and other water infrastructure projects. The agency is responsible for conducting research and development, establishing environmental standards through the use of risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis, monitoring pollution conditions, seeking compliance through a variety of means, managing audits and investigations, and providing technical assistance and grant support to states and tribes, which are delegated authority for actual program implementation. Under existing statutory authority, the Agency may contribute to specific homeland security efforts and, additionally, may participate in some international environmental activities.

Among the statutes for which the Environmental Protection Agency has sole or significant oversight responsibilities are:

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended.

Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended.

Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended.

Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended.

Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

Public Health Service Act (Title XIV), as amended.

Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.

Clean Air Act, as amended.

Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended.

Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002.

Bioterrorism Act of 2002.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended.

Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002 (amending CERCLA).

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

Pollution Prevention Act of 1990.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended.

Pollution Prosecution Act of 1990.

Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee has recommended a total program and support level of $7,753,069,000, a decrease of $612,748,000 below last year's appropriated level and a decrease of $36,176,000 below the budget request.

Of the amounts approved in the following appropriations accounts, the Agency must limit transfers of funds between objectives to not more than $500,000, except as specifically noted, without prior approval of the Committee. No changes may be made to any account or objective except as approved by the Committee, if it is construed to be policy or a change in policy. Any activity or program cited in the report, including specific funding amounts, shall be construed as the position of the Committee and should not be subject to reductions or reprogramming without prior approval of the Committee, unless adjusted by the subsequent Conference Report. It is the intent of the Committee that all carryover funds in the various appropriations accounts are subject to the normal reprogramming requirements outlined above. The Agency is expected to comply with all normal rules and regulations in carrying out these directives. Reprogramming requests associated with States and Tribes applying for Partnership Grants do not need to be submitted to the Committee for approval should such grants exceed the normal reprogramming limitations. Finally, the Committee wishes to continue to be notified regarding reorganizations of offices, programs, or activities prior to the planned implementation of such reorganizations.

The bill includes sufficient funding to support a level of federal enforcement personnel throughout the Agency's programs equal to the fiscal year 2004 level of 3,471 FTE's.

The Committee notes that the General Accounting Office staff review of EPA's fiscal year 2005 budget request was received by the Committee on July 16, 2004, more than five months after the President's Budget was transmitted to the Congress and less than one week prior to scheduled action by the Committee on this request. The Committee has noted previously in discussions with GAO staff that such analysis in order to be useful to the Congress must be more timely. The Committee requests that the Comptroller General inform his staff that any future reviews of the EPA budget be submitted to the House and Senate Committee's on Appropriations not later than 45 days after the budget is released to the public.

The Committee wishes to recognize the leadership EPA has assumed by integrating GPRA into their budget process over the last five years. The Committee also supports the continuation of the Agency's recent efforts to reformat their budget justification with the goal of having a more concise and transparent document for fiscal year 2006.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] $729,029,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	781,685,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	689,185,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−52,656,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 budget request	+39,844,000

[1] Total does not include transfer of $36,097,000 from the Hazardous Substance Superfund account.

The Science and Technology account funds all Environmental Protection Agency research (including, by transfer of funds, Hazardous Substances Superfund research activities) carried out through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, states, universities, and private business, as well as in-house research. This account also funds personnel compensation and benefits, travel, supplies and operating expenses for all Agency research. Research addresses a wide range of environmental and health concerns across all environmental media and encompasses both long-term basic and near-term applied research to provide the scientific knowledge and technologies necessary for preventing, regulating, and abating pollution, and to anticipate emerging environmental issues.

The Committee has recommended an appropriation of $729,029,000 for Science and Technology for fiscal year 2005, a decrease of $52,656,000 below last year's spending level, and an increase of $39,844,000 above the budget request.

The Committee's recommendation includes the following changes to the funding levels included in the budget submission:

	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	FY 2005 recommendation
Federal Vehicle and Fuels Standards and Certification	$57,875,400	$64,466,500	$58,000,000
Research: Particulate Matter	58,644,000	63,690,800	59,000,000
Clean Air Allowance Trading Programs	4,633,600	9,352,900	4,750,000
Research: Drinking Water	44,127,700	46,118,100	44,500,000
Research: Water Quality	45,073,600	46,809,800	$45,000,000

The Committee's recommended appropriation also includes the following increases to the budget request:

1. +$16,232,000 for the STAR and STAR Fellowship programs, which fully restores these activities to the fiscal year 2004 level.
2. +$2,450,000 for EPSCoR;
3. +$3,900,000 for Water Environmental Research Foundation;
4. +$4,900,000 for the American Water Works Association Research Foundation;
5. +$1,950,000 for the National Decentralized Water Resource Capacity Development Project, in coordination with EPA, for continued training and research and development of the program;
6. +$1,000,000 to the Florida Department of Citrus to provide for the manufacture of an adequate amount of abscission chemical compound for testing and to provide for any comprehensive environmental and toxicological studies and other relevant research required by the federal government in order to register this product for use as an abscission chemical agent for citrus;

7. +$4,000,000 for continuation of building decontamination research.

8. +$1,500,000 for the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center in Houston, Texas;

9. +$1,500,000 for the clean automotive technology program for advanced diesel, hybrid, and high efficiency, low emission vehicle development.

10. $200,000 to the Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas for the Delta Center for water quality;

11. $150,000 to the University of Arkansas for environmental resource management to develop watershed technologies and management tools;

12. $350,000 to the University of California Riverside for the Center for Environmental Research and Technology in Riverside, California;

13. $200,000 to Florida International University for research activities in the greater Everglades in Miami, Florida;

14. $250,000 for the Florida Gulf Coast University for the Novel Early Detection and Detoxification Technologies for Toxic Red Tide in Fort Myers, Florida;

15. $200,000 for the City of New College, Florida for ecotoxicology training;

16. $750,000 for the University of South Florida Study, Protection and Amelioration of Coastal Environments;

17. $200,000 for the management of waste from navigating vessels in U.S. tidal waters;

18. $1,000,000 for the Karmanos Cancer Institute to create a National Center for Vermiculite-Related Cancers in the Detroit metropolitan area;

19. $250,000 for the Iowa Foundation for Education Administration for the Bus Emissions Education Program;

20. $100,000 to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for the Clean Air Counts Campaign in Chicago land Metropolitan Area, Illinois;

21. $400,000 to the Lawerence Technology University for sustainable alternative energy technologies Green Building in Southfield, Michigan;

22. $750,000 to the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences for Life Cycle Analysis in Ann Arbor, Michigan;

23. $1,250,000 to the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences for the sustainable produce initiative in Ann Arbor, Michigan;

24. $200,000 to Green Hills Regional Planning in Princeton, Missouri for the Biomass Processing System;

25. $150,000 for the University of Nebraska for the Nebraska Water Resources Model in Lincoln, Nebraska;

26. $250,000 to Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey for a new Sustainability Education Center;

27. $150,000 to the State University of New York at Brockport for the Center of Excellence for Great Lakes Research;

28. $450,000 to the State University of New York Environmental School of Forestry for research and demonstration of contaminant mitigation strategies for rural/suburban run-off

affecting water quality along the rural-urban interface in Central New York watersheds;

29. $500,000 to the Center for Environmental Information in Rochester, New York for continued research, planning and environmental remediation for the Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative;

30. $7,000,000 for the Environmental Systems Center of Excellence at Syracuse University for research and technology transfer in the fields of indoor environmental quality and urban ecosystems sustainability;

31. $750,000 to the Syracuse Research Corporation in Syracuse, New York for a Microbial Risk Assessment Center;

32. $1,500,000 to Onondaga County's Metropolitan Water Board for a demonstration project to determine the feasibility of bringing naturally chilled water from Lake Ontario to Onondaga and Oswego County;

33. $300,000 to the State University of New York Environmental School of Forestry for training, education and research related to the, Summer Eco-Science Camp Initiative;

34. $500,000 to Alfred University, New York for the Center for Environmental and Energy Research;

35. $575,000 to Orbital Research Inc., Fuel Efficient Diesel Sensor for Advanced Vehicle Emission Reduction (FED-SAVER), for research that may reduce fuel consumption and will help diesel engines meet EPA standards, Ohio;

36. $600,000 to the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority/Ohio Coal Development Office for research and development of the Jupiter Oxy-Fuel Technology, Ohio;

37. $650,000 to the University of Toledo for the Lake Erie Center in Toledo, Ohio;

38. $250,000 to the University of Tulsa, University of Oklahoma, University of Arkansas, and Oklahoma State University for the Integrated Petroleum Environmental Consortium;

39. $100,000 for the Oregon Department of Human Services for the View Master Water Contamination Study in Washington County, Oregon;

40. $225,000 for California University of Pennsylvania for the Monongahela Valley River Research Project in California, Pennsylvania;

41. $200,000 to the Middle Tennessee State University for research in Development and Transmission of Emerging Diseases;

42. $500,000 for the University of Houston, Texas for the GulfStar Grid Program in Houston, Texas;

43. $1,700,000 for the Canaan Valley Institute to continue to develop a regional sustainability support center and coordinated information system in the Mid Atlantic Highlands;

44. $1,000,000 for the Canaan Valley Institute in close coordination with the ORD Restoration Plus program to demonstrate, validate and report on critical ecological hubs and corridors within the Mid-Atlantic Highlands and approaches to Highlands ecological prioritization, restoration and conservation Research and educational tools are to be developed using integrative technologies to predict future environmental risks

and support informed, proactive decision-making to be undertaken in conjunction with the Highlands Action Program;

45. $900,000 to the Polymer Alliance Zone's MARCEE Initiative with oversight provided by the Office of Solid Waste.

The Committee has recommended a general reduction of $3,938,000 in this account.

In addition to the funds provided through appropriations directly to this account, the Committee has recommended that $36,097,000 be transferred to "Science and Technology" from the "Hazardous Substance Superfund" account for ongoing research activities consistent with the intent of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.

The Committee is fully supportive of the collaborative partnership of the EPA and the National Institutes of Health in their system of Centers for Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research.

The Committee recognizes the EPA's commitment to developing a Computational Toxicology program to reduce the cost and use of animal testing, and has funded this activity at the requested level. This program was fully funded and the Committee encourages EPA to consider validation of existing non-animal and alternative chemical screening and prioritization methods that might not typically be considered "computational toxicology" methods. The Committee continues to await EPA's report regarding expenditures for fiscal year 2004 funds for research, development and validation of non-animal and other alternative methods by the Office of Research and Development.

The Committee directs that the EPA continue its technology transfer activities initially funded by this Committee in fiscal year 2000 at not less than the current level of support and that those activities be carried out through the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation.

In 2001 EPA requested that NAS review the situation regarding use of human studies in EPA regulatory programs. Congress has also expressed a concern in this area. The NAS Committee published its findings and recommendations in February 2004. The Committee urges EPA to consider these conclusions in developing policy and regulation to govern use of human studies in its regulatory programs and responsibilities.

The Committee has also included funding to continue the endocrine disruptor research program at the fiscal year 2004 level of $10,887,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$2,241,476,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	2,280,046,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	2,316,959,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−38,570,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−75,483,000

The Environmental Programs and Management account encompasses a broad range of abatement, prevention, and compliance activities, and personnel compensation, benefits, travel, and expenses for all programs of the Agency except Science and Technology, Hazardous Substance Superfund, Leaking Underground Storage Tank

Trust Fund, Oil Spill Response, and the Office of Inspector General.

Abatement, prevention, and compliance activities include setting environmental standards, issuing permits, monitoring emissions and ambient conditions and providing technical and legal assistance toward enforcement, compliance, and oversight. In most cases, the states are directly responsible for actual operation of the various environmental programs. In this regard, the Agency's activities include oversight and assistance in the facilitation of the environmental statutes.

In addition to program costs, this account funds administrative costs associated with the operating programs of the Agency, including support for executive direction, policy oversight, resources management, general office and building services for program operations, and direct implementation of all Agency environmental programs—except those previously mentioned—for Headquarters, the ten EPA Regional offices, and all non-research field operations.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee has recommended $2,241,476,000 for Environmental Programs and Management, a decrease of $38,570,000 below the budget request and a decrease of $75,483,000 below the fiscal year 2004 funding level. For this account only, the Agency may transfer funds of not more than $500,000 between programs and activities without prior notice to the Committee, and of not more than $1,000,000 without prior approval of the Committee. All other reprogramming procedures as outlined earlier shall apply.

The Committee's recommendation includes the following:

	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	FY 2005 recommendation
Great Lakes Legacy Act	$9,941,000	$45,000,000	$10,000,000
IT / Data Management	103,077,700	133,182,400	103,000,000
Facilities Infrastructure and Operations	307,035,400	326,793,800	308,000,000
Surface Water Protection	184,222,700	191,796,600	188,000,000
Federal Support for Air Quality Management	86,631,800	93,283,600	87,000,000
Pesticides: Review / Reregistration of Existing Pesticides	51,714,400	58,053,900	52,000,000
Pollution Prevention Program	16,822,800	22,496,200	17,000,000
Human Resources Management	39,109,000	44,139,500	40,000,000
Drinking Water Programs	93,186,900	97,948,000	94,000,000
Regulatory Innovation	17,338,300	21,992,200	18,000,000
Exchange Network	21,801,400	25,419,700	22,000,000
RCRA: Waste Minimization & Recycling	10,828,400	14,301,700	11,000,000
Financial Assistance Grants / IAG Management	17,179,000	20,328,900	20,000,000
Brownfields	24,938,500	28,002,300	23,000,000
Stratospheric Ozone: Multilateral Fund	10,935,100	13,500,000	11,000,000
Geographic Program: Great Lakes	18,837,400	21,195,000	19,000,000
National Estuary Program / Coastal Waterways	24,348,100	19,229,300	25,000,000
Environmental Justice	5,810,600	4,230,500	5,900,000
Environmental Education	9,109,400	0	9,200,000
Toxic Substances: Lead Risk Reduction Program	14,821,100	11,082,600	14,800,000
Geographic Program: Long Island Sound	2,286,300	477,400	2,300,000

The Committee's recommended appropriation also includes the following increases to the budget request:

1. +$1,000,000 for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program;

2. +$17,640,000 for rural water technical assistance activities and groundwater protection with distribution as follows: $9,800,000 for the NRWA; $4,165,000 for RCAP, to be divided equally between assistance for water programs and assistance

for wastewater programs; $735,000 for GWPC; $1,960,000 for Small Flows Clearinghouse; $980,000 for the NETC;

3. +$1,470,000 for the Water Systems Council Wellcare Program;

4. +$980,000 for implementation of the National Biosolids Partnership Program;

5. +$2,000,000 for source water protection programs;

6. +$2,000,000 for the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Water ISAC) to gather, analyze, and disseminate sensitive security information to water and wastewater systems;

7. +$2,940,000 for EPA's National Computing Center to provide for the remote mirroring of all critical information and related systems to achieve a Continuity of Operations (COOP)/ Disaster Recovery capability;

8. +$5,000,000 to support a demonstration project for deployment of idle reduction technology including advanced truck stop electrification, as part of the Agency's Smartway Transport Program.

9. $1,000,000 to the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program within the State of Alaska;

10. $100,000 to the Salton Sea Authority in Salton Sea, California for air quality mitigation projects;

11. $75,000 for Operation Clean Air for the Hot Spot Pilot Program in the Town of Malaga, California;

12. $250,000 to Calleguas Municipal Water for the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Implementation in Ventura County, California;

13. $100,000 to the University of Redlands in California for the Salton Sea Database;

14. $300,000 for the City of Highland, California for the City of Highland Environmental Learning Center;

15. $200,000 for the Operation Clean Air Advocates, Inc. in San Joaquin Valley, California for Operation Clean Air;

16. $100,000 for the California State University—Fullerton, California for the National Center for Water Hazard Mitigation;

17. $100,000 to the University of Connecticut Health Center to implement a model asthma intervention program for the State of Connecticut;

18. $250,000 to the University of North Florida for the Real-Time Regional Environmental Modeling in Jacksonville, Florida;

19. $900,000 to Osceola County, Florida for abatement and prevention of hydrilla and hygophila;

20. $400,000 to the Georgia Water Conservation Team for the development and implementation of the Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center, Offset Banking Water Quality Improvement program;

21. $150,000 to the Spokane Region Chamber of Commerce for the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer Study in Spokane County, Idaho;

22. $1,700,000 to Boise State University for research projects aimed at developing and demonstrating multi-purpose sensors

to detect and analyze contaminants and time-lapse imaging of shallow subsurface fluid flow;

23. $300,000 for the Selenium Information System Project at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory;

24. $100,000 to the City of Rexburg, Idaho for the Teton River Mill Site Redevelopment and Learning Project;

25. $150,000 to the City of Chicago, Illinois for the Beach Contamination Identification/Elimination Study;

26. $200,000 to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission for the Ohio River Watershed Pollutant Reduction Program;

27. $100,000 for PRIDE in the 2nd District of Kentucky for PRIDE in the Heartland of Kentucky;

28. $500,000 to the Olmsted Parks Conservancy in Louisville, Kentucky to remove invasive species and correct erosion in Cherokee and Seneca Parks;

29. $1,000,000 to the Olmsted Parks Conservancy in Louisville, Kentucky to correct riverbank erosion in Chickasaw Park;

30. $550,000 to the Olmsted Parks Conservancy in Louisville, Kentucky to correct erosion in Iroquois Park;

31. $850,000 to the Louisville Waterfront Development Corporation, Kentucky for anti-erosion strategies;

32. $200,000 to the Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Louisiana for the Red River Watershed Management Institute;

33. $100,000 to Prince George's County, Maryland for the Low Impact Development demonstration project in the Anacostia River Watershed;

34. $100,000 to Wayne County, Michigan for the Lead Prevention Initiative;

35. $100,000 to Wayne County, Michigan for the lead prevention initiative;

36. $200,000 for the Michigan Biotechnology Institute in East Lansing, Michigan for the Michigan Biotechnology Institute International's Nanocomposite Surfaces;

37. $850,000 for the North Carolina Central University for research initiative to assess environmental exposure and impact in communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities in Durham, North Carolina;

38. $100,000 to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to develop a statewide water resources management plan;

39. $250,000 to the Ten Towns Great Swamp Watershed Management Committee in New Jersey for a water quality monitoring program in the Great Swamp National Refuge;

40. $100,000 to Monmouth University for the Coastal Watershed Program in West Long Branch, New Jersey;

41. $150,000 for Monmouth University for the Center for Coastal Watershed Management in West Long Beach, New Jersey;

42. $200,000 to Madison County, New York for the Landfill Gas to Electricity Project;

43. $250,000 for the New York University in Bronx, New York for health disparity studies;

44. $1,500,000 for continued work on water management plans for the Central New York Watersheds in Onondaga and Cayuga counties;

45. $750,000 to Cortland County, New York for continued work on the aquifer protection plan, of which $350,000 is for continued implementation of the comprehensive water quality management program in the Upper Susquehanna Watershed;

46. $250,000 to Wayne County, New York for continued work on a county-wide lakeshore embankments resource preservation and watershed enhancement plan;

47. $250,000 to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board for continued research and planning for the Oneida Lake Watershed Management Program;

48. $200,000 for the NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) Research Foundation for environmental training and information dissemination related to rural brownfields, air quality standards and water infrastructure;

49. $250,000 to Lake Erie Coastal Ohio for planning, research, and analysis of coastal Lake Erie community, environmental, and educational efforts;

50. $200,000 to the Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Tulsa, and the University of Arkansas for the Integrated Petroleum Environmental Consortium in Tulsa, Oklahoma;

51. $1,500,000 to the American Cities Foundation (ACF) for the Neighborhood Environmental Action Team program and other community environmental efforts;

52. $700,000 to Caribbean American Mission for Education Research and Action, Inc. (CAMERA), to support a youth environmental stewardship program in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania;

53. $700,000 to the Environment and Sports Inc., of Philadelphia to continue support of an environmental awareness program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

54. $350,000 for the Concurrent Technologies Corp for the Small Partner Environmental Information Exchange Network;

55. $100,000 to Cabrini College in Radnor, Pennsylvania for the Center for Science Education and Technology;

56. $100,000 to the University of Memphis for Environmental Programs Hazard Management in Memphis, Tennessee;

57. $250,000 to the Tarrant County Watershed District in Tarrant County, Texas to develop and implement an integrated watershed protection plan;

58. $750,000 to the University of Texas at Austin for environmental resource management and technical assistance activities for the Rio Bravo-Rio Grande Physical Assessment Program;

59. $250,000 to the University of North Texas for the Texas Institute for Environmental Assessment and Management;

60. $200,000 to the City of Lubbock, Texas for a comprehensive study to address regional water and wastewater concerns;

61. $75,000 to the Brazos River Authority for the Brazos/Navasota Watershed Management Project in Texas;

62. $200,000 to the Puget Sound Action Team of Hood Canal, Washington for the Hood Canal Depleted Oxygen Study;

63. $100,000 for the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce for the Spokane Valley/Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Study;

64. $200,000 to the Upper Kanawha Valley Enterprise Community for the Shrewsbury Riverbank Erosion Project in Shewsbury, West Virginia;

65. $2,000,000 for on-going activities at the Canaan Valley Institute, including activities relating to community sustainability;

66. $1,500,000 to support and implement the Highlands Action Program (HAP) of the Agency, including, but not limited to, federal personnel and related costs;

67. $150,000 for Marshall University, Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences for Environmental Management Incubator in Huntington, West Virginia.

The Committee has recommended a general reduction of $20,859,000 in this account.

The Agency has been provided $9,200,000 for Environmental Education programs. The Agency is directed to distribute funds under the Environmental Education program proportionally in a manner consistent with the provisions of the National Environmental Education Act.

The Committee has provided $2,000,000 for source water protection programs. The Committee intends that these funds be used to continue and to expand the statewide grassroots sourcewater protection programs being carried out by state rural water associations.

EPA Brownfields funding is the same as FY 2004; while this account's portion is reduced by $2,000,000 additional resources are available for the Brownfields revolving loan fund in the State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

The Committee commends the Agency for resolving a large number of pending Title VI environmental justice cases and has restored funds so that the program can continue to address the backlog of cases.

The Committee clarifies that "shall conform" in Clean Water Act (CWA) § 402(q) means that National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities should evaluate the facts and circumstances of each CSO community's program against the CSO Control Policy's themes of flexibility, site specificity, cost effectiveness, and water quality standards achievement after long-term control plan implementation (LTCP). NPDES permits should be used to impose LTCP obligations whenever possible. In authorized states, state administrative orders or state judicial orders should be the primary alternative implementation mechanism to NPDES permits for imposing LTCP obligations. This clarification does not preclude state and/or federal enforcement actions where appropriate.

According to recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 2.2% of children living in the United States have an unacceptably high level of lead in their blood, which may result in learning disabilities, reduced intellectual ability, or

other problems. The Committee is particularly concerned about recent reports of elevated lead levels in drinking water supplied to schools in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Therefore, the Committee directs EPA, in cooperation with the states, to evaluate and report state compliance of the Control of Lead and Copper Rule (56 FR 26460–26564) as it applies to drinking water monitoring requirements for the public.

The Committee is concerned about the occurrences of combined sewage overflow from wastewater treatment facilities into Lake Michigan. The committee is also concerned that existing regulations concerning such discharges are not sufficiently enforced so as to prevent negative impacts on the Lake Michigan ecosystem. The committee directs the EPA to report, by September 30, 2005, outlining what future steps it plans to take to minimize such overflows.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] $37,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	37,336,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	37,997,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−336,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−997,000

[1] Total does not include transfer of $13,000,000 from the Hazardous Substance Superfund account.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) provides audit, evaluation, and investigation products and advisory services to improve the performance and integrity of EPA programs and operations. This account funds personnel compensation and benefits, travel, and expenses (excluding rent, utilities, and security costs) for the Office of Inspector General. The appropriation for the OIG is funded from two separate accounts: Office of Inspector General and Hazardous Substance Superfund. In addition, the IG also holds the position of Inspector General for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee recommends a total appropriation of $37,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General, a decrease of $336,000 below last year's funding level and $997,000 below the budget request. An additional amount of $13,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the Hazardous Substance Superfund account. Of the total funding, $750,000 shall be used to carry out the duties of Inspector General for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$39,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	39,764,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	42,918,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−764,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−3,918,000

This appropriation provides for the design and construction of EPA-owned facilities as well as for the repair, extension, alteration, and improvement of facilities utilized by the Agency. The funds are to be used to correct unsafe conditions, protect health and safety of employees and Agency visitors, and prevent deterioration of structures and equipment.

The Committee is recommending $39,000,000, the budget request, for Buildings and Facilities. This funding level represents a

decrease of $764,000 below the fiscal year 2004 funding level and a decrease of $3,918,000 below the amount requested. This recommendation provides for necessary maintenance and repair and improvement costs at Agency facilities.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$1,257,537,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	1,257,537,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	1,381,416,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−123,879,000

The Hazardous Substance Superfund (Superfund) program was established in 1980 by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act to clean up emergency hazardous materials, spills, and dangerous, uncontrolled, and/or abandoned hazardous waste sites. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) expanded the program substantially in 1986, authorizing approximately $8,500,000,000 in revenues over five years. In 1990, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act extended the program's authorization through 1994 for $5,100,000,000 with taxing authority through calendar year 1995.

The Superfund program is operated by EPA subject to annual appropriations from a dedicated trust fund and from general revenues. Enforcement activities are used to identify and induce parties responsible for hazardous waste problems to undertake clean-up actions and pay for EPA oversight of those actions. In addition, responsible parties have been required to cover the cost of fund financed removal and remedial actions undertaken at spills and waste sites by Federal and State agencies. Through transfers to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Science and Technology accounts, the OIG and the Office of Research and Development also receive funding from this account. Due to the site-specific nature of the Agency's Superfund program, site-specific travel is not considered part of the overall travel ceiling set for the Superfund account.

For fiscal year 2005, $1,257,537,000 has been recommended by the Committee, the same amount as last years funding and a decrease of $123,879,000 below the budget request. Bill language is included which provides up to the full amount of the appropriated amount from general revenues, if sufficient amounts are not available from the Superfund Trust.

Bill language has been included which transfers $13,000,000 from this account to the Office of Inspector General and $36,097,000 to the Science and Technology account.

The Committee's recommendation includes the following program levels:

1. $879,100,000 for Superfund response and cleanup activities;
2. $146,514,000 for enforcement activities;
3. $145,000,000 for management and support;
4. $13,000,000 transfer to the Office of Inspector General;
5. $36,097,000 transfer to the Science and Technology account; and
6. $37,826,000 for other federal agencies.

The Committee supports the national pilot worker training program which recruits and trains young persons who live near hazardous waste sites or in the communities at risk of exposure to contaminated properties for work in the environmental field. The Committee directs EPA to continue funding this effort in cooperation and collaboration with NIEHS. The research activities of NIEHS can compliment the training and operational activities of EPA in carrying out this program.

The Committee is aware of technologies developed and successfully deployed in Eastern Europe that use enzyme extracts of earthworms to cleanup contaminants such as pesticides and PCB's. The Committee supports innovative technologies that may reduce the cost and complication of cleanup and encourages the EPA to review this technology for field application under the Superfund Innovative Technologies Evaluation Program.

The Committee is aware that naturally-occurring asbestos is common in some areas, such as El Dorado County, California, and that this asbestos may be disturbed by construction or other typical activities. The Committee is concerned that the Environmental Protection Agency may be premature in seeking remediation of these natural substances. As a result, the Committee directs EPA to develop a Standard Test Method for naturally occurring asbestos that will provide reproducible results; provide a risk analysis using the existing EPA Airborne Asbestos Health Assessment Update; and, determine the background levels of naturally occurring asbestos in El Dorado County.

The Committee encourages EPA to continue its scientific, technical and logistical support to the people of Tallevast, Florida in response to findings of ground contamination in the area.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$74,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	75,552,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	72,545,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−1,552,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+1,455,000

Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, authorized the establishment of a response program for clean-up of releases from leaking underground storage tanks. Owners and operators of facilities with underground tanks must demonstrate financial responsibility and bear initial responsibility for clean-up. The Federal trust fund is funded through the imposition of a motor fuel tax of one-tenth of a cent per gallon, which generates approximately $170,000,000 per year.

Most states also have their own leaking underground storage tank programs, including a separate trust fund or other funding mechanism, in place. The Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund provides additional clean-up resources and may also be used to enforce necessary corrective actions and to recover costs expended from the Fund for clean-up activities. The underground storage tank response program is designed to operate primarily through cooperative agreements with states. However, funds are also used for grants to non-state entities including Indian tribes under Section 8001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee has provided $74,000,000, a decrease of $1,522,000 below fiscal year 2004 and $1,455,000 above the request.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$16,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	16,113,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	16,425,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−113,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	−425,000

This appropriation, authorized by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, provides funds to prepare for and prevent releases of oil and other petroleum products in navigable waterways. In addition, EPA is reimbursed for incident specific response costs through the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund managed by the United States Coast Guard.

EPA is responsible for directing all clean-up and removal activities posing a threat to public health and the environment; conducting site inspections; providing for a means to achieve cleanup activities by private parties; reviewing containment plans at facilities; reviewing area contingency plans; and pursuing cost recovery of fund-financed clean-ups; and, conducting research of oil clean-up techniques. Funds for this appropriation are provided through the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund which is composed of fees and collections made through provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the Comprehensive Oil Pollution Liability and Compensation Act, the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended. Pursuant to law, the Trust Fund is managed by the United States Coast Guard.

The Committee recommends $16,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, a decrease of $113,000 over the fiscal year 2004 level and $425,000 below the request.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$3,359,027,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	3,877,785,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	3,231,800,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−518,758,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	+127,227,000

The State and Tribal Assistance Grants account provides grant funds for programs operated primarily by state, local, tribal and other governmental partners. The account provides funding for infrastructure projects through the State Revolving Funds, geographic specific projects in rural Alaska and Alaska Native Villages, Puerto Rico and on the United States-Mexico Border, and other targeted special projects. In addition, the account funds Brownfields assessment and revitalization grants, grants for clean school buses, as well as miscellaneous categorical grant programs.

The largest portion of the STAG account consists of two State Revolving Funds (SRFs), which provide Federal financial assistance to protect the nation's water resources. The Clean Water State Revolving Funds are intended to help eliminate municipal discharge of untreated or inadequately treated pollutants and thereby maintain or help restore this country's water to a swimmable and/or fishable quality. This program provides resources for municipal,

inter-municipal, state, interstate agencies, and tribal governments to plan, design, and construct wastewater facilities and other projects, including non-point source, estuary, stormwater, and sewer overflow projects. The Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program finances improvements to community water systems so that they can achieve compliance with the mandates of the Safe Drinking Water Act and continue to protect public health.

This account also funds various categorical grant programs to ensure continued environmental protection nation-wide. Among these are non-point source grants under Section 319 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, Public Water System Supervision grants, Section 106 water quality grants, grants to improve targeted watersheds, Clean Air Act Section 105 and 103 air grants, a program targeted to environmental information, Brownfields cleanup grants, and other grants utilized by the states, tribes, and others to meet Federal environmental statutory and regulatory requirements.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee recommends a total of $3,359,027,000, a decrease of $518,758,000 below the current fiscal year spending level, and $127,227,000 above the level proposed in the budget request.

The Committee's recommendation includes the following program levels:

$850,000,000 for Clean Water State Revolving Funds;

$845,000,000 for Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds;

$50,000,000 for high priority U.S./Mexico border projects;

$20,000,000 for Alaska rural and Native Villages;

$95,000,000 for Brownfields assessment and revitalization grants;

$1,161,627,000 for state and tribal program/categorical grants;

$10,000,000 for Clean School Bus Grants; and

$323,400,000 for targeted grants to communities for the construction of drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure and for water quality protection.

As was the case in past years, no reprogramming requests associated with States and Tribes applying for Partnership grants need to be submitted to the Committee for approval should such grants exceed the normal reprogramming limitations. In addition, the Agency need not submit a request to move funds between wastewater and drinking water objectives for those grants targeted to specific communities listed below.

The Committee has also included bill language, as requested by the administration and as carried in previous appropriations acts, to: (1) extend for an additional year the authority for States to transfer funds between the Clean Water SRF and the Drinking Water SRF; (2) waive the one-third of 1 percent cap on the Tribal set aside from non-point source grants; (3) increase to 1.5 percent the cap on the Tribal set-aside for the Clean Water SRF; and (4) require that any funds provided to address the water infrastructure needs of colonias within the United States along the United States-Mexico border be spent only in areas where the local governmental entity has established an enforceable ordinance or rule which prevents additional development within colonias that lacks water,

wastewater, or other necessary infrastructure. Bill language has been included which provides specific dollar amounts for each of the above listed programs.

The Committee has recommended $10,000,000 for grants program to local school districts to reduce emissions from their buses as proposed in the budget request.

Bill language has been included which stipulates that, consistent with section 603 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, $50,000,000 of the $850,000,000 proposed for the Clean Water SRF program is to be made available by the States for interest-free loans that increase non-point and non-structural, decentralized alternatives, to expand the choices available to communities in their fight for clean water. The Committee continues to enthusiastically support this program, and believes that the States will be able to increase their participation in this program with the funds made available by this provision.

From within the Committee's $50,000,000 recommendation for the United States-Mexico Border program, the Agency is expected to provide $1,000,000 for continuation of the Brownsville, Texas area water supply project, and $3,500,000 for continuation of the El Paso, Texas area desalination and water supply project.

The Committee has provided funding for a grant for drinking water infrastructure improvements in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Committee has included bill language that makes technical corrections to grants provided in last year's bill.

The Committee has provided $1,161,627,000 for state and tribal program assistance/categorical grants. The Committee's recommendation for each categorical grant follows:

	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	FY 2005 recommendation
State and Local Air Quality Assistance	$227,201,555	$228,550,000	$225,000,000
Tribal Air Quality Assistance	10,984,805	11,050,000	10,830,000
Radon	8,101,915	8,150,000	8,000,000
Pollution Control (Section 106)	199,217,640	222,400,000	200,000,000
Beaches Protection	9,941,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Nonpoint Source (Section 319)	237,092,850	209,100,000	235,250,000
Wetlands Program Development	14,911,500	20,000,000	14,500,000
Water Quality Cooperative Agreements (Sec. 104(3)(b))	18,887,900	20,500,000	18,620,000
Targeted Watersheds	14,911,500	25,000,000	14,500,000
Wastewater Operator Training	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
Public Water System Supervision (PWSS)	101,994,660	105,100,000	100,550,000
Underground Injection Control (UIC)	10,935,100	11,000,000	10,780,000
Homeland Security	4,970,500	5,000,000	5,000,000
H.W. Financial Assistance	105,772,240	106,400,000	104,300,000
Brownfields	49,705,000	60,000,000	50,000,000
Underground Storage Tanks	11,879,495	37,950,000	12,000,000
Pesticides Program Implementation	13,022,710	13,100,000	13,000,000
Lead	13,619,170	13,700,000	13,500,000
Toxic Substances Compliance	5,119,615	5,150,000	5,047,000
Pesticides Enforcement	19,782,590	19,900,000	19,500,000
Environmental Information	19,882,000	25,000,000	19,500,000
Pollution Prevention	5,964,600	6,000,000	6,000,000
Sector Program (Enforcement & Comp Assurance)	2,236,725	2,250,000	2,250,000
State and Tribal Performance Fund	0	23,000,000	0
Indian General Assistance Program	62,131,250	62,500,000	62,000,000

The distribution of targeted grants is as follows:

1. $400,000 to the City Falkville, Alabama for sewer infrastructure improvements;

2. $750,000 to the City of Albertville, Alabama for sewer infrastructure improvements;
3. $180,000 to the City of Boldo, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
4. $200,000 to the City of Addison, Alabama for sewer infrastructure improvements;
5. $220,000 to Lamar County, Alabama for infrastructure improvements to the Lamar County Reservoir;
6. $350,000 to the City of Arley, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
7. $200,000 to the City of Eva, Alabama for sewer infrastructure improvements;
8. $200,000 to the City of Guin, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
9. $250,000 to the City of Phil Campbell, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
10. $500,000 to Blount County, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
11. $500,000 to the DeKalb-Jackson Water Supply District in Ider, Alabama for construction of a water treatment plant;
12. $150,000 to Fort Payne, Alabama for a pump station at Wills Valley Industrial Park;
13. $250,000 to the Helena Utility Board in Helena, Alabama for sewer infrastructure improvements;
14. $250,000 to the City of Jackson, Alabama for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
15. $200,000 to the City of Athens, Alabama for wastewater infrastructure improvements;
16. $500,000 to Lawrence County, Alabama for the Bankhead Forest Water Project;
17. $250,000 to the City of Huntsville, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
18. $400,000 to Hartselle Utilities for wastewater infrastructure improvements in Hartselle, Alabama;
19. $100,000 to Harvest-Monrovia Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection in Alabama for a master plan to accomplish the establishment of a sewer system within the service area;
20. $300,000 to the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority in Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
21. $400,000 to the Waterworks Boards of the Towns of Section and Dutton, Alabama for water infrastructure improvements;
22. $500,000 to the Scottsboro Waterworks, Sewer, and Gas Board in Scottsboro, Alabama for construction and rehabilitation of a sanitary sewer collection system;
23. $600,000 to the City of Sheffield, Alabama for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
24. $200,000 to the West Morgan-East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority for water and wastewater system infrastructure improvements;
25. $50,000 to Jackson County, Alabama for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
26. $400,000 to the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

27. $100,000 to the community of Overlook Hills in Dallas County, Alabama for wastewater infrastructure improvements;
28. $100,000 to the Town of Fulton, Alabama to construct a wastewater treatment facility;
29. $150,000 to the Town of Red Level, Alabama for Phase II water infrastructure improvements;
30. $150,000 to the City of Valley, Alabama to purchase Langdale Mill and Fairfax Utilization Plant;
31. $200,000 for the Millerville Water Authority (Clay County Commission) for water infrastructure improvements in Millerville, Alabama;
32. $250,000 to the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas for water infrastructure improvements;
33. $250,000 for the Faulkner County Public Facilities Board for Lake Conway Sewer Improvements in Faulkner County, Arkansas;
34. $200,000 for the City of Goodyear, Arizona for water infrastructure improvements;
35. $150,000 to the City of Avondale, Arizona for wastewater infrastructure improvements;
36. $150,000 to the City of Chandler, Arizona for the Chandler Arsenic Mitigation Program;
37. $1,000,000 to the University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy for the U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Protection Program;
38. $250,000 to the City of Stafford, Arizona for construction of a wastewater treatment plant;
39. $500,000 to the City of St. Johns, Arizona for new water transmission pipeline construction;
40. $150,000 to the City of Rialto, California for water infrastructure improvements;
41. $250,000 to the Box Springs Mutual Water Company of the City of Moreno Valley, California for installation of a sewer system;
42. $200,000 to the City of Oxnard, California for the Headworks Expansion Project and Redwood Trunk Project;
43. $150,000 to the City of Modesto, California for the neighborhood storm water, sewer, and water infrastructure project (Ninth Street Corridor Storm Drain Project);
44. $500,000 to the Orange County Sanitation District for wastewater infrastructure improvements in Fountain Valley, California;
45. $600,000 to the City of Laguna Beach, California for emergency sewer repairs;
46. $1,000,000 to the City of Solana Beach, California for wastewater treatment improvements in the municipal sewer system;
47. $250,000 to the City of Roseville, California for water infrastructure improvements;
48. $400,000 to the City of Monrovia, California for water and wastewater infrastructure improvement;
49. $1,000,000 to the Cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre, California for the Joint Water Infrastructure Restoration Program;

50. $200,000 to the City of East Palo Alto, California for the storm water infrastructure improvements;

51. $350,000 to the Monterey County Water Resource Agency for the Salinas Valley Water Project in Monterey County, California;

52. $100,000 to the Sweetwater Authority for the water quality monitoring in Chula Vista, California;

53. $250,000 to the City of El Segundo, California for wastewater infrastructure improvements for Smoky Hollow;

54. $350,000 for the City of Redding, California for water infrastructure improvements;

55. $750,000 to the San Diego County Water Authority for the San Diego County Water Authority Regional Seawater Desalination Initiative in San Diego, California;

56. $350,000 to the City of Brisbane, California for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

57. $150,000 for the Bighorn Desert Water Agency for water infrastructure improvements in Yucca Valley, California;

58. $200,000 to the City of San Bernardino, California for Lakes and Stream Project;

59. $200,000 to the City of Lake Arrowhead, California for the Community Services District;

60. $750,000 for Mission Springs Water District for the Groundwater Protection, Supply Enhancement/Reuse Program in Desert Hot Springs, California;

61. $750,000 to the City of Banning, California for the Brinton Reservoir;

62. $200,000 for the City of San Jose, California for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

63. $500,000 to the City of Sacramento, California for combined sewer system improvement rehabilitation project;

64. $250,000 for the Castaic Lake Water Agency in California for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

65. $250,000 to the City of Barstow, California for a sewer master plan implementation project;

66. $250,000 to the City of Victorville, California for water infrastructure improvements;

67. $200,000 for the California State University, Dominguez Hills for the Center for Urban Environmental Research in Carson, California;

68. $200,000 to the City of Brea, California for sewer infrastructure improvements;

69. $200,000 to the City of Mission Viejo, California for the Oso Creek Barrier Project;

70. $300,000 to the City of Vallejo, California for the Mare Island Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain Improvement Project;

71. $250,000 to the City of Norwalk, California for the Balancing Facility Project;

72. $150,000 to the Strathmore Public Utility District for a wastewater treatment plant;

73. $250,000 to the City of Folsom, California for the sewer rehabilitation project;

74. $1,000,000 to the City of San Francisco, California for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

75. $800,000 for the Santa Clara Valley Water District in Santa Clara County, California for Perchlorate Cleanup;

76. $200,000 to the City of Westminster, California for the Westminster Water Quality Pilot Project;

77. $300,000 to the City of Huntington Beach, California for the Wintersberg Channel Urban Run-Off Treatment;

78. $250,000 to the City of Downey, California for storm water infrastructure improvements;

79. $150,000 for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California for an Orange County water reliability study;

80. $200,000 for the Orange County Sanitation District for a new secondary treatment facility in Fountain Valley, California;

81. $250,000 to the City of Eurka, California for the Martin Slough Interceptor;

82. $250,000 to the City of Gardena, California for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

83. $250,000 to the City of Santa Monica, California for water infrastructure improvements;

84. $200,000 for Sonoma County, California for the Monte Rio sanitation project in Monte Rio, California;

85. $250,000 to Jefferson County, Colorado to implement a new storm water improvement program;

86. $250,000 to the City of Ouray, Colorado for water infrastructure improvements;

87. $150,000 to the City of Meriden, Connecticut for the City Center Initiative Flood Control and Demolition;

88. $300,000 to the City of New Britain, Connecticut for water infrastructure improvements;

89. $500,000 to the City of Southington, Connecticut for the Southington Water Supply Improvement Project;

90. $200,000 to the City of Stamford, Connecticut for storm water infrastructure improvements;

91. $350,000 to the City of Groton, Connecticut for water and sewer line extension;

92. $500,000 to the District of Columbia Government for drinking water infrastructure improvements to address lead problems;

93. $400,000 for the City of Wilmington, Delaware for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

94. $250,000 to the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

95. $200,000 to the City of Gainesville, Florida for the depot regional storm water park;

96. $250,000 to Citrus County, Florida for the Chassahowitzka Area Wastewater Collection and Drinking Water Distribution System;

97. $200,000 to Hillsborough County, Florida for the Hillsborough County Alternative Water Supplies—Phase III;

98. $700,000 to the City of Miami Beach, Florida for storm water infrastructure improvements;

99. $200,000 to the City of Pemroke Pines, Florida for water treatment expansion;

100. $250,000 to the City of Homestead, Florida for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

101. $150,000 for the South Seminole & North Orange County Wastewater Transmission Authority for the replacement of wastewater pipes and mechanical equipment;

102. $200,000 to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Peace River & Myakka River Water Initiative in Polk County, Florida;

103. $300,000 to the Village of Wellington, Florida for the reconfiguration of storm water system project;

104. $350,000 for the County of Sarasota, Florida for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

105. $200,000 to the City of Rivera Beach, Florida for the storm water management plan;

106. $200,000 to the Town of Windermere, Florida for storm water management improvements;

107. $250,000 to the City of Miami Gardens, Florida for water, wastewater, storm water, and sewer infrastructure improvements;

108. $200,000 to the City of Bunnell, Florida for the Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal System Rehabilitation Project;

109. $500,000 for St. Johns County, Florida for the College Park Drainage Improvement Project in West Augustine, Florida;

110. $250,000 for the Escambia County Utility Authority for Wastewater Treatment/water Reclamation Partnership in Escambia County, Florida;

111. $350,000 to the City of Davenport, Florida for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

112. $200,000 to the City of Lakeworth, Florida for water infrastructure improvements;

113. $200,000 to the City of Davie, Florida for water main replacement;

114. $300,000 for the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board for the 100% Wastewater Reuse Project in the Cities of Delray Beach and Boynton Beach, Florida;

115. $300,000 to the City of Starke, Florida for the Water Quality Improvement Program;

116. $500,000 to Osceola County, Florida for drainage basin improvements;

117. $2,500,000 to the St. Johns River Water Management District for water infrastructure improvements in Central and East Florida;

118. $4,000,000 to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for continuation of the Tampa Bay Reservoir Project;

119. $1,000,000 to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for Tampa Bay Reclaimed Water and Downstream Augmentation Project;

120. $500,000 to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Peace River and Myakka River Watershed Restoration Initiative;

121. $500,000 to the City of Clearwater, Florida for the Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Infrastructure Project;

122. $1,000,000 to the City of Tampa, Florida for sediment removal from estuaries of the headwaters at the canals;

123. $500,000 to the City of Treasure Island, Florida for wastewater and sewer system upgrades;

124. $900,000 to the City of Albany, Georgia storm water infrastructure improvements;

125. $400,000 to the City of Americus, Georgia for sewer service expansion;

126. $1,000,000 to the City of Atlanta, Georgia for the McDaniel Basin Combined Sewer Overflow Separation project;

127. $1,000,000 for Columbus Water Works, Columbus, Georgia for its Biosolids Flow-Through Thermophilic Treatment Demonstration Project;

128. $250,000 to the City of Plains, Georgia for water infrastructure improvements;

129. $100,000 to the City of Social Circle, Georgia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

130. $100,000 to the City of Thomasville, Georgia for extension of sewer lines;

131. $150,000 to the City of Moultrie, Georgia for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

132. $200,000 to Columbus Water Works, Columbus, Georgia for the Columbus Biosolids Flow-Through Thermophilic Treatment Advanced Demonstration Project;

133. $150,000 to the City of Summerville, Georgia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

134. $200,000 to Polk County, Georgia for the Polk County Wastewater Collection System;

135. $250,000 to the City of Roswell, Georgia for the Big Creek Watershed Project;

136. $1,000,000 to the City of Atlanta, Georgia for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

137. $750,000 to the City of Moultrie, Georgia for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

138. $700,000 for the Metropolitan North Georgia Planning District for water infrastructure improvements in North Atlanta Metropolitan Area, Georgia;

139. $200,000 to the City of Atlanta, Georgia for pump station improvements;

140. $150,000 to the City of Byron, Georgia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

141. $250,000 to the City of Social Circle, Georgia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

142. $250,000 to the Guam Waterworks Authority for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in the Territory of Guam;

143. $150,000 to the Maui County Department of Water Supply for the lead reduction in Upcountry Maui in Upcountry Maui, Hawaii;

144. $150,000 to the City of Des Moines, Iowa for storm water infrastructure improvements to the Closes Creek Watershed;

145. $250,000 to the City of Storm Lake, Iowa for water infrastructure improvements;

146. $250,000 to the City of Postville, Iowa for the completion of the Postville wastewater facility;

147. $500,000 to the City of Mason City, Iowa for completion of the Mason City water treatment plant;

148. $450,000 to the City of Ft. Madison, Iowa for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

149. $450,000 to the City of Ottumwa, Iowa for the South Ottumwa Sewer Separation project;

150. $500,000 to the City of Davenport, Iowa for the Westside Diversion Tunnel;

151. $200,000 to the City of Castleford, Idaho for water infrastructure improvements;

152. $450,000 to the City of Castleford, Idaho for water infrastructure improvements;

153. $600,000 to the City of Twin Falls, Idaho for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

154. $750,000 to the City of Pocatello, Idaho for water infrastructure improvements;

155. $150,000 to the City of Lockport, Illinois for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

156. $300,000 to the Village of Johnsburg, Illinois for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

157. $300,000 to the Lake County Storm Water Management Community for the Lake County Watershed Plan in Lake County, Illinois;

158. $200,000 to the City of Silvis, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

159. $200,000 to the Village of Newark, Illinois for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

160. $200,000 to the Village of Paw Paw, Illinois for construction of an elevated water storage tower;

161. $200,000 to the Village of Annawan, Illinois for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

162. $650,000 to the Salt Creek Sanitary District in Villa Park, Illinois for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

163. $300,000 to the Village of East Hazel Crest, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

164. $200,000 to the City of Lexington, Illinois for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

165. $400,000 to Lake County, Illinois for wastewater infrastructure improvements on the Des Plaines River;

166. $500,000 to the City of Peoria, Illinois for stormwater management;

167. $542,500 to the Village of Bartonville, Illinois for storm sewer improvements in Broadmoor Heights;

168. $500,000 to the Village of Arenzville, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

169. $500,000 to the Village of Argenta, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

170. $500,000 to the Village of North Pekin, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

171. $357,500 to the City of Spring Valley, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

172. $250,000 to the City of Virginia, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

173. $500,000 to the City of Pekin, Illinois for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

174. $250,000 to the City of Lincoln, Illinois to repair and slip line Pulaski Street sewer line;

175. $350,000 to the Village of La Grange, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

176. $550,000 to the Village of Fox River Grove, Illinois for Phase II sewer plant infrastructure improvements;

177. $250,000 to the City of Shelbyville, Illinois for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

178. $250,000 to the City of Breese, Illinois for construction of the Breese Water Plant;

179. $100,000 to the Village of Mazon, Illinois for water infrastructure improvements;

180. $200,000 for Will County, Illinois for the feasibility study for sanitary district expansion;

181. $300,000 to the City of Marion, Indiana for water infrastructure improvements associated with the Water Loop Project in Grant County, Indiana;

182. $200,000 to the City of Crawford, Indiana for the design and construction phases of the Crawfordsville Eastside Sanitary Sewer Project;

183. $500,000 to the City of Frankfort, Indiana for construction of the Eastside Drainage/Detention Facility;

184. $150,000 to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana for sewer rehabilitation in northeast Indianapolis;

185. $150,000 to the City of Rockport, Indiana for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

186. $300,000 to the City of Evansville, Indiana for the Pigeon Creek Enhancement Project;

187. $200,000 to the City of New Castle, Indiana for the sanitary sewer and sanitary forcemain project;

188. $330,000 to the City of Lowell, Indiana for construction of additional water lines;

189. $400,000 to the City of Hebron, Indiana for water infrastructure improvements;

190. $250,000 to the City of Mission, Kansas for construction and expansion of a storm water flow management system;

191. $350,000 to the City of Harper, Kansas for water infrastructure improvements;

192. $150,000 to the Town of North Middletown, Kentucky for North Middletown water and sewer improvements;

193. $100,000 to the City of Shepherdsville, Kentucky for storm water compliance;

194. $100,000 to the City of Hillview, Kentucky for the Hillview Storm water Compliance;

195. $200,000 to Bath County, Kentucky for water infrastructure improvements;

196. $1,000,000 to the Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, Kentucky to construct a gravity interceptor sewer;

197. $500,000 to the City of Whitesburg, Kentucky for construction of a wastewater treatment plant;

198. $1,000,000 for the Perry County Fiscal Court in Hazard, Kentucky for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant;

199. $150,000 to the City of Jamestown, Kentucky for the water treatment plant;

200. $150,000 to the City of Monroe for the Monroe Wastewater Improvement Program in Monroe, Louisiana;

201. $200,000 to the Village of Slaughter, Louisiana for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

202. $200,000 to the West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

203. $150,000 to the Village of Cankton, Louisiana for water infrastructure improvements;

204. $250,000 to the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the Municipal Water Distribution System—Backflow Prevention;

205. $200,000 to the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for watershed protection;

206. $500,000 for the South Central Planning & Development Commission for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in New Iberia, St. Charles, Morgan City, St. Bernard and St. James, Louisiana;

207. $250,000 to the City of Slidell, Louisiana for storm water infrastructure improvements;

208. $200,000 to the City of Boston, Massachusetts to continue efforts to address deteriorating groundwater levels in the Greater Boston area;

209. $200,000 for the Towns of Braintree, Holbrook and Randolph in Massachusetts for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

210. $950,000 to the Cities of Fall River and New Bedford, Massachusetts for combined sewer overflow projects;

211. $200,000 to the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts for combined sewer overflow mitigation;

212. $400,000 to the City of Leomister, Massachusetts for the Rockwell Village revitalization initiative for water infrastructure improvements;

213. $250,000 for the Southwest Sewerage District for wastewater infrastructure improvements in Lynn, Newburyport, Gloucester, Ipswich, Amesbury, Manchester, Essex and Rockport, Massachusetts;

214. $250,000 to the City of Salisbury, Maryland for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

215. $250,000 to the City of Cambridge, Maryland for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

216. $250,000 to the City of Elkton, Maryland for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

217. $100,000 to Prince George's County, Maryland for the Livable Community Initiative in Brentwood, North Brentwood, Edmonston and Cottage City, Maryland;

218. $250,000 for Prince George's County, Maryland for the Anacostia Trash Reduction Program and Removal of Floatable Trash for the Cities of Brentwood and Edmonston, Maryland;

219. $200,000 to the Town of Windham, Maine for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

220. $500,000 to the City of Brewer, Maine for the sewer improvements project;

221. $900,000 to Wayne County, Michigan for the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project;

222. $500,000 to the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan for combined sewer overflows;

223. $250,000 to the Genesee County Drain Commission for the Northeast Relief Sewer/Kearsley Creek Interceptor project in Genesee County, Michigan;

224. $350,000 to the City of Detroit, Michigan for the Woodmere Sewage Pump Station Rehabilitation;

225. $1,000,000 to the Oakland County Drain Commission for Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Sewer Overflow control project in Farmington Hills, Michigan;

226. $500,000 to the Oakland County Drain Commission for Footing Drain/Sewer Lead Excess Flow Prevention demonstration project in Waterford, Michigan;

227. $200,000 for Oakland County, Michigan to identify and eliminate sewage contributions from older urban areas in the Clinton River;

228. $200,000 to the City of Westland, Michigan for water infrastructure improvements;

229. $650,000 for Macomb County and St. Clair County, Michigan to implement a comprehensive water quality monitoring program;

230. $300,000 to Brighton Township, Michigan for a waterline construction;

231. $300,000 for the Livingston County Drain Commission for drain construction in Livingston County, Michigan;

232. $250,000 to L'Anse Township, Michigan for water and sewer infrastructure improvements;

233. $250,000 to the City of Roseau, Minnesota for storm water infrastructure improvements;

234. $600,000 to the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota for the combined sewer overflow;

235. $350,000 to the City of Joplin, Missouri for the Crossroads Parallel Sewer Phase 4 upgrades;

236. $200,000 to the City of St. Louis, Department of Public Utilities for the Columbia Bottoms Wellfield Development water project in St. Louis, Missouri;

237. $250,000 to the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission for water infrastructure improvements in Monroe County, Missouri;

238. $250,000 to the Duckett Creek Sanitary District for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

239. $200,000 to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians for an Academic Wetlands and Wetlands Mitigation Project in Neshoba County, Mississippi;

240. $300,000 for Lamar County, Mississippi for water and sewer infrastructure improvements;

241. $500,000 to the City of Belmont, Mississippi for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

242. $500,000 to the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

243. $150,000 for the Rosodyn Corporation in Butte, Montana for a waste recovery from municipal waste treatment plant;

244. $150,000 to the City of Macon, North Carolina for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

245. $200,000 to the Cleveland County Sanitary District of Lawndale, North Carolina for water system improvements;

246. $250,000 to the Town of Landis, North Carolina for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

247. $200,000 to Harnett County, North Carolina to install pump stations and a forcemain as part of a central wastewater treatment rehabilitation project;

248. $200,000 to the Towns of Biscoe, Star, and Troy, North Carolina for the Montgomery County, North Carolina Sewer Project;

249. $200,000 to the Towns of Hamlet-Rockingham, North Carolina for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

250. $200,000 to the Town of Farmville, North Carolina for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

251. $150,000 to the Cities of East Arcadia, Bolton and Sandyfield, North Carolina for a regional water system;

252. $200,000 to the Town of Wendell, North Carolina for the Buffalo Creek Interceptor project;

253. $250,000 to the City of Charlotte, North Carolina for the wastewater plant expansion;

254. $200,000 to the Town of Apex, North Carolina for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

255. $1,500,000 to Wake County, North Carolina for water infrastructure improvements in cooperation with the Town of Cary, North Carolina and Durham County, North Carolina;

256. $500,000 to Orange County, North Carolina for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

257. $650,000 to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) for a water reuse project;

258. $200,000 to the Town of Hillsborough, North Carolina for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

259. $880,000 for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for water infrastructure improvements in Cherokee, North Carolina;

260. $1,000,000 for McDowell County, North Carolina for water infrastructure improvements;

261. $100,000 to the Town of East Spencer, North Carolina for water and sewer rehabilitation project;

262. $150,000 to the City of Devils Lake, North Dakota for the Devils Lake water line;

263. $200,000 to South Sioux City, Nebraska for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

264. $300,000 to the City of Lincoln, Nebraska for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

265. $550,000 to the City of Omaha, Nebraska for the Combined Sewerage Overflow Project;

266. $150,000 to the City of Nashua, New Hampshire for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

267. $200,000 to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for sewer system expansion in Franklin, New Hampshire;

268. $200,000 to the City of Somerworth, New Hampshire for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

269. $1,000,000 to the Township of Parsippany, New Jersey for water infrastructure improvements;

270. $250,000 to the City of Wildwood, New Jersey for storm sewer outflow reconstruction;

271. $250,000 to the New Jersey Municipal Utilities Authority for the Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor Water Infrastructure Improvement Project in Bayonne, New Jersey;

272. $400,000 for the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission for the Combined Sewage Overflow Program;

273. $100,000 for the Bergen County Utilities Authority for wastewater infrastructure improvements in Englewood, New Jersey;

274. $300,000 for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission for the Hackensack Meadowlands Ecosystem Restoration;

275. $100,000 to the City of Lordsburg, New Mexico for water infrastructure improvements;

276. $100,000 to the City of Bayard, New Mexico for the Ft. Bayard Effluent Reuse System;

277. $150,000 to the City of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

278. $150,000 to the City of Elephant Butte, New Mexico for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

279. $150,000 to the City of Los Lunas, New Mexico to build a sewer interceptor line;

280. $150,000 to the City of Espanola, New Mexico for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

281. $200,000 to the City of Tijeras, New Mexico for water infrastructure improvements;

282. $200,000 for Bernalillo County, New Mexico for the South and North water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

283. $400,000 to the City of Fallon, Nevada for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

284. $400,000 to the City of Henderson, Nevada for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

285. $200,000 to the City of Brookhaven, New York for storm water infrastructure improvements;

286. $100,000 to the Chenango County Agricultural Society of Chenango County, New York for upgrades to the water and septic systems at the Chenango County Fair Grounds and for a study;

287. $125,000 to the Town of Schulyer, New York for water system improvements;

288. $200,000 to the Village of Bridgewater, New York for water infrastructure improvements;

289. $200,000 to the Towns of Springport and Fleming, New York for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

290. $300,000 to Rockland County, New York for the Western Ramapo sewer extension and water reuse project;

291. $250,000 to the Village of Deposit, New York for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

292. $250,000 to the Town of BloomingMove, ew—Yor infrastructure improvements;

293. $300,000 to the Village of Sea Cliff, New York for the Sanitary Sewer System Infrastructure Development and Management project;

294. $110,000 for the Village of Mamaroneck, New York for sewer system improvements;

295. $150,000 to the Town of New Castle, New York for the Phase 11 Storm Water Compliance Program;

296. $250,000 to the City of Oswego, New York for sewer overflow system improvements;

297. $275,000 for the Wamerville Water District in Wamerville, New York for a water and sewer project;

298. $350,000 to the Town of Cheektowaga, New York for the Plant No. 3 overflow retention facility;

299. $400,000 to the Erie Water Authority for water infrastructure improvements for the Town of Newstead and Village of Williamsville, New York;

300. $200,000 to the Town/Village of East Rochester, New York for sewer infrastructure improvements;

301. $1,000,000 for Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority in Hyde Park, New York for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

302. $12,000,000 for continued clean water improvements for Onondaga Lake, New York;

303. $4,000,000 to Monroe County Water Authority in New York State for the Eastside Water Treatment Project;

304. $900,000 to Wayne County, New York for construction of a waterline along North Geneva Road;

305. $600,000 to the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority for water infrastructure improvements in the Town of Huron, New York;

306. $4,000,000 for drinking water infrastructure needs in the New York City Watershed;

307. $4,000,000 for water quality infrastructure improvements for Long Island Sound, New York;

308. $1,000,000 for water quality infrastructure improvements for the Jamesville, New York sewer project;

309. $350,000 to the Town of Elbridge, New York for the construction of a waterline;

310. $150,000 to the City of Lorain, Ohio for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

311. $150,000 to Butler County, Ohio for the Butler County Waterline;

312. $300,000 to the Village of North Baltimore, Ohio for the Water Street Combined Sewer Separation Project;

313. $300,000 to the Village of Hicksville, Ohio for the Hicksville Wastewater Treatment Plant Project;

314. $300,000 to the City of Defiance, Ohio for the Sewer Separation Project;

315. $750,000 to the City of Circleville, Ohio for sewer infrastructure improvements;

316. $1,000,000 to the Burr Oak Regional Water District for water infrastructure improvements in Perry County, Ohio;
317. $550,000 to Greene County, Ohio for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
318. $50,000 to the Logan Elm School District for water infrastructure improvements in Circleville, Ohio;
319. $220,000 to the Lancaster Campus of Ohio University for water infrastructure improvements in Lancaster, Ohio;
320. $155,000 to Fairfield County, Ohio for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
321. $350,000 to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Easterly/Doan Brook Watershed Pollution Abatement Project;
322. $1,000,000 to the City of Toledo, Ohio for wet weather flow and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
323. $1,000,000 to Ottawa County, Ohio for water infrastructure improvements;
324. $1,000,000 to the City of Sandusky, Ohio for wastewater infrastructure improvements;
325. $350,000 to Ashtabula County, Ohio for the Rock Creek Village Waterline Extension;
326. $50,000 to Bloomfield Township, Ohio for a water line project for Winchester Vega Road;
327. $550,000 to Guernsey County, Ohio for a water line extension;
328. $500,000 for the St. Mary's Municipal Government for wastewater infrastructure improvements in St. Mary's, Ohio;
329. $500,000 for Urbana University in Urbana, Ohio for storm drainage and water and sewer line construction;
330. $500,000 for the Delphos Municipal Government for the Tri-County regional water system in Delphos, Ohio;
331. $550,000 to the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati for the sanitary sewer overflow demonstration project in Cincinnati, Ohio;
332. $500,000 to the City of Wooster, Ohio for storm water infrastructure improvements along Beall Ave;
333. $500,000 to the Village of Hayesville, Ohio for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
334. $500,000 to the City of Canton, Ohio for water infrastructure improvements;
335. $150,000 for the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer for installation of the Maplewood Park sewer system in Hubbard Township, Ohio;
336. $250,000 for Columbiana County, Ohio for water infrastructure improvements to the Buckeye Water District;
337. $100,000 to the City of Marlow, Oklahoma for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;
338. $200,000 to the City of Sulpher, Oklahoma for wastewater infrastructure improvements;
339. $1,000,000 to the City of Seminole, Oklahoma for water infrastructure improvements;
340. $80,000 to the City of Meeker, Oklahoma to refurbish the water tower;
341. $100,000 to Skiatook, Oklahoma for water and sewer infrastructure improvements;

342. $150,000 to the City of Portland, Oregon for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

343. $150,000 to the City of Sweet Home, Oregon for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

344. $150,000 to the City of Salem, Oregon for the Peak Excess Flow Treatment Facility for Sanitary Sewer Overflows;

345. $200,000 to the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

346. $150,000 to the City of Rainier, Oregon for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

347. $1,000,000 to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania for the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Project;

348. $100,000 to the City of Sharon, Pennsylvania for the Budd Street sewer line replacement;

349. $500,000 to the City of Philadelphia to continue the planning, design, and construction of innovative storm-water management solutions in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

350. $500,000 to Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania to continue the planning, design, and construction of innovative storm-water management solutions;

351. $250,000 to Beaver Falls Municipal Authority for wastewater infrastructure improvements to the Big Beaver Treatment Facility in Big Beaver, Pennsylvania;

352. $250,000 to the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for the Harrisburg Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility;

353. $350,000 to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority in Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania for the Wyoming Valley Combined Sewer Overflow Project;

354. $200,000 to Ligonier Township, Pennsylvania for the Ligonier Township sewage project;

355. $250,000 for the South Hills Area Council of Governments for the South Hills Area Storm Sewer Project in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania;

356. $250,000 for the Clarion Area Authority for the Fifth Avenue sewer line replacement project in Clarion, Pennsylvania;

357. $500,000 to the Nelson Township Authority for water infrastructure improvements in Nelson, Pennsylvania;

358. $250,000 to the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania for the water treatment membrane project;

359. $200,000 for York City Sewer Authority for the Clean Water Demonstration Project in York, Pennsylvania;

360. $500,000 for the Kulpmont-Marion Heights Joint Municipal Authority in Kulpmont, Pennsylvania for sewer infrastructure improvements;

361. $200,000 to the Town of North Smithfield, Rhode Island for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

362. $200,000 to the City of Newport, Rhode Island for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

363. $200,000 to the Narragansett Bay Commission in Providence, Rhode Island for combined sewer overflow control and wastewater improvement project;

364. $250,000 to the City of Lake Greenwood, South Carolina for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

365. $150,000 to Mount Pleasant Waterworks for the Mount Pleasant Waterworks Rural Roads Gravity Wastewater Extension Project in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina;

366. $500,000 to the Myrtle Beach Downtown Redevelopment Corporation for a new storm water drainage system in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina;

367. $250,000 to the Towns of Olar and Govan, South Carolina for water infrastructure improvements;

368. $300,000 to the City of Welford, South Carolina for sewer/wastewater infrastructure improvements;

369. $400,000 for the Chester County Sewer District for wastewater infrastructure improvements in Lando, South Carolina;

370. $200,000 to the Town of Ridgeland, South Carolina for the Wagon Branch Water Project;

371. $125,000 to the City of Franklin, Tennessee for water system improvements to the Watson Branch Watershed;

372. $150,000 to the City of Pikeville, Tennessee for the Pikeville/Bledsoe County Water Improvements Project;

373. $125,000 to the Hampton Utility District in Little Milligan/Fish Springs Community, Carter County, Tennessee for water infrastructure improvements;

374. $125,000 to the City of Tusculum, Tennessee for first construction phase of a wastewater treatment plant;

375. $50,000 to the City of Bean Station, Tennessee for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

376. $100,000 for Roane County, Tennessee for water infrastructure improvements;

377. $200,000 to Spring City, Tennessee for water and sewer line replacement;

378. $250,000 for Anderson County, Tennessee for water infrastructure improvements;

379. $400,000 to the City of Dayton, Tennessee for flocculation and settling basins;

380. $150,000 for the City of Houston, Texas for water infrastructure improvements;

381. $250,000 to the City of Liberty Hill, Texas for the Liberty Hill Central City Sewer System Project;

382. $75,000 to the Brazos River Authority for the Brazos/Navasota Watershed Management Project in Fort Bend County, Texas;

383. $100,000 for the Brazos River Authority for the West Fort Bend County Regional Water Treatment Facility in Fort Bend County, Texas;

384. $500,000 for Fort Bend County, Texas for water infrastructure improvements;

385. $350,000 to Bosque County, Texas for water infrastructure improvements;

386. $250,000 to the City of Weatherford, Texas for water infrastructure improvements;

387. $250,000 to the City of Pharr, Texas for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

388. $150,000 to the City of Alvin, Texas for water infrastructure improvements;

389. $250,000 for the El Paso Water Utilities for water infrastructure expansion in El Paso, Texas;

390. $150,000 to the San Antonio Water System for the Espada Road Sewer Project in San Antonio, Texas;

391. $500,000 to the City of Austin, Texas for the non-structural sanitary sewer overflow prevention project;

392. $250,000 to the City of Abilene, Texas for the Brazos G regional water plan and water infrastructure improvements;

393. $150,000 to Logan City, Utah for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements for Phase I and II of the Northwest Park Project;

394. $250,000 to Smyth County, Virginia for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

395. $500,000 to Hanover County, Virginia for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

396. $150,000 to Fauquier County, Virginia for a sewage treatment plant in the Catlett/Calverton area;

397. $750,000 to Dale Service Corporation in Dale City, Virginia for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

398. $100,000 to the Isle of Wight County, Virginia for water infrastructure improvements;

399. $500,000 to the Town of Halifax, Virginia for water infrastructure improvements;

400. $1,000,000 to Franklin County, Virginia for water infrastructure improvements;

401. $500,000 to Fluvanna County, Virginia for water infrastructure improvements;

402. $1,000,000 to the Town of Brookneal, Virginia for water infrastructure improvements;

403. $218,000 to Nelson County, Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

404. $682,000 to Pittsylvania County, Virginia for water infrastructure improvements;

405. $200,000 to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority in Northhampton County, Virginia for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

406. $250,000 to the Government of the Virgin Islands for wastewater infrastructure system improvements in St. Croix, Virgin Islands;

407. $150,000 to the City of Chehalis, Washington for water infrastructure improvements;

408. $1,000,000 to the City of Tacoma, Washington for an integrated storm water system for Salishan housing development;

409. $350,000 to the Greenwater Mutual Water Association for water infrastructure improvements in the community of Greenwater, Washington;

410. $200,000 to the City of Carson, Washington for water infrastructure improvements;

411. $200,000 to the City of Oak Harbor, Washington for water infrastructure improvements;

412. $150,000 to the Town of Uniontown, Washington for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

413. $500,000 to the Town of Ione, Washington for water infrastructure improvements;

414. $150,000 to the City of Lakewood, Washington for the American Lake Gardens Industrial Sewer Extension;

415. $150,000 to the City of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

416. $200,000 to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the Central Metropolitan Interceptor System in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

417. $1,850,000 to the City of Antigo, Wisconsin for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

418. $862,000 to the City of Vesper, Wisconsin for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

419. $1,500,000 to the City of Boyd, Wisconsin for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

420. $100,000 to the Town of Scott, Wisconsin for wastewater infrastructure improvements;

421. $200,000 to the City of Racine, Wisconsin for water infrastructure improvements;

422. $500,000 to the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin for systems planning and water infrastructure improvements;

423. $200,000 to the Kanawha County Commission in Kanawha County, West Virginia for the Upper Fishers Branch/Guthrie Water Project;

424. $200,000 to the Braxton County Development Authority for the Curry Ridge Water Line Extension in Curry Ridge, West Virginia;

425. $1,000,000 to the Marshall County Public Service District #4 in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

426. $100,000 to the Jane Lew Public Service District in Harrison County, West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

427. $1,500,000 to the Pleasants County Public Service District in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

428. $480,000 to the Grant County Commission in West Virginia to extend water service to the Deep Spring area;

429. $900,000 to the City of Shinnston in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

430. $750,000 to the Town of Pine Grove in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

431. $1,000,000 to City of Fairmont Sanitary Sewer Board in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

432. $2,374,000 to the City of Petersburg in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

433. $101,000 to the River Road Public Service District in West Virginia to extend water service on National Church Hollow Road;

434. $935,000 to the Taylor County Public Service District in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

435. $833,000 to the Taylor County Commission in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

436. $1,000,000 to the City of Cameron in West Virginia for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements;

437. $55,000 to the Hammond Public Service District in West Virginia for the Lazear's Lane water project;

438. $1,840,000 to the Canaan Valley Institute to work in conjunction with the Highlands Action Program for the design of an innovative wastewater demonstration program in Canaan Valley in Tucker County, West Virginia;

439. $350,000 to the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming for wastewater infrastructure improvements.

As in past years, targeted grants shall be accompanied by a cost-share requirement whereby 45 percent of a project's cost is the responsibility of the community or entity receiving the grant. In those few cases where such cost-share requirement poses a particular financial burden on the recipient community or entity, the Committee supports the Agency's use of its long-standing guidance for financial capability assessments to determine reductions or waivers from this match requirement. But for the limited instances in which an applicant meets the criteria for a waiver, the Committee has provided no more than 55% of an individual project's cost, regardless of the amount appropriated below.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee has again this year included an administrative provision giving the Administrator specific authority to, in the absence of an acceptable tribal program, award cooperative agreements to federally recognized Indian Tribes or Intertribal consortia so as to properly carry out EPA's environmental programs.

When Congress enacted the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) of 2003 to allow EPA to collect new pesticide registration fees, it specifically prohibited the collection of any new Tolerance Fees by the EPA. However, the Administration proposed registration fees as part of its fiscal year 2005 budget in conflict with this newly passed statute. The Committee is concerned that EPA is needlessly spending time proposing fees and promulgating rules when other more productive pesticide work could be completed. The Committee expects the Agency to use its time and resources on useful programs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$7,081,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	6,986,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	7,081,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+95,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	0

The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) was created by the National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976. OSTP advises the President and other agencies within the Executive Office on science and technology policies and coordinates research and development programs for the Federal Government.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $7,081,000 for fiscal year 2005, an increase of $95,000 above the fiscal year 2004 appropriation and the same level as the budget request.

The Committee is disappointed that the efforts of the High End Computing Revitalization Task Force (HEC RTF), under the lead of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), did not translate into fiscal year 2005 funding requests for any non-defense agencies other than the Department of Energy. For FY 2006, the Committee expects OSTP to commit time and resources coordinating with participating agencies so they take into account the need for broad and coordinated participation in high-end computing and make their budget requests accordingly.

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$3,284,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	3,219,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	3,284,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+65,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) was established by Congress under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ), which provides professional and administrative staff for the Council, was established in the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970. The Council on Environmental Policy has statutory responsibility under NEPA for environmental oversight of all Federal agencies and is to lead interagency decision-making of all environmental matters.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee has recommended the budget request of $3,284,000 for the CEQ and OEQ, an increase of $65,000 above last year's spending level.

As in previous years, bill language is included which stipulates that, notwithstanding the National Environmental Policy Act, the CEQ can operate with one council member and that member shall be considered the chairman for purposes of conducting the business of the CEQ and OEQ.

The Committee requests that the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality conduct a review of existing federal water reuse, recycling, and reclamation programs and report to Congress on the authorization level of such programs and appropriated funding for such programs. The CEQ Chairman should submit this report to Congress not later than March 31, 2005.

The Committee directs CEQ, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to contract with the National Academy of Sciences within 60 days of enactment to conduct a study of the environmental, including landscape/viewshed, impacts of wind energy projects in the Mid-Atlantic Highlands. This study is to conclude with appropriate viewshed and other criteria for the siting of wind turbines in the Mid-Atlantic Highlands.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$30,125,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	30,125,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	30,125,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

Funding for the Office of the Inspector General at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is provided pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1105(a)(25), which requires a separate appropriation account for appropriations for each Office of Inspector General of an establishment defined under section 11(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978.

The Committee recommendation, the same as the budget request, provides for the transfer of $30,125,000 from the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Association Insurance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund to finance the Office of Inspector General for fiscal year 2004.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER FUND

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$14,907,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	13,917,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	14,907,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+990,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	0

The Consumer Information Center (CIC) was established within the General Services Administration (GSA) by Executive Order on October 26, 1970, to help Federal departments and agencies promote and distribute consumer information collected as a byproduct of the Government's program activities.

The Federal Information Center (FIC) program was established within the General Services Administration in 1966, and was formalized by Public Law 95–491 in 1980. The program's purpose is to provide the public with direct information about all aspects of Federal programs, regulations, and services. To accomplish this mission, contractual services are used to respond to public inquiries via a nationwide toll-free telephone call center.

In 2000, the Consumer Information Center assumed responsibility for the operations of the FIC program with the resulting organization being officially named the Federal Consumer Information Center. The Federal Consumer Information Center combines the nationwide toll-free telephone assistance program and the database of the FIC with the CIC website and publications distribution programs.

During fiscal year 2002, the Federal Consumer Information Center became part of GSA's newly established Office of Citizen Services and Communications and was renamed the Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC). The new Office serves as a central federal gateway for citizens, businesses, other governments, and the media to obtain information and services from the government. FCIC assumed operational control of the FirstGov.gov website in fiscal year 2002.

Public Law 98–63, enacted July 30, 1983, established a revolving fund for the CIC. Under this fund, FCIC activities are financed from the following: annual appropriations from the general funds of the Treasury, reimbursements from agencies for distribution of publications, user fees collected from the public, and any other income incident to FCIC activities. All are available as authorized in appropriation acts without regard to fiscal year limitations. The bill includes a limitation of $18,000,000 on the availability of the re-

volving fund. Any revenues accruing to this fund in excess of this amount shall remain in the fund and are not available for expenditure except as authorized in appropriation Acts.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee recommends $14,907,000, an increase of $990,000 over the level for fiscal year 2004 and the same as the budget request.

The appropriation will be augmented by reimbursements from Federal agencies for distribution of consumer publications, user fees from the public, and other income.

U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON THE HOMELESSNESS OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$1,500,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	1,491,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	1,500,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+9,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Committee recommends $1,500,000 for operating expenses of the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$15,149,369,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	15,378,032,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	16,244,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−228,663,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	−1,094,631,000

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration was created by the National Space Act of 1958. NASA conducts aeronautics research; research, development, and flight operations scientific spacecraft, and other activities designed to ensure and maintain U.S. preeminence in aeronautics, science, and space exploration.

The Committee has recommended a total program level of $15,149,369,000 in fiscal year 2005, which is a decrease of $1,094,631,000 from the budget request and a decrease of $228,663,000 when compared to the fiscal year 2004 enacted appropriation.

The budget submission proposed the renaming of two existing appropriations paragraphs. The Committee has accepted the new title of Exploration Capabilities for activities that were, for the most part, included as Space Flight Capabilities in the fiscal year 2004 appropriations Act. The Committee has not changed the title of the Science, Aeronautics and Explorations account, where the proposed change was to simply reorder the three words. While the Committee is supportive of the exploration aspect of NASA's vision, the Committee does not believe it warrants top billing over science and aeronautics.

For the second time in the last three years, NASA has failed to pass an independent financial audit. Among the material weaknesses identified by the most recent audit was a $1.743 billion discrepancy between NASA's fund balance and the U.S. Treasury's reported balance as of September 30, 2003. The Committee understands that NASA has reconciled and corrected $1.6 billion of the $1.743 billion in fiscal year 2003 audit differences and that NASA expects to reconcile the remaining $143 million by September 2004. The Committee requests that NASA submit a report to the Com-

mittee documenting the reconciliation and correction of the full amount by September 30, 2004.

The Committee notes that NASA was provided with limited Enhanced-Use Lease authority in the fiscal year 2003 appropriations Act and has selected two locations for pilot programs as specified in the Act. The Committee directs NASA to provide a report to the Congress within 120 days on the results of the program with recommendations for expansion if warranted.

SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND EXPLORATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$7,621,169,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	7,830,200,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	7,760,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−209,031,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	−138,831,000

This appropriation provides for the research and development activities, and all associated costs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. These activities include: space science, earth science, biological and physical research, aeronautics, and education programs.

The Committee recommends $7,621,169,000 for Science, Aeronautics and Exploration in fiscal year 2005. The amount recommended is a decrease of $138,831,000 from the budget request, and a decrease of $209,031,000 from the fiscal year 2004 level as estimated in this new account structure.

SPACE SCIENCE

The Committee believes that the planetary exploration and space science programs at NASA are essential to the mission and success of the federal space program. Therefore, the Committee provides full funding for several important NASA missions. The Committee supports the continued robust program for the exploration of Mars at $691 million. In addition to supporting several critical, ongoing missions such as the Mars Exploration Rovers and the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, this level will also fund major initiatives which will usher NASA into a new generation of discovery. In addition to Mars exploration, the Committee provides $155.1 million for the Space Interferometry Mission, which will determine the positions and distances of stars several hundred times more accurately than any previous program. Project Prometheus is supported at a reduced level, with a concentration on basic research into the development of space power systems and space nuclear propulsion systems.

The Committee notes that the National Academy of Sciences has recently issued an interim report on the usefulness of the Hubble Space Telescope and has provided some observations on the options being considered for extending the life of the mission. The Committee encourages NASA to heed the advice of the Academy, including a further evaluation of the option of using the shuttle to perform a servicing mission. The Committee has taken no action at this time with regard to funding for the Hubble program, but will re-evaluate the programs needs as they become more defined.

The amount provided reflects the following program and project adjustments within the space science enterprise.

1. A decrease of $12,400,000 associated with a delay in the Jupiter Icy Moons Orbiter mission;

2. A decrease of $70,000,000 associated with a one year delay in the Lunar Exploration mission;

3. A decrease of $15,000,000 from other Technology and Advanced Concepts;

4. A decrease of $5,000,000 from other research within the Structure and Evolution of the Universe theme;

5. A decrease of $5,000,000 from Living With a Star in the Sun-Earth Connection theme;

6. An increase of $250,000 for the Detroit Science Center;

7. An increase of $15,900,000 for the Institute for Scientific Research, Inc. for development and construction of research facilities;

8. An increase of $2,100,000 for continued development of a lightweight carrier pallet to increase NASA's payload capacity for space shuttle servicing missions;

9. An increase of $500,000 for the Sacramento Space Science Center at California State University;

10. An increase of $2,000,000 for telescope construction at the Pisgah Astronomical Research Center;

11. The Committee directs $3,000,000 from NASA Space Science be transferred to the Air Force Research Laboratory to begin development of miniature synthetic radar technology.

EARTH SCIENCE

The amount provided reflects the following program and project adjustments within the earth science enterprise.

1. A decrease of $15,000,000 from the Orbit Carbon Observatory mission resulting in a delay in the program;

2. A decrease of $20,000,000 from the CCRI(Glory) mission resulting in a delay in the program;

3. An increase of $500,000 to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences for NASA Earth Science integration planning;

4. An increase of $500,000 for continuation of emerging research that applies remote sensing technologies to forest management practices at the State University of New York, College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry;

5. An increase of $1,000,000 for the Advanced Interactive Discovery Environment engineering research program at Syracuse University;

6. An increase of $3,000,000 for the Regional Application Center for the Northeast;

7. An increase of $15,900,000 for the Institute for Scientific Research, Inc. for development and construction of research facilities;

8. An increase of $1,500,000 for on-going activities of the Goddard Institute for Systems, Software, and Technology Research, including mission design tools, Earth Science analysis, and remote sensing instrumentation development;

9. An increase of $1,000,000 for the Goddard Space Flight Center's Clustering and Advanced Visual Environments Initiative;

10. An increase of $1,000,000 for the University of San Francisco Center for Science and the Environment;

11. An increase of $500,000 for hyper spectral remote sensing research and development at the Desert Research Institute;

12. An increase of $400,000 for Space Place;

13. An increase of $4,500,000 for the implementation of a remote data storage capability at the NASA IV&V Facility. Appropriated funds are for augmenting available data storage capacities; expanding remote data storage capabilities to the Goddard Space Flight Center and a second DAAC; and communications, facility and integration services at the IV&V Facility to support data backup, recovery, and on-line access capabilities for the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) ECS program.

BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL RESEARCH

The amount provided reflects the following program and project adjustments within the biological and physical sciences enterprise:

1. A decrease of $103,000,000 from the bioastronautics research program, in the form of a general reduction based upon undefined requirements;

2. An increase of $3,000,000 for space radiation research at the Loma Linda University Medical Center;

3. An increase of $500,000 for the Northwestern University Institute for Proteomics and Nanobiotechnology;

4. An increase of $400,000 for Musculoskeletal for Simulator for Injuries at the Cleveland Clinic;

5. An increase of $1,250,000 for the Michigan Research Institute;

6. An increase of $600,000 to the MCNC-Research and Development Institute (RDI) for continued funding for a Laboratory for Distributed Chemical and Biological Sensors;

7. An increase of $500,000 for gravitational space biology research at North Carolina State University;

8. An increase of $3,000,000 for the National Center of Excellence in Bioinfomatics in Buffalo, New York;

9. An increase of $1,000,000 for Cryogenic Power Electronics Development at the State University of New York at Albany.

10. An increase of $1,000,000 for the Central New York Biotechnology Research Center in Syracuse, New York;

11. An increase of $900,000 for the State University of New York Downtown Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York for the Advanced Biotechnology Incubator project.

AERONAUTICS

The Federal investments in aeronautics research and development have delivered countless economic and societal benefits to the nation over the years. Challenges in dealing with the projected growth in air traffic as well as the need to reduce significantly the adverse environmental impacts of future aircraft will require that NASA remain deeply engaged in aeronautics research and development. The Committee directs NASA to develop a prioritized set of aeronautics goals through 2020, along with the annual funding requirements associated with achieving each goal. The plan should be provided to the Committee within 120 days. As part of NASA's investments in this area, the Committee directs NASA to provide

$25,000,000 for Intelligent Propulsion System Foundation Technologies (Propulsion 21) to continue research by the existing coalition of NASA, state government, industry, and academia.

The Committee recommends the following adjustments to the budget request:

1. An increase of $350,000 for Validated Probabilistic Lifing Tools;
2. An increase of $200,000 for the National Center for Communication Navigation, and Surveillance at Glenn Research Center;
3. An increase of $350,000 for Aerospace Education Center in Cleveland, Ohio;
4. An increase of $500,000 for the Michigan Small Aircraft Transportation System;
5. An increase of $3,000,000 for the Virginia Institute for Performing Engineering and Research;
6. An increase of $400,000 for COM Simulation Architecture;
7. An increase of $700,000 to the Virtual Systems Laboratory of the National Aviation Technology Center, School of Aviation, Dowling College, New York;
8. An increase of $1,700,000 for the University of Toledo Turbine Institute;
9. An increase of $300,000 for the Bowling Green State University Hybrid Engine project;
10. An increase of $600,000 to the Research Triangle Institute, International for Synthetic Vision Systems/Combined Vision Systems;
11. An increase of $500,000 to the University of Alabama in Huntsville for a Space Flight Guidance, Navigation, and Control Test Bed;
12. An increase of $3,000,000 for the National Center of Excellence in Infotonics in Rochester, New York;
13. An increase of $2,100,000 for Research on Advanced Wireless Communications for Airport Applications;
14. An increase of $2,700,000 to research Secure Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS–B) Surveillance data link technology for enhanced aviation security and general aviation airspace access;
15. An increase of $3,000,000 for the Computing, Information and Communications Technology Program (CICT) for High Information Density Approaches to Mobile Broadband Internet Communications;
16. An increase of $5,000,000 for Project SOCRATES;
17. An increase of $1,000,000 for the National Aviation Technology Center at Dowling College, New York;
18. An increase of $1,500,000 for Integrated Sensing Systems at the Rochester Institute of Technology;
19. An increase of $500,000 for the development of an Aircraft Radio Guidance System (ARGUS) utilizing a new radio frequency interferometer that will provide two or three dimensional navigation guidance for airborne, space or surface vehicles;
20. An increase of $1,000,000 for the development of a Research Flight Computing System in support of the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center's Altair/Predator B UAV Technology Demonstrator Project;

21. An increase of $7,500,000 for the Hydrogen Research Initiative;

22. An increase of $1,000,000 to the Applied Polymer Technology Extension Consortium for research on polymers;

23. An increase of $3,000,000 to the Mobile Broadband Network project, a joint effort between NASA and the Air Force Research Laboratory;

24. An increase of $3,000,000 to be transferred to the Air Force Research Laboratory to continue joint research between NASA and the Air Force on emerging areas of computing including grid computing, quantum and biomolecular information processing technology.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Committee has included $28,200,000 for the National Space Grant College and Fellowship program. This amount is an increase of $9,100,000 to the fiscal year 2005 budget request. The amount provided will fund 40 states at $575,000 each and 12 states at $350,000 each as well as $1,000,000 for administrative expenses.

The Committee has included $12,000,000 for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). The amount provided is $7,400,000 above the budget request of $4,600,000 and will fund the fourth year of current five-year research grants.

The amount provided reflects the following program and project adjustments within the education programs enterprise.

1. An increase of $9,100,000 for the National Space Grant College and Fellowship program, for a total funding level of $28,200,000 in fiscal year 2005;

2. An increase of $7,400,000 for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, for a total funding level of $12,000,000 in fiscal year 2005;

3. An increase of $500,000 to the State of Alabama for the Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative;

4. An increase of $250,000 for the Education Training Center at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center;

5. An increase of $2,000,000 to the Educational Advancement Alliance, to support the Alliance's K–12 math, science, and technology education enrichment program;

6. An increase of $400,000 for Albany State University/Darton College in Albany, Georgia for the Science, Engineering, Math and Aerospace Academy program;

7. An increase of $250,000 for South Georgia Technical College in Americus, Georgia for the Science, Engineering, Math and Aerospace Academy program;

8. An increase of $250,000 for Albany State University in Albany, Georgia for project "JumpStart" for a Math, Science Education Enhancement program for pre-college students;

9. An increase of $250,000 for the Georgia Project/ABAC College, Tifton, Georgia to implement a K–12 program for Hispanic students in science, engineering, math and aerospace in SW Georgia who struggle with English as a Second Language;

10. An increase of $400,000 for the University System of Georgia-Board of Regents, Atlanta, Georgia for purchase and implementa-

tion of a pre-testing software for math and science educational and career-related standardized test.

11. An increase of $100,000 for Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia for grants and scholarships in math and science for students implemented through the Multicultural Affairs Program;

12. An increase of $4,000,000 for a new Science Center at St. Bonaventure's University in New York State;

13. An increase of $2,000,000 for the JASON Foundation;

14. An increase of $300,000 for the Challenger Learning Center in Cookeville, Tennessee;

15. An increase of $3,500,000 for Little River Canyon Field School;

16. An increase of $250,000 for Hollins University for upgrades to its science infrastructure;

17. An increase of $250,000 for the University of New England Marine Science Center;

18. An increase of $500,000 for the Liberty Science Center.

EXPLORATION CAPABILITIES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$7,496,800,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	7,520,700,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	8,456,400,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−23,900,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	−959,600,000

This appropriation provides for the conduct and support of exploration capabilities including human and robotic technology, transportation systems, international space station, space shuttle programs, and flight support. Activities include research, development, support and services. Within this appropriation, two major subcategories of funding exist, exploration systems and space flight.

Funding in the exploration systems category includes technology for new space transportations systems and robotics as well as technology transfer programs and activities. Funding in the space flight category is provided for continued development and operation of the International Space Station, operations and upgrades to the performance and safety of the space shuttle, and flight support operations.

The Committee recommends a total of $7,496,800,000 for the exploration capabilities account in fiscal year 2005, an decrease of $959,600,000 from the budget request and a decrease of $23,900,000 to the fiscal year 2004 level as estimated in this new account structure.

The reductions in this portion of the budget include $30,000,000 from technology maturation efforts, $230,000,000 from Project Prometheus efforts related to the Jupiter Icy Moons Orbiter, $438,000,000 resulting from delaying the Crew Exploration Vehicle, and $100,000,000 from Space Launch Initiative by accelerating the termination of activities.

The Committee finds the significant public support of the new Vision for Space Exploration to be noteworthy. The Committee is supportive of the new vision, and believes that it will serve to preserve our nation's leadership in space. The Committee support includes a commitment to the safe return to flight of the space shut-

tle fleet, the completion of the International Space Station as a unique scientific research facility, the implementation of a sustained and affordable robotic program to explore the solar system and beyond, and extending human exploration activities beyond low-earth orbit in a timely fashion. The Committee expects that NASA will take full advantage of the core capabilities and appropriate infrastructure of its field centers while implementing the vision. The Committee believes that a robust space exploration program will help strengthen our nation's economy, benefit our national security, and stimulate the education of future generations of scientists and engineers. At this time, the Committee does not have sufficient resources to meet the full budget request for NASA in fiscal year 2005. However, the Committee is hopeful that if additional resources are identified as the legislative process moves forward, it may be possible to augment NASA funding.

The Committee directs NASA to provide a report to the Congress, within 120 days, which comprehensively lists the propulsion systems that would be required to implement Project Constellation. This report should include, but not be limited to, all elements of the Earth-to-Orbit propulsion systems, in-space propulsion systems, and propulsion systems for landing/ascent craft.

With this appropriation, the Committee continues its support of the space shuttle program by fully funding the budget request. While the Vision for Space Exploration indicates that the shuttle fleet will retire in 2010, the Committee believes this reflects an optimistic assessment of when a replacement system could become operational and believes NASA needs to re-evaluate this date in the context of the current budget environment and the technical challenges associated both with return-to-flight activities and new system development needs. Recent information provided to the Committee indicates that additional time and money will be required to return the shuttle to safe operations. The Committee looks forward to learning more about NASA's needs for this program and will work with NASA to ensure necessary funding is provided in a timely manner.

The Committee does not agree with the termination of the commercial programs within the Innovative Technology Transfer Partnerships (ITTP) program as proposed in the budget submission, and has therefore provided an increase of $30,000,000 to this appropriation for the express purpose of continuing the commercial programs, including the activities of associated NASA personnel, as they existed in fiscal year 2003 and prior fiscal years. The Committee notes that the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) has just completed the first phase of an analysis of the ITTP program, which highlights a number of weaknesses that reduce the program's effectiveness at spin-in and spin-out of technology. The Committee directs NASA to fully address the recommendations of phases I and II of the NAPA study in the context of future budget submissions. The Committee supports maintaining a vigorous ITTP program at NASA and strongly supports maintaining the spin-out of NASA technology to the commercial world as an integral part of the program.

Within this enterprise, the International Space Station budget is reduced by $120,000,000, which represents an estimate of the underrun associated with this program due to continued delays in

the shuttle return-to-flight. Additionally, the Committee recommends a reduction of $70,000,000 to the budget request for cargo/crew services, leaving $70,000,000 for this activity. The Committee notes that in the past NASA has not always used full and open competition for procurement of technical data and had proposed a sole-source contract for procurement of launch systems. The Committee finds this practice to be unacceptable given today's competitive environment and directs NASA to ensure that to the maximum extent feasible, competitive procurements should be the order of the day. While current regulations allow for a finding of other than full and open competition when in the "best interest" of the government, NASA should be aware that the Committee will be very interested in any sole-source contract awards and will take more aggressive action if necessary to ensure the integrity of competitive procurement.

The Committee has concerns about the role of materials research onboard the International Space Station. NASA has developed a backlog of application-oriented materials research experiments that have undergone multiple peer-reviews. The Committee recognizes that materials research performed in the microgravity environment offered by this unique laboratory has the potential to play a significant role in developing the novel and improved materials, innovative devices, and enhanced manufacturing processes of the future. The Committee strongly urges NASA to give full consideration to the role of materials research in its ISS research program, and to seek independent external expert advice on how materials research performed in the environment onboard the ISS can support the Nation's Space Exploration Initiative.

The amount provided reflects the following adjustments within the exploration systems enterprise:

1. An increase of $400,000 for the Glennan Microsystems Commercialization Initiative;
2. An increase of $300,000 for Garrett Morgan Commercial;
3. An increase of $900,000 for Simulation based acquisition for manned space flight vehicle, design and testing, MSFC;
4. An increase of $150,000 to the Technology Research & Development Authority of Central Florida for continuing investment in IT, and security technologies;
5. An increase of $850,000 for the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida for its Hydrogen, Fuel Cell & Sensor Technology Initiative;
6. An increase of $2,000,000 for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory for development of performance, safety, and mission success tools for NASA programs;
7. An increase of $250,000 to the Alabama A&M University for Advanced Propulsion Materials Research;
8. An increase of $500,000 for the Nano and Micro Devices Laboratory at the University of Alabama in Huntsville;
9. An increase of $200,000 for Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia to support the technology center;
10. An increase of $6,000,000 for the continuation of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program for business incubators in Florida and New York;

11. An increase of $1,000,000 for the National Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology Programs at Stony Brook University, New York;

12. An increase of $1,000,000 for the National Center of Excellence in Small Scale Systems Packaging at the State University of New York at Binghamton;

13. An increase of $2,500,000 for NASA's Independent Verification and Validation Facility, of which $800,000 is available for continuation of the Code Level Metrics Data Program; $400,000 is available for continuation of IV & V of Neural Nets; and $400,000 is available for Software Legacy Research.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$31,400,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	27,139,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	27,600,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+4,261,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	+3,800,000

The Office of the Inspector General was established by the Inspector General Act of 1978 and is responsible for audit and investigation of all agency programs.

The Committee recommends $31,400,000 for the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in fiscal year 2005, an increase of $4,261,000 to the amount provided in fiscal year 2004 and $3,800,000 more than the budget request for fiscal year 2005. The increase is for contracting for the annual audit of NASA's financial statements. Under current policy, the Office of Inspector General is responsible for providing oversight of the independent public accounting firm selected to perform the annual audit of NASA's financial statements, but funding for the audits is provided from other NASA appropriations. With this change, the OIG will have consolidated responsibility for technical oversight and fiscal management of the contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The bill includes three administrative provisions. The first provision allows for the availability of funds to remain until expended when any activity has been initiative for construction of facilities. The second provision makes all amounts appropriated for construction of facilities to remain available until September 30, 2007. The final provision allows unexpended balances of prior appropriations to be transferred to the new account established for the appropriations that provides such activity under this Act. The Committee recommendation does not include two administrative provisions proposed as part of the budget request. The first provision would give NASA unlimited transfer authority. The second provision would give NASA authority to award prizes and allow funding for such prizes to remain available without fiscal year limitation.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY

	Limitation on direct loans	Limitation on administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	($1,500,000,000)	($310,000)

	Limitation on direct loans	Limitation on administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	($1,500,000,000)	($310,000)
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	($1,500,000,000)	($310,000)
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	(0)	(0)
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	(0)	(0)

The National Credit Union Central Liquidity Facility Act established the National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility (CLF) on October 1, 1979, as a mixed-ownership government corporation within the National Credit Union Administration. It is managed by the National Credit Union Administration and is owned by its member credit unions. Loans may not be used to expand a loan portfolio, but are authorized to meet short-term requirements such as emergency outflows from managerial difficulties, seasonal credit, and protracted adjustment credit for long-term needs caused by disintermediation or regional economic decline.

The Committee recommends a limitation of $1,500,000,000 on CLF lending activity to member credit unions from borrowed funds. This limitation represents the same level as fiscal year 2004 and the same as the budget request. The Committee expects to be kept apprised of CLF lending activity.

The Committee recommends the budget request of not more than $310,000 for administrative expenses.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$1,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	1,193,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	1,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−193,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	0

The Community Development Revolving Loan Fund Program (CDRLF) was established in 1979 to assist officially designated "low-income" credit unions in providing basic financial services to low-income communities. Low-interest loans and deposits are made available to assist these credit unions. Loans or deposits are normally repaid in five years, although shorter repayment periods may be considered. Technical assistance grants are also available to low-income credit unions. Earnings generated from the CDRLF are available to fund technical assistance grants in addition to funds provided for specifically in appropriations acts. Grants are available for improving operations as well as addressing safety and soundness issues. The Committee's recommendation includes $200,000 for loans to community development credit unions and $800,000 for technical assistance.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$5,466,960,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	5,577,845,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	5,744,690,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	−110,885,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	−277,730,000

Established in 1950, the National Science Foundation's primary purpose was to develop a national policy on science, and support and promote basic research and education in the sciences filling the void left after World War II. The Committee is committed to keep-

ing the Foundation's current activities true to the founding purpose of supporting basic science.

The Committee recommends a total of $5,466,960,000 for the Foundation for fiscal year 2005. This recommendation is a decrease of $110,885,000 from the fiscal year 2004 level and $277,730,000 below the budget request.

Of the amounts approved the Foundation must limit transfers of funds between programs and activities to not more than $500,000 without prior approval of the Committee. Further, no changes may be made to any account or program element if it is construed to be policy or a change in policy. Any activity or program cited in this report shall be construed as the position of the Committee and should not be subject to reductions or reprogramming without prior approval of the Committee. Finally, it is the intent of the Committee that all carryover funds in the various appropriations accounts are subject to the normal reprogramming requirements outlined above.

The Committee is disappointed that the Foundation failed to comply with the direction included in the fiscal year 2004 conference report regarding submission of the congressional budget justifications. The Foundation is once again reminded that budget justifications are intended only for the Committees on Appropriations' use and therefore must be submitted in a format with the necessary level of detail required by the Committee so that funding requests may be adequately analyzed. As indicated last year, a strategic plan format is not useful to the Committee. While materials formatted by strategic goals may be submitted as supplementary information, the detailed budget justifications are not to be formatted by the strategic goals of "People," "Tools," and "Ideas" nor is such information to be used or integrated into the detailed budget justification materials. Instead, the NSF is to present the fiscal year 2006 budget justification submission in the traditional appropriations account structure with detailed information on the prior year, current year, and requested funding levels for each program, project or activity funded within each division and directorate in each account, and provide detailed information on all proposed changes being requested. The NSF is directed to submit to the Committee not later than October 15, 2004, a template for its fiscal year 2006 budget justification document that complies with this direction.

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1,2] $4,151,745,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1,2] 4,251,368,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1,2] 4,452,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1,2] −99,623,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	[1,2] −300,255,000

[1] The recommendation reflects the transfer of $25,944,000 in administrative costs to the Salaries and Expenses account that were funded in fiscal year 2004 in the Research and Related Activities account. The budget did not propose this transfer.

[2] The recommendation does not adopt the budget proposal to transfer $80,000,000 for the Math and Science Partnerships program to the Research and Related Activities account from the Education and Human Resources account.

The appropriation for Research and Related Activities covers all programs in the Foundation except Education and Human Resources, Salaries and Expenses, Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction, the National Science Board, and the Office

of Inspector General. These are funded in other accounts in the bill.

The Committee recommends a total of $4,151,745,000 for Research and Related Activities in fiscal year 2005. The recommendation reflects the transfer of $25,954,000 in administrative costs that were funded in this account in fiscal year 2004 to the Salaries and Expenses account. The budget did not propose this transfer. In addition, funding for the Math and Science Partnerships program is continued in the Education and Human Resources account instead of under this account as proposed in the budget. After accounting for these changes, the recommendation is $73,672,000 below the comparable fiscal year 2004 level and $194,301,000 below the comparable budget request.

Except as specifically noted herein, the recommendation does not include specific funding allocations for each directorate or for individual programs and activities. The Foundation is directed to submit a proposed spending plan to the Committee for its consideration within 30 days of enactment of this Act that addresses the Foundation's highest priority research requirements. In developing this plan, the Foundation is urged to be sensitive to maintaining the proper balance between the goal of stimulating interdisciplinary research and the need to maintain robust single-issue research in the core disciplines.

Given the overall funding constraints, no funds are provided for the proposed Workforce for the 21st Century program, the proposed new class of Science and Technology Centers, or the proposed Innovation Fund.

Within the amounts provided, the recommendation provides $350,000,000 for the Office of Polar Programs, as requested in the budget. Expenses for the Antarctic operation programs have substantially increased due to rising fuel costs, increased Coast Guard support costs, the weather, and extraordinary ice conditions in the bay. The Committee expects NSF to provide the necessary resources for operations, research support and logistics, and science and research grant support to fully fund the Antarctic operations.

Within the amounts provided, $6,000,000 is for continued planning and design activities for the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON). The National Research Council's (NRC) review of the NEON program, while endorsing a NEON-like concept, found that further refinement and more detailed implementation plans were necessary to maximum the benefit from this investment. NSF is expected to consider and incorporate the Council's recommendations as it continues planning and design activities, particularly the NRC's recommendation to strengthen partnerships and collaborations with other Federal agencies. The Committee believes such collaborations are critical to maximize the use of existing observatory networks in order to avoid redundancy of Federal research dollars and reduce the overall cost of the NEON project.

From within the Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorates and the National Nanotechnology Initiative, the Committee remains concerned that researchers are reaching the physical limits of current complementary metal oxide semiconductor process technology and that this will have significant implications for continued productivity growth in the information economy. The

Committee commends NSF's examination of the International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors and its initiation of the Silicon Nanoelectronics and Beyond program and encourages NSF to consider increasing research support, where feasible, through this program.

The Committee directs NSF to issue guidance to all directorates, not later than December 15, 2004, that research support grant applications from all Smithsonian Institution scientists are fully eligible to compete for NSF funding and are to be given fair consideration in the merit review process.

The Committee encourages the Foundation to continue to work to expand the participation of minority students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and minority serving institutions in NSF research opportunities. The NSF is also encouraged to provide additional support for minority students and faculty by allowing Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) supplements for students to be added to existing research grant awards for faculty from small schools.

MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$208,200,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	154,980,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	213,270,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+53,220,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	−5,070,000

This account provides funding for the construction of major research facilities that provide unique capabilities at the cutting edge of science and engineering.

The Committee recommends a total of $208,200,000 for the major research construction and equipment account for fiscal year 2004, an increase of $53,220,000 over the fiscal 2003 funding level and $5,070,000 less than the budget request.

The Committee's recommendation includes:

Project	2005 request	2005 recommendation
Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA)	$49,670,000	$49,700,000
EarthScope	47,350,000	47,300,000
IceCube Neutrino Detector Observatory	33,400,000	51,200,000
National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON)	12,000,000	0
Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP)	40,850,000	30,000,000
Rare Symmetry Violating Processes (RSVP)	30,000,000	30,000,000

The Committee recommends $51,200,000 for the IceCube Neutrino Detector Observatory, an increase of $9,450,000 above fiscal year 2004 level and $17,800,000 above the request. The Committee has accelerated the funding profile to enable certain economies to be achieved that will reduce the overall total project cost.

The Committee does not recommend funding for the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) project within this account but instead has included funding for continued planning and design within the Research and Related Activities account. The recommendation is based on the NRC's recent review of the project that concluded that a refined focus and a more detailed implementation plan are required.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] $842,985,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 938,977,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1,2] 771,360,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] −95,992,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	[1,2] +71,625,000

[1] The recommendation reflects the transfer of $5,500,000 in administrative costs to the Salaries and Expenses account that were funded in fiscal year 2004 in the Education and Human Resources account. The budget did not propose this transfer.

[2] The recommendation continues funding for the Math and Science Partnerships program in this account as provided for in fiscal year 2004. The budget requested $80,000,000 for this program in Related Activities account.

The Foundation's Education and Human Resources activities are designed to encourage the entrance of talented students into science and technology careers, to improve the undergraduate science and engineering education environment, to assist in providing all pre-college students with a level of education in mathematics, science, and technology that reflects the needs of the nation and is the highest quality attained anywhere in the world, and to extend greater research opportunities to underrepresented segments of the scientific and engineering communities.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee proposes $842,985,000 for this account. Funding for the Math and Science Partnerships program is continued in this account as provided for in fiscal year 2004 instead of within the Research and Related Activities account as proposed in the budget. The recommendation also reflects the transfer of $5,500,000 in administrative costs that were funded in this account in fiscal year 2004 to the Salaries and Expenses account. The budget did not propose this transfer. After accounting for these changes, the recommendation is $90,492,000 below the comparable fiscal year 2004 level and $2,875,000 below the comparable budget request.

The Committee's recommendation includes the following program levels:

Program	2005 Request	2005 recommendation
Math and Science Partnerships	$80,000,000	$82,500,000
EPSCoR	84,000,000	94,440,000
Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education	172,750,000	175,457,000
Undergraduate Education	158,850,000	160,301,000
Graduate Education	173,880,000	155,950,000
Human Resource Development	107,940,000	115,343,000
Research, Evaluation and Communication	62,370,000	53,155,000

The Committee recommends $82,500,000 for the Math and Science Partnerships (MSP), a $2,500,000 increase over the request and $56,670,000 below the fiscal year 2004 level. This amount funds continuations of existing awards and evaluation and dissemination activities. The Committee notes that a $120,000,000 increase has been proposed in the budget and approved by the Committee in the Department of Education's K–12 math and science education programs in fiscal year 2005. In addition, NSF will award approximately $91 million in new MSP grants in fiscal year 2004. The recommendation includes $2,500,000 above the request to be used by the Foundation to review mechanisms to better integrate and maximize the math and science education efforts of the Foundation and the Department of Education. Given the overall funding constraints and the substantial resources being devoted to

math and science education, the Committee has deferred any new starts in this program pending completion of this review.

The Committee recommends $94,440,000 for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program, an increase of $10,440,000 over the budget request and equal to the 2004 funding level.

Within the amounts provided for the Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education activity, the Informal Science Education (ISE) program is funded at the fiscal year 2004 level of $62,130,000, an increase of $12,130,000 over the budget request. The Committee recognizes the value of engaging the general public in informal science and technology education at all ages. The demand for technical literacy in our nation increases daily. The Committee is concerned about the lack of geographic diversity in the institutions that participate in the ISE program and directs that the NSF provide a report to the Committee no later than 90 days of enactment of this Act on its plans to geographically broaden participation of institutions in the program.

Within the amounts provided for the Undergraduate Education activity, the STEM Talent Expansion Program (STEP) is funded at the fiscal year 2004 level of $24,850,000, $9,850,000 above the request; the Robert Noyce Scholarship program is restored to the 2004 level of $7,950,000, $3,950 above the request; and the Advanced Technological Education program (ATE) is funded at the fiscal year 2004 level of $45,230,000, $7,070,000 above the request. No funds have been provided for the Workforce for the 21st Century program.

Within the amounts provided for Human Resource Development activity, the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program is funded at the fiscal year 2004 level of $34,300,000; the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCUUP) is restored to the 2004 level of $23,860,000, $3,880,000 above the request; the Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) is funded at the fiscal year 2004 level of $14,910,000; the Centers for Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) is restored to the 2004 level of $14,910,000; and the Model Institutions for Excellence (MIE) program is funded at the 2004 level of $2,510,000.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	[1] $249,970,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] 218,702,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	[1] 294,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	[1] +31,268,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	[1] −44,030,000

[1] The recommendation reflects the transfer of $31,451,000 in administrative costs to the Salaries and Expenses account that were funded in fiscal year 2004 in the Research and Related Activities ($25,954,000) and Education and Human Resources ($5,500,000) accounts. The budget did not propose this transfer.

The Salaries and Expenses activity provides for the operation, support and management, and direction of all Foundation programs and activities and includes necessary funds that develop, manage, and coordinate Foundation programs.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $249,970,000 for salaries and expenses. Despite the Committee's explicit direction included in the fiscal year 2004 conference report, the Foundation did not consolidate funding for all costs associated with NSF em-

ployees, including temporary employees within this account. Therefore, the Committee has consolidated funding for the compensation, travel, training, supplies, equipment, and printing into this account and reduced the Research and Related Activities and Education and Human Resources accounts accordingly. After accounting for this change, the recommendation is $186,000 below the comparable fiscal year 2004 level and $75,484,000 below the comparable budget request. The Committee directs NSF to include all costs associated with NSF employees, including temporary employees, in the Salaries and Expenses account in all future proposed operating plans, reprogrammings and budget submissions.

NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$3,950,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	3,877,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	3,950,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+73,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	0

The National Science Board, established in 1950, establishes policies and assesses the quality, relevance and performance of the National Science Foundation's awards and capital investments. In addition, the Board provides advice to the President and the Congress on matters of science and engineering policy.

The Committee recommends $3,950,000 for the operations of the National Science Board, an increase of $73,000 over last year's appropriated level and equal to the budget request. A representation allowance of $9,000 has been provided for the Board.

Among the most fundamental and important characteristics of the NSF partnership with the extramural science community is that federal financial support flows through a core system of merit-based peer review administered by Foundation staff who have expertise in their scientific disciplines. This system is intended to ensure both that the highest quality projects are selected for funding and that the extramural community believes that funding decisions are fair. The Committee is strongly supportive of this system which it believes has served the Foundation and the nation well over its half century of existence. Notwithstanding this support, the Committee believes that a structured evaluation of the NSF system of merit review by the National Science Board is appropriate at regular intervals. The Committee requests that the Board conduct such a review during fiscal year 2005 and report its findings to the Committee as early in the year as possible. This review should include but not be limited to the quantitative methodologies used to distinguish relative quality among projects, the discretion permitted and exercised by Foundation staff in choosing peer review panels and in selecting specific projects for funding, the scientific, geographic and institutional composition of peer review panels, and the ability of the existing process to identify the most innovative proposals.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$10,110,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	9,941,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	10,110,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+169,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 request	0

This account provides National Science Foundation audit and investigation functions to identify and correct management and administrative deficiencies that could lead to fraud, waste, or abuse.

For fiscal year 2005, the Committee recommends $10,110,000 for the Office of Inspector General. This amount is $169,000 above last year's funding level and equal to the request.

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$115,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	114,322,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	115,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+678,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, established by title VI of Public Law 95–557 in October 1978, is committed to promoting reinvestment in older neighborhoods by local financial institutions working cooperatively with the community and local government. This is primarily accomplished by assisting community-based partnerships (NeighborWorks organizations) in a range of local revitalization efforts. Increase in homeownership among lower-income families is a key revitalization tool. Neighborhood Housing Services of America (NHSA) supports lending activities of the NeighborWorks organizations through a national secondary market that leverages its capital with private sector investment.

The Committee recommends a funding level of $115,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, the same amount as the budget request and an increase of $678,000 when compared to the fiscal year 2004 appropriation.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$26,300,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	26,153,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	26,300,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+147,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The Selective Service System was established by the Selective Service Act of 1948. The basic mission of the System is to be prepared to supply manpower to the Armed Forces adequate to ensure the security of the United States during a time of national emergency. Since 1973, the Armed Forces have relied on volunteers to fill military manpower requirements, but selective service registration was reinstituted in July, 1980.

For fiscal year 2005, the bill includes the budget request of $26,300,000 for the Selective Service System, $147,000 above the fiscal year 2004 funding level.

WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	$250,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	249,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	250,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+1,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance, established by Public Law 106–579, was created to (1) sustain the American spirit through acts of remembrance, not only on Memorial Day, but throughout the year; (2) institutionalize the National Moment of Remembrance; and (3) to enhance the commemoration and understanding of Memorial Day. The Committee recommends an appropriation of $250,000, an increase of $1,000 above the fiscal year 2004 enacted level and the same as the level requested by the President.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Committee recommends inclusion of 20 general provisions. With the exception of technical modifications, the first 19 provisions were carried in the fiscal year 2004 Appropriations Act (Public Law 108–199). General provision 420 provides for expansion of the NASA Enhanced Use Lease demonstration program.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The following items are included in accordance with various requirements of the rules of the House of Representatives.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

Clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives states: "Each report of a committee on bill or joint resolution of a public character, shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution."

The Committee on Appropriations bases its authority to report this legislation from clause 7 of section 9 of Article I of the Constitution of the United States of America, which states: "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of Appropriations made by law * * *"

Appropriations contained in this Act are made pursuant to this specific power granted by the Constitution.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is a statement of general performance goals and objectives for which this measure authorizes funding:

The Committee on Appropriations considers program performance, including a program's success in developing and attaining outcome-related goals and objectives, in developing funding recommendations.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2), rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are made describing the transfers of funds provided in the accompanying bill.

The Committee has included language transferring not to exceed $20,703,000 from compensation and pensions to general operating expenses and medical services. These funds are for the administrative costs of implementing cost-savings proposals required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992. Language is also included permitting necessary sums to be transferred to the medical facilities revolving fund to augment funding of medical centers for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized by the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992.

The Committee recommends transferring the following amounts to the VA's general operating expenses appropriation pursuant to the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990: the veterans housing benefit program fund program account ($154,075,000), the vocational rehabilitation loans program account ($311,000) and the Native American veteran housing loan program account ($571,000). In addition, the bill provides up to $750,000 in general operating expenses and medical services for administration of the guaranteed transitional housing loans for homeless veterans program account.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Veterans Affairs which would allow the transfer of up to $400,000,000 from the medical services account to construction, major projects for implementing CARES and up to $75,000,000 from the medical services account to the general operating expenses account for disability claims processing.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Veterans Affairs which would transfer no less than $15,000,000 for the DoD/VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund as authorized under section 721 of Public Law 107–317.

The Committee recommends providing authority for the Department of Veterans Affairs for any funds appropriated in 2005 for compensation and pensions, readjustment benefits, and veterans insurance and indemnities to be transferred between those three accounts. This will provide the Department of Veterans Affairs flexibility in administering its entitlement programs.

The Committee has included language permitting the funds from three life insurance funds to be transferred to general operating expenses for the costs of administering such programs.

The Committee recommends language permitting up to $32,377,000 to be transferred to general operating expenses from any funds appropriated in 2005 to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication for services provided.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Veterans Affairs which would transfer outstanding balances remaining from the veterans extended care revolving fund, special therapeutic and rehabilitation fund, nursing home revolving fund, veterans health services improvements fund and parking fund to the medical services account.

The Committee has included language which would transfer certain funds from the medical care collections fund to the construction, major projects and construction, minor projects accounts.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Veterans Affairs which would transfer funds from the medical care collections fund to medical services.

The Committee recommends providing authority for the Department of Veterans Affairs to transfer amounts between the medical services, medical administration and medical facilities accounts to the extent necessary to implement the restructuring of these accounts subject to certain notification requirements.

The Committee recommends language under the Department of Veterans Affairs which would allow the transfer of funds from the general operating expenses account to the veterans housing benefit program fund program account for certain purposes.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Housing and Urban Development transferring all uncommitted prior balances of excess rental charges as of fiscal year 2004 and all collections made during fiscal year 2005 to the flexible subsidy fund.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Housing and Urban Development transferring the following amounts to the salaries and expenses account for administrative expenses: FHA mutual mortgage insurance and general and special risk insurance program accounts ($560,672,000); GNMA guarantees of mortgage-backed securities loan guarantee program account ($10,695,000); community development loan guarantees program account ($1,000,000); Indian housing loan guarantee fund program account ($250,000); native Hawaiian housing loan guarantee fund ($35,000); and Native American housing block grants account ($150,000).

The Committee has included language under the Department of Housing and Urban Development transferring up to $13,000,000 from the manufactured housing fees trust fund to the manufactured housing standards program.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Housing and Urban Development transferring no less than the following amounts to the working capital fund under the salaries and expenses account for development and management of information technology systems: tenant-based rental assistance ($2,940,000); project-based rental assistance ($1,960,000); public housing capital fund ($10,150,000); native American housing block grants ($2,600,000); community development fund ($4,700,000); home investment partnership program account ($2,000,000); homeless assistance grants account ($2,500,000); housing for the elderly account ($450,000); housing for persons with disabilities account ($450,000); FHA mutual mortgage insurance program account ($15,000,000); FHA general and special risk insurance program account ($9,600,000); and Office of Inspector General ($300,000).

The Committee has included language under the Department of Housing and Urban Development transferring $23,858,000 from the various funds of the Federal Housing Administration to the Office of Inspector General.

The Committee has included language under the Department of Housing and Urban Development transferring $59,209,000 from

the federal housing enterprise oversight fund to the office of federal housing enterprise oversight account.

The Committee has included language under the Corporation for National and Community Service which would transfer not less than $144,000,000 to the Nation Service Trust for education awards.

The Committee has included language under the Environmental Protection Agency transferring funds from the hazardous substance superfund trust fund to the Office of Inspector General in the amount of $13,00,000. In addition, $36,097,000 is transferred from the hazardous substance superfund trust fund to the science and technology account.

The Committee has included language under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation transferring up to $30,125,000 from the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Association Insurance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund to the Office of Inspector General.

The Committee has included general transfer language under National Aeronautics and Space Administration, science, aeronautics and exploration account and the exploration capabilities account. This language will allow for the transfer of funds between these two accounts, as necessary, to reflect full cost accounting recently scheduled for implementation.

The Committee has included general transfer language under National Aeronautics and Space Administration allowing the transfer of unexpired prior year balances in the old accounts to the appropriate accounts in the new budget structure.

RESCISSIONS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table is submitted describing the rescissions recommended in the accompanying bill:

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Housing Certificate Fund	−$1,557,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Drug Elimination Grants for Low Income Housing	−5,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Native American Housing Block Grants	−21,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Account	−33,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rental Housing Assistance	−675,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development, General and Special Risk Program Account	−30,000,000

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XIII, CL. 3(e) (RAMSEYER RULE)

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

DIVISION G—DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

AN ACT Making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

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TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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HOUSING PROGRAMS

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For capital advances, including amendments to capital advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for project rental assistance for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 1-year term, and for supportive services associated with the housing, $778,320,000, plus recaptures and cancelled commitments, to remain available until September 30, 2006, of which amount $30,000,000 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted housing projects, and of which amount up to $25,000,000 shall be for grants under section 202b of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q–2) for conversion of eligible projects under such section to assisted living or related use and for emergency capital repairs as determined by the Secretary: *Provided,* That of the amount made available under this heading, $20,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development only for making competitive grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives for covering costs of architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning relating to the development of supportive housing for the elderly that is eligible for assistance under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q): *Provided further,* That no less than $470,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development of and modifications to information technology systems which serve programs or activities under "Housing programs" or "Federal Housing Administration": *Provided further,* That the Secretary may waive the provisions of section 202 governing the terms and conditions of project rental assistance, except that the initial contract term for such assistance shall not exceed 5 years in duration[: *Provided further,* That all balances outstanding, as of September 30, 2003, for capital advances, including

amendments to capital advances, for housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202, for project rental assistance for housing for the elderly, as authorized under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including amendments to contracts shall be transferred to and merged with the amounts for those purposes under this heading**]**.

HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For capital advance contracts, including amendments to capital advance contracts, for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as authorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, for project rental assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 1-year term, and for supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act, and for tenant-based rental assistance contracts entered into pursuant to section 811 of such Act, $250,570,000, plus recaptures and cancelled commitments to remain available until September 30, 2006: *Provided,* That no less than $470,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development of and modifications to information technology systems which serve programs or activities under "Housing programs" or "Federal Housing Administration": *Provided further,* That of the amount provided under this heading, other than amounts for renewal of expiring project-based or tenant-based rental assistance contracts, the Secretary may designate up to 25 percent for tenant-based rental assistance, as authorized by section 811 of such Act, (which assistance is 5 years in duration): *Provided further,* That the Secretary may waive the provisions of section 811 governing the terms and conditions of project rental assistance and tenant-based assistance, except that the initial contract term for such assistance shall not exceed 5 years in duration**[**: *Provided further,* That all balances outstanding, as of September 30, 2003, for capital advances, including amendments to capital advances, for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as authorized by section 811, for project rental assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as authorized under section 811(d)(2), including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance, and for supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1), shall be transferred to and merged with the amounts for these purposes under this heading**]***: Provided further, That all section 811 balances outstanding, as of September 30, 2003 shall be transferred to the appropriation under this heading: Provided further, That of the amount provided under this heading, $14,610,000 shall be for amendments to existing tenant-based assistance contracts entered into prior to fiscal year 2004 (only one amendment authorized for any such contract).*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1958

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TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

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FULL COST APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT STRUCTURE

SEC. 313. (a) Appropriations for the Administration for fiscal year 2004 and thereafter shall be made in three accounts, "[Space flight capabilities] *Exploration capabilities*", "Science, aeronautics and exploration", and an account for amounts appropriated for the necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General. Appropriations shall remain available for 2 fiscal years. Each account shall include the planned full costs of the Administration's related activities.

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ENHANCED-USE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY DEMONSTRATION

SEC. 315. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator may enter into a lease under this section with any person or entity (including another department or agency of the Federal Government or an entity of a State or local government) with regard to any real property under the jurisdiction of the Administrator at no more than [two (2)] *4* National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) centers.

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CHANGES IN THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAW

The Committee submits the following statements in compliance with clause 3, rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, describing the effects of provisions proposed in the accompanying bill which may be considered, under certain circumstances, to change the application of existing law, either directly or indirectly.

Language is included in various parts of the bill to continue ongoing activities and programs where authorizations have not been enacted to date.

In some cases, the Committee has recommended appropriations which are less than the maximum amounts authorized for the various programs funded in the bill. Whether these actions constitute a change in the application of existing law is subject to interpretation, but the Committee felt that this should be mentioned.

The Committee has included limitations for official reception and representation expenses for selected agencies in the bill.

Sections 401 through 419 of title IV of the bill, all of which, with some technical modifications, were carried in the fiscal year 2004 Appropriations Act, are general provisions which place limitations or restrictions on the use of funds in the bill and which might, under certain circumstances, be construed as changing the application of existing law.

The bill includes, in certain instances, limitations on the obligation of funds for particular functions or programs. These limita-

tions include restrictions on the obligation of funds for administrative expenses, the use of consultants, and programmatic areas within the overall jurisdiction of a particular agency.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs, general operating expenses, providing for the reimbursement to the Department of Defense for the costs of overseas employee mail. This language has been carried previously and permits free mailing privileges for VA personnel stationed in the Philippines.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs, construction, major projects, establishing time limitations and reporting requirements concerning the obligation of major construction funds, limiting the use of funds, and allowing the use of funds for program costs.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs, construction, minor projects, providing that unobligated balances of previous appropriations may be used for any project with an estimated cost of less than $4,000,000, allowing the use of funds for program costs, and making funds available for damage caused by natural disasters.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs, administrative provisions, permitting transfers between mandatory and discretionary accounts, limiting and providing for the use of certain funds, funding administrative expenses associated with VA life insurance programs from excess program revenues, extending authority to operate the Franchise Fund, allowing reimbursement from enhanced-use leases, allowing for reimbursement for certain services, requiring notification of new lease agreements, requiring disclosure of insurance and income information, designating funds for enterprise architecture activities, prohibiting funds for implementation of two sections of Public Law 107–287, allowing the Secretary to establish a priority system for medical services, allowing a recovery audit collection program, and allowing medical services funds for recreational and funeral expenses. Twenty provisions have been carried in previous Appropriations Acts. Two new provisions have been added.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs, administrative provisions transferring balances in excess of a specified amount in the Medical Care Collections Fund to the medical services for priority 7 and 8 veterans account.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, which designates funds for various programs, activities, and purposes, and specifies the uses of such funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, tenant-based rental assistance, which specifies the allocation of funds and limits the use of certain funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, project-based rental assistance, which specifies the allocation of funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, public housing capital fund, which limits the delegation of certain waiver authorities and prohibits funds from being used for certain activities.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, public housing operating fund, which designates certain funds to be distributed by the Attorney General through a re-

imbursable agreement; prohibits funds from being used for certain activities; and prohibits funds from being used to pay for prior year operations.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, revitalization of severely distressed public housing (HOPE VI), which prohibits the use of funds for awards to settle litigation or pay judgments; and specifies the allocation of certain funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, housing opportunities for persons with AIDS which sets forth certain requirements for the allocation of funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, community development fund, which specifies the allocation of certain funds; limits the use of certain funds; and makes technical changes to the uses of certain funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, home investment partnerships program, which specifies the allocation of certain funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, homeless assistance grants, which establishes certain minimum funding and matching requirements; and requires grantees to integrate homeless programs with other social service providers.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, housing for the elderly, which specifies the allocation of certain funds; designates certain funds to be used only for certain grants; and allows the Secretary to waive certain provisions governing contract terms.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, housing for persons with disabilities, which specifies the allocation of certain funds; allows funds to be used to renew certain contracts; and allows the Secretary to waive certain provisions governing contract terms.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, flexible subsidy fund, which permits the use of excess rental charges.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, manufactured housing fees trust fund, which permits fees to be modified and permits temporary borrowing authority from the General Fund of the Treasury.

Language is included under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, policy development and research, which specifies the use of certain funds.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, fair housing and equal opportunity, which places restrictions on the use of funds for lobbying activities.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, management and administration, which specifies the allocation of funds; sets forth certain authorities of, and requirements on, the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, which permits temporary borrowing authority from the General Fund of the Treasury.

Language is included under Department of Housing and Urban Development, administrative provisions, which maintains and reduces annual adjustment factors; prohibits funds to investigate or prosecute certain lawful activities; revises allocations for housing opportunities for persons with AIDS grant recipients; waives certain section 8 rental payment limits for a demonstration program; relates to the expenditures for certain corporations and agencies; relates to allocations of funds in excess of budget estimates; requires submission of a spending plan for certain activities; requires certain reporting requirements regarding departmental funds; requires maintenance of certain rental assistance contract; allowing the use of certain funds for maintenance and disposition of certain properties; sets forth requirements for submission of budget justifications; and sets for allocation of certain assistance.

Language is included under Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, salaries and expenses, which limits certain personnel employed by the Board and designates the Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency as the Inspector General for the board.

Language is included under Department of the Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions, community development financial institution program account, which sets aside funds for various purposes.

Language is included under Corporation for National and Community Service, national and community service programs operating expenses, allowing funds to be used for education award-only grants under subtitle C and prohibiting funds for national service programs in other Federal agencies.

Language is included under Corporation for National and Community Service, administrative provisions allowing certain loans to be considered a qualified student loan and allowing certain grantees to be eligible for grants targeted to individuals with disabilities.

Language is included under the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, salaries and expenses, permitting the use of funds for a pro bono program.

Language is included under Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, toxic substances and environmental public health, limiting availability of funds for toxicological profiles.

Language is included under Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Programs and Management, which extends availability of funds of Public Law 108–199 to carry out paragraph (c)(12) of section 118 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, shall remain available until September 30, 2007.

Language is included under the Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, which permits Clean School Bus grants.

Language is included under the Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, which specifies the allocation of certain funds, limits the use of certain funds, and makes technical changes to the uses of certain funds.

Language is included under the Environmental Protection Agency, administrative provisions, which permits the Administrator to award cooperative agreements to Indian Tribes or Intertribal consortia under certain circumstances, receive funds contributed by

non-Federal sponsors to carry out projects under paragraph (c)(12) of section 118 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Language is included under the Council on Environmental Quality, which limits the size of the Council.

Language is included under the General Services Administration, Federal Citizen Information Center, limiting certain fund and administrative expenses.

Language is included under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, administrative provision, extending the availability of construction of facility funds, permitting funds for contracts for various services in the next year, and transferring of prior year appropriations to the appropriate new appropriations accounts.

Language is included under the National Credit Union Administration, central liquidity facility, limiting loans from borrowed funds and administrative expenses.

Language is included under the National Science Foundation, research and related activities, providing for the use of receipts from other research facilities, and use of funds.

APPROPRIATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table lists the agencies in the accompanying bill which contain appropriations that are not authorized by law:

APPROPRIATION THIS BILL

[In thousands of dollars]

Agency/program	Last year of authorization	Authorization level	Appropriation in last year of authorization	Appropriation in this bill
TITLE II: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Rental Assistance:				
Section 8 contract renewals and administrative expenses	1994	$8,446,173	$5,458,106	$19,895,980
Section 441 contracts	1994	109,410	150,000	20,000
Section 8 preservation, protection, and family unification	1994	759,259	541,000	163,000
Contract Administrators				101,900
Public Housing Capital Fund	2003	3,000,000	2,712,255	2,580,000
Public Housing Operating Fund	2003	2,900,000	3,576,600	3,425,000
Native American Housing Block Grant	2001	(1)	636,000	622,000
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	1994	156,300	156,000	282,000
Rural Housing and Economics Development	N/A			24,000
Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities	N/A			14,250
Community Development Fund:				
Community Development Block Grants	1994	4,168,000	4,380,000	4,304,900
Housing Assistance Council	N/A			3,200
Native American Indian Housing Council	N/A			2,400
National Housing Development Corporation	N/A			4,800
National Council on La Raza HOPE Fund	N/A			4,800
Self-Help Housing Opportunity Program	2000	(1)	20,000	26,000
Capacity Building	1994	25,000	20,000	33,500
2006 Special Olympics	N/A			2,000
Economic Development Initiatives	N/A			136,500
Neighborhood Initiatives	N/A			21,735
YouthBuild	1994	41,680	28,000	62,000
Brownfields				24,000
HOME Investment Partnerships	1994	2,173,612	1,275,000	1,920,100
Homeless Assistance Grants	1994	465,774	599,000	1,206,000
Housing for the Elderly	2003	(1)	783,286	741,000
Housing for Persons with Disabilities	2003	(1)	250,515	238,000
FHA General and Special Risk Program Account:				
Limitation on guaranteed loans	1995	(1)	(20,885,072)	(35,000,000)
Limitation on direct loans	1995	(1)	(220,000)	(50,000)
Credit Subsidy	1995	(1)	188,395	10,000
Administrative Expenses	1995		197,470	86,000

APPROPRIATION THIS BILL—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Agency/program	Last year of authorization	Authorization level	Appropriation in last year of authorization	Appropriation in this bill
GNMA Mortgage-Backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account:				
Limitation on guaranteed loans	1996	(110,000,000)	(110,000,000)	(200,000,000)
Administrative Expenses	1996	([1])	9,101	10,695
Policy Development and Research	1994	36,470	35,000	45,000
Fair Housing Activities, Fair Housing Initiatives Program	1994	26,000	20,481	19,500
Lead Hazards Reduction Program	1994	276,000	185,000	167,000
Salaries and Expenses	1994	1,029,496	916,963	1,116,575
TITLE III: INDEPENDENT AGENCIES				
Community Development Financial Institutions Fund	1998	111,000	80,000	60,640
Consumer Product Safety Commission	1992	45,000	40,200	62,650
Environmental Protection Agency:				
Categorical Grants:				
Clean Air Act	FY 1997	([1])	167,230	225,000
Radon Abatement Act	FY 1991	10,000	9,000	8,000
Clean Water Act (FWPCA)	FY 1990			496,370
Safe Drinking Water Act	FY 2003	115,000		116,330
Solid Waste Disposal Act (RCRA)	FY 1988	70,000	71,391	104,300
Toxic Substances Control Act	FY 1983	1,500	5,100	5,047
Pollution Prevention Act	FY 1993	8,000	6,800	6,000
Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act	FY 1998	([1])	38,585	62,000
Clean Water SRF	FY 1992	1,800,000	1,948,500	850,000
Drinking Water SRF	FY 2003	1,000,000	844,475	845,000
Alaska Native Village	FY 1979	2,000		20,000
Hazardous Substance Superfund	FY 1994	5,100,000	1,480,853	1,258,000
LUST Trust Fund	FY 1988	10,000	14,400	74,000
Federal Citizen Information Center Fund: Federal Information Center	FY 1980	7,000	4,492	14,907
Interagency Council on Homelessness	FY 1994	1,563	0	1,500
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	FY 2002	14,625,400	14,901,700	15,149,369
National Credit Union Administration, Loan Fund	1979	0	0	1,000
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation	1994	30,714	32,000	115,000

[1] Such sums.

Section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93ÿ09344) requires that the report accompanying a bill providing new budget authority contain a statement detailing how the authority compares with the reports submitted under section 302(b) of the Act for the most recently agreed to concurrent resolution of then budget for the fiscal year. This information follows:

[In millions of dollars]

	302(b) allocation—		This bill—	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Discretionary	$92,930	$92,930	[1] $101,732	$101,319
Mandatory	38,445	35,107	38,069	34,688

[1] Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

FIVE-YEAR OUTLAY PROJECTIONS

In accordance with section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, (Public Law 93ÿ09344), as amended, the following information was provided to the Committee by the Congressional Budget Office:

	Millions
Outlays:	
2005	[1] $87,050
2006	24,090
2007	8,467
2008	3,968
2009	3,458

[1] Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

In accordance with section 308(a)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, (Public Law 93ÿ09344), as amended, the Congressional Budget office has provided the following estimate of new budget authority and outlays provided by the accompanying bill for financial assistance to state and local governments:

	Millions
Budget Authority in bill	$23,188
Fiscal year outlays resulting therefrom	5,957

BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT

During fiscal year 2005 for purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–177), the following information provides the definition of the term "program, project, and activity" for departments and agencies carried in the accompanying bill. The term "program, project, and activity" shall include the most specific level of budget items identified in the 2005 Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, the accompanying House and Senate reports, the conference report of the joint explanatory statement of the managers of the committee of conference.

In applying any sequestration reductions, departments and agencies shall apply the percentage of reduction required for fiscal year

2005 pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–177 to each program, project, activity, and subactivity contained in the budget justification documents submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate in support of the fiscal year 2003 budget estimates, as amended, for such departments and agencies, as subsequently altered, modified, or changed by Congressional action identified by the aforementioned Act, resolutions and reports. Further, it is intended that in implementing any Presidential sequestration order, (1) no program, project, or activity should be eliminated, (2) no reordering of funds or priorities occur, and (3) no unfunded program execution, it is not intended that normal reprogramming between programs, projects, and activities be precluded after reductions required under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act are implemented.

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the results of each roll call vote on an amendment or on the motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and those voting against, are printed below:

ROLLCALL NO. 1

Date: July 22, 2004.

Measure: VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2005.

Motion by: Mr. Edwards.

Description of motion: To provide funds for VA medical services offset by a reduction to tax cuts for certain income groups.

Results: Rejected—yeas 28; nays 35.

Members Voting Yea	*Members Voting Nay*
Mr. Berry	Mr. Aderholt
Mr. Bishop	Mr. Bonilla
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Crenshaw
Mr. Clyburn	Mr. Culberson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Cunningham
Ms. DeLauro	Mr. Doolittle
Mr. Dicks	Mrs. Emerson
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Frelinghuysen
Mr. Farr	Mr. Goode
Mr. Fattah	Ms. Granger
Mr. Hinchey	Mr. Hobson
Mr. Hoyer	Mr. Istook
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Kingston
Ms. Kaptur	Mr. Kirk
Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Knollenberg
Ms. Kilpatrick	Mr. Kolbe
Mr. Mollohan	Mr. LaHood
Mr. Moran	Mr. Latham
Mr. Murtha	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Obey	Mrs. Northup
Mr. Olver	Mr. Peterson
Mr. Pastor	Mr. Regula
Mr. Price	Mr. Rogers
Mr. Rothman	Mr. Sherwood
Ms. Roybal-Allard	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Sabo	Mr. Sweeney
Mr. Serrano	Mr. Taylor
Mr. Visclosky	Mr. Tiahrt
	Mr. Vitter
	Mr. Walsh
	Mr. Wamp
	Dr. Weldon
	Mr. Wicker
	Mr. Wolf
	Mr. Young

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE I					
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS					
Veterans Benefits Administration					
Compensation and pensions	29,845,127	32,607,688	32,607,688	+2,762,561	---
Readjustment benefits	2,529,734	2,556,232	2,556,232	+26,498	---
Veterans insurance and indemnities	29,017	44,380	44,380	+15,363	---
Veterans housing benefit program fund program account (indefinite)	305,834	43,784	43,784	-262,050	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(300)	---	(500)	(+200)	(+500)
Credit subsidy	---	-144,000	-144,000	-144,000	---
Administrative expenses	153,936	154,075	154,075	+139	---
Education loan fund program account	1	---	---	-1	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(3)	---	---	(-3)	---
Administrative expenses	70	---	---	-70	---
Vocational rehabilitation loans program account	52	47	47	-5	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(3,938)	(4,108)	(4,108)	(+170)	---
Administrative expenses	298	311	311	+13	---
Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account	568	571	571	+3	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	---	---
Total, Veterans Benefits Administration	32,864,637	35,263,088	35,263,088	+2,398,451	---

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Veterans Health Administration					
Medical services	17,761,803	---	19,498,600	+1,736,797	+19,498,600
Medical administration	4,970,500	---	4,705,000	-265,500	+4,705,000
Medical facilities	3,976,400	---	3,745,000	-231,400	+3,745,000
Medical and prosthetic research	405,593	769,540	384,770	-20,823	-384,770
Medical care	---	24,967,830	---	---	-24,967,830
Two-year funding	---	1,396,000	---	---	-1,396,000
Rescission	-270,000	---	---	+270,000	---
Medical care cost recovery collections:					
Offsetting collections	-1,554,772	-2,002,000	-2,002,000	-447,228	---
Appropriations (indefinite)	1,554,772	2,002,000	2,002,000	+447,228	---
Total, Veterans Health Administration	26,844,296	27,133,370	28,333,370	+1,489,074	+1,200,000
Offsetting collections	(-1,554,772)	(-2,002,000)	(-2,002,000)	(-447,228)	---
Total available to VHA	(28,399,068)	(29,135,370)	(30,335,370)	(+1,936,302)	(+1,200,000)
Departmental Administration					
General operating expenses	1,275,701	1,324,753	1,319,753	+44,052	-5,000
National Cemetery Administration	143,352	148,925	148,925	+5,573	---
Office of Inspector General	61,634	64,711	69,711	+8,077	+5,000
Construction, major projects	271,081	458,800	458,800	+187,719	---
Ominbus Appropriations (P.L. 108-199) Sec.167	497	---	---	-497	---
Construction, minor projects	250,656	230,799	230,799	-19,857	---

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Grants for construction of State extended care facilities	101,498	105,163	105,163	+3,665	---
Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries	31,811	32,000	32,000	+189	---
Total, Departmental Administration	2,136,230	2,365,151	2,365,151	+228,921	---
Total, title I, Department of Veterans Affairs	61,845,163	64,761,609	65,961,609	+4,116,446	+1,200,000
Appropriations	(63,669,935)	(65,367,609)	(67,963,609)	(+4,293,674)	(+2,596,000)
Rescissions	(-270,000)	---	---	(+270,000)	---
Offsetting collections	(-1,554,772)	(-2,002,000)	(-2,002,000)	(-447,228)	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(54,241)	(54,108)	(54,608)	(+367)	(+500)
Mandatory	(32,709,712)	(35,108,084)	(35,108,084)	(+2,398,372)	---
Net discretionary	(29,135,451)	(29,653,525)	(30,853,525)	(+1,718,074)	(+1,200,000)
Medical care collection fund	(1,554,772)	(2,002,000)	(2,002,000)	(+447,228)	---
Total discretionary available	(30,690,223)	(31,655,525)	(32,855,525)	(+2,165,302)	(+1,200,000)

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TITLE II					
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT					
Public and Indian Housing					
Housing Certificate Fund:					
Direct appropriation	15,081,970	14,265,800	---	-15,081,970	-14,265,800
Advance appropriations provided in previous acts	4,175,220	4,200,000	---	-4,175,220	-4,200,000
Subtotal, Housing certificate fund	19,257,190	18,465,800	---	-19,257,190	-18,465,800
Advance appropriations provided in current year	4,200,000	4,200,000	---	-4,200,000	-4,200,000
Total, Housing certificate fund	23,457,190	22,665,800	---	-23,457,190	-22,665,800
Tenant-based Rental Assistance:					
Direct appropriation	---	---	10,477,055	+10,477,055	+10,477,055
Advance appropriations provided in previous acts	---	---	4,200,000	+4,200,000	+4,200,000
Subtotal, Tenant-based rental assistance	---	---	14,677,055	+14,677,055	+14,677,055
Advance appropriations provided in current year	---	---	4,200,000	+4,200,000	+4,200,000
Total, Tenant-based rental assistance	---	---	18,877,055	+18,877,055	+18,877,055
Project-based rental assistance	---	---	5,340,745	+5,340,745	+5,340,745
Public housing capital fund	2,696,253	2,674,100	2,580,000	-116,253	-94,100
Public housing operating fund	3,578,760	3,573,000	3,425,000	-153,760	-148,000

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Revitalization of severely distressed public housing..	149,115	---	143,000	-6,115	+143,000
Native American housing block grants.....	650,241	647,000	622,000	-28,241	-25,000
Indian housing loan guarantee fund program account....	5,269	1,000	5,000	-269	+4,000
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(197,243)	(29,070)	(145,345)	(-51,898)	(+116,275)
Native Hawaiian housing block grant.....	---	9,500	---	---	-9,500
Native Hawaiian housing loan guarantee fund.....	1,029	1,000	1,000	-29	---
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(39,712)	(37,403)	(37,403)	(-2,309)	---
Total, Public and Indian Housing.....	30,537,857	29,571,400	30,993,800	+455,943	+1,422,400
Current year advance appropriations.....	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	---	---
Net Total (excluding current year advances).....	26,337,857	25,371,400	26,793,800	+455,943	+1,422,400
Appropriations.....	(26,337,857)	(25,371,400)	(26,793,800)	(+455,943)	(+1,422,400)
Community Planning and Development					
Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS.....	294,751	294,800	282,000	-12,751	-12,800
Rural housing and economic development.....	24,853	---	24,000	-853	+24,000
Empowerment zones / enterprise communities.....	14,912	---	14,250	-662	+14,250
Community development fund.....	4,920,795	4,618,094	4,711,000	-209,795	+92,906
Ominbus Appropriations (P.L. 108-199) Sec.165.....	9,941	---	---	-9,941	---
Ominbus Appropriations (P.L. 108-199) Sec.167.....	2,992	---	---	-2,992	---
Section 108 loan guarantees:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans).....	(275,000)	---	(275,000)	---	(+275,000)
Credit subsidy.....	6,288	---	6,000	-288	+6,000
Administrative expenses.....	994	---	1,000	+6	+1,000
Brownfields redevelopment.....	24,853	---	24,000	-853	+24,000
HOME investment partnerships program.....	2,005,597	2,084,200	1,920,000	-85,597	-164,200

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Homeless assistance grants	1,259,525	1,282,400	1,206,000	-53,525	-76,400
Samaritan housing initiative (legislative proposal)	---	50,000	---	---	-50,000
Total, Community planning and development	8,565,501	8,329,494	8,188,250	-377,251	-141,244
Housing Programs					
Housing for the elderly	773,728	773,300	741,000	-32,728	-32,300
Housing for persons with disabilities	249,092	248,700	238,000	-11,092	-10,700
Housing counseling assistance	---	45,000	---	---	-45,000
Manufactured housing fees trust fund	12,923	13,000	13,000	+77	---
Offsetting collections	-12,923	-13,000	-13,000	-77	---
Total, housing programs	1,022,820	1,067,000	979,000	-43,820	-88,000
Federal Housing Administration					
FHA - *Mutual mortgage insurance program* account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(185,000,000)	(185,000,000)	(185,000,000)	---	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	---	---
Administrative expenses	356,882	366,000	356,882	---	-9,118
Offsetting receipts	-2,921,000	-2,206,000	-2,206,000	+715,000	---
Offsetting receipts (legislative proposal)	---	-28,000	---	---	+28,000
Administrative contract expenses	84,499	70,900	78,000	-6,499	+7,100
Additional contract expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
FHA - General and special risk program account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(25,000,000)	(35,000,000)	(35,000,000)	(+10,000,000)	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	---	---
Administrative expenses	227,649	234,000	227,649	---	-6,351
Offsetting receipts	-225,000	-240,000	-240,000	-15,000	---

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Credit subsidy	14,912	10,000	10,000	-4,912	---
Non-overhead administrative expenses	93,227	81,600	86,000	-7,227	+4,400
Additional contract expenses	4,000	4,000	4,000	---	---
Total, Federal Housing Administration	-2,363,831	-1,706,500	-1,682,469	+681,362	+24,031
Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA)					
Guarantees of mortgage-backed securities loan guarantee program account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)	---	---
Administrative expenses	10,695	10,986	10,695	---	-291
Offsetting receipts	-316,124	-368,000	-368,000	-51,876	---
Policy Development and Research					
Research and technology	46,723	46,700	45,000	-1,723	-1,700
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity					
Fair housing activities	47,717	47,700	46,000	-1,717	-1,700
Office of Lead Hazard Control					
Lead hazard reduction	173,968	139,000	167,000	-6,968	+28,000

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	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Management and Administration					
Salaries and expenses	543,773	591,579	543,773	---	-47,806
Transfer from:					
Limitation on FHA corporate funds	(560,672)	(576,000)	(560,672)	---	(-15,328)
GNMA	(10,695)	(10,986)	(10,695)	---	(-291)
Community Development Loan Guarantees Program	(1,000)	---	(1,000)	---	(+1,000)
Native American Housing Block Grants	(150)	(150)	(150)	---	---
Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund Program	(250)	(250)	(250)	---	---
Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantees	(35)	(35)	(35)	---	---
Total, Salaries and expenses	(1,116,575)	(1,179,000)	(1,116,575)	---	(-62,425)
Working capital fund	233,614	234,000	100,000	-133,614	-134,000
Office of Inspector General	76,546	77,000	77,000	+454	---
(By transfer, limitation on FHA corporate funds)	(23,858)	(24,000)	(23,858)	---	(-142)
Total, Office of Inspector General	(100,404)	(101,000)	(100,858)	(+454)	(-142)
Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight	39,680	59,209	59,209	+19,529	---
Offsetting receipts	-39,680	-59,209	-59,209	-19,529	---
Rescissions:					
Housing Certificate Fund	-2,844,000	-1,557,000	-1,557,000	+1,287,000	---
Public housing elimination grants	---	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	---
Title VI credit subsidy	---	-21,000	-21,000	-21,000	---
Indian housing credit subsidy	---	-33,000	-33,000	-33,000	---

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Urban development action grant	-30,000	---	---	+30,000	---
Rental housing assistance	-303,000	-675,000	-675,000	-372,000	---
GI/SRI credit subsidy	---	-30,000	-30,000	-30,000	---
Total Rescissions	(-3,177,000)	(-2,321,000)	(-2,321,000)	(+856,000)	---
Total, title II, Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev. grand net total, incl current year advance	35,402,259	35,719,359	36,779,049	+1,376,790	+1,059,690
Current year advance appropriations	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	---	---
Net total, excluding current year advance	31,202,259	31,519,359	32,579,049	+1,376,790	+1,059,690
Total Program Level (appropriation)	(37,893,986)	(36,754,568)	(37,786,258)	(-107,728)	(+1,031,690)
Rescissions	(-3,177,000)	(-2,321,000)	(-2,321,000)	(+856,000)	---
Offsetting receipts	(-3,462,124)	(-2,842,000)	(-2,814,000)	(+648,124)	(+28,000)
Offsetting collections	(-52,603)	(-72,209)	(-72,209)	(-19,606)	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	---	---
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(410,511,955)	(420,066,473)	(420,457,748)	(+9,945,793)	(+391,275)
(Limitation on corporate funds)	(596,660)	(611,421)	(596,660)	---	(-14,761)

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TITLE III					
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES					
American Battle Monuments Commission					
Salaries and expenses	41,056	41,100	41,100	+44	---
Foreign currency fluxuation	---	---	9,000	+9,000	+9,000
Total American Battle Monuments Commission	41,056	41,100	50,100	+9,044	+9,000
Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board					
Salaries and expenses	8,201	9,451	9,451	+1,250	---
Emergency fund	447	400	400	-47	---
Total	8,648	9,851	9,851	+1,203	---
Department of the Treasury					
Community Development Financial Institutions					
Community development financial institutions fund program account	60,640	48,403	60,640	---	+12,237
Consumer Product Safety Commission					
Salaries and expenses	59,646	62,650	62,650	+3,004	---

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Corporation for National and Community Service					
National and community service programs operating expenses	549,961	636,232	541,000	-8,961	-95,232
Salaries and expenses	24,853	---	25,000	+147	+25,000
Office of Inspector General	6,213	6,000	6,000	-213	---
Total	581,027	642,232	572,000	-9,027	-70,232
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims					
Salaries and expenses	15,844	17,623	16,725	+881	-898
Department of Defense - Civil					
Cemeterial Expenses, Army					
Salaries and expenses	28,829	29,600	29,600	+771	---
Department of Health and Human Services					
National Institute of Health					
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	78,309	80,486	80,486	+2,177	---

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention					
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry					
Toxic substances and environmental public health.....	73,034	76,654	76,654	+3,620	---
Total, Department of Health and Human Services..	151,343	157,140	157,140	+5,797	---
Environmental Protection Agency					
Science and Technology.....	781,685	689,185	729,029	-52,656	+39,844
Transfer from Hazardous Substance Superfund.....	44,433	36,097	36,097	-8,336	---
Subtotal, Science and Technology.....	826,118	725,282	765,126	-60,992	+39,844
Environmental Programs and Management.....	2,280,046	2,316,959	2,241,476	-38,570	-75,483
Office of Inspector General.....	37,336	37,997	37,000	-336	-997
Transfer from Hazardous Substance Superfund.....	13,136	13,214	13,000	-136	-214
Subtotal, OIG.....	50,472	51,211	50,000	-472	-1,211
Buildings and facilities.....	39,764	42,918	39,000	-764	-3,918
Hazardous Substance Superfund.....	1,257,537	1,381,416	1,257,537	---	-123,879
Transfer to Office of Inspector General.....	-13,136	-13,214	-13,000	+136	+214
Transfer to Science and Technology.....	-44,434	-36,097	-36,097	+8,337	---

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Subtotal, Hazardous Substance Superfund	1,199,967	1,332,105	1,208,440	+8,473	-123,665
Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program	75,552	72,545	74,000	-1,552	+1,455
Oil spill response	16,113	16,425	16,000	-113	-425
Pesticide registration fund	---	19,400	19,400	+19,400	---
Pesticide registration fees	---	-19,400	-19,400	-19,400	---
State and Tribal Assistance Grants	2,705,543	1,979,500	2,197,400	-508,143	+217,900
Ominbus Appropriations (P.L. 108-199) Sec.167	3,976	---	---	-3,976	---
Categorical grants	1,168,266	1,252,300	1,161,627	-6,639	-90,673
Subtotal, STAG	3,877,785	3,231,800	3,359,027	-518,758	+127,227
Total, EPA	8,365,817	7,789,245	7,753,069	-612,748	-36,176
Executive Office of the President					
Office of Science and Technology Policy	6,986	7,081	7,081	+95	---
Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality	3,219	3,284	3,284	+65	---
Total	10,205	10,365	10,365	+160	---

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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation					
Office of Inspector General (transfer)	(30,125)	(30,125)	(30,125)	---	---
General Services Administration					
Federal Citizen Information Center Fund	13,917	14,907	14,907	+990	---
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness					
Operating expenses	1,491	1,500	1,500	+9	---
National Aeronautics and Space Administration					
Science, aeronautics and exploration	7,883,114	7,760,000	7,621,169	-261,945	-138,831
Exploration capabilities	7,467,779	8,456,400	7,496,800	+29,021	-959,600
Office of Inspector General	27,139	27,600	31,400	+4,261	+3,800
Total, NASA	15,378,032	16,244,000	15,149,369	-228,663	-1,094,631
National Credit Union Administration					
Central liquidity facility:					
(Limitation on direct loans)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	---	---
(Limitation on administrative expenses, corporate funds)	(310)	(310)	(310)	---	---
Community Development Revolving Loan Fund	1,193	1,000	1,000	-193	---

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National Science Foundation					
Research and related activities (non-defense).....	4,183,769	4,384,000	4,083,745	-100,024	-300,255
Defense function.....	67,599	68,000	68,000	+401	---
Research and related activities /1,2.....	4,251,368	4,452,000	4,151,745	-99,623	-300,255
Major research equipment and facilities construction..	154,980	213,270	208,200	+53,220	-5,070
Education and human resources /1,2.....	938,977	771,360	842,985	-95,992	+71,625
Salaries and expenses /1.....	218,702	294,000	249,970	+31.268	-44,030
National Science Board.....	3,877	3,950	3,950	+73	---
Office of Inspector General.....	9,941	10,110	10,110	+169	---
Total, NSF.....	5,577,845	5,744,690	5,466,960	-110,885	-277,730

/1 Recommended reflects tarnsfer of $31.5M in admin costs to the S&E account funded in FY04 in R&RA ($26M) and EHR ($5.5M). The budget did not propose this transfer

/2 Recommended does not adopt proposed transfer of $80M for MSP to R&RA from EHR

Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation					
Payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation..	114,322	115,000	115,000	+678	---
Selective Service System					
Salaries and expenses.....	26,153	26,300	26,300	+147	---

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White House Commission on the National Moment of Rememberance	---	250	250	+250	---
Total, title III, Independent agencies	30,436,008	30,955,856	29,497,426	-938,582	-1,458,430
Appropriations	(30,436,008)	(30,955,856)	(29,497,426)	(-938,582)	(-1,458,430)
Rescissions	---	---	---	---	---
(By transfer)	(30,125)	(30,125)	(30,125)	---	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	---	---
(Limitation on corporate funds)	(310)	(310)	(310)	---	---
Grand total	127,683,430	131,436,824	132,238,084	+4,554,654	+801,260
Current year advances (housing cert. fund)	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	---	---
Net grand total	123,483,430	127,236,824	128,038,084	+4,554,654	+801,260
Appropriations	(131,999,929)	(133,078,033)	(135,247,293)	(+3,247,364)	(+2,169,260)
Rescissions	(-3,447,000)	(-2,321,000)	(-2,321,000)	(+1,126,000)	---
Offsetting receipts	(-3,462,124)	(-2,842,000)	(-2,814,000)	(+648,124)	(+28,000)
Offsetting collections	(-1,607,375)	(-2,074,209)	(-2,074,209)	(-466,834)	---
(By transfer)	(30,125)	(30,125)	(30,125)	---	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(1,654,241)	(1,654,108)	(1,654,608)	(+367)	(+500)
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(410,511,955)	(420,066,473)	(420,457,748)	(+9,945,793)	(+391,275)
(Limitation on corporate funds)	(596,970)	(611,731)	(596,970)	---	(-14,761)

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET RECAP					
Scorekeeping adjustments:					
FSLIC resolution fund (mandatory)	-3,000	-1,000	-1,000	+2,000	---
Pesticide tolerance fee prohibition	---	---	---	---	---
Housing certificate fund, advance appropriations provided in FY 2004 and FY 2005	-4,200,000	-4,200,000	-4,200,000	---	---
Total, adjustments	-4,203,000	-4,201,000	-4,201,000	+2,000	---
Total (including adjustments)	123,480,430	127,235,824	128,037,084	+4,556,654	+801,260
Amounts in this bill	(127,683,430)	(131,436,824)	(132,238,084)	(+4,554,654)	(+801,260)
Scorekeeping adjustments	(-4,203,000)	(-4,201,000)	(-4,201,000)	(+2,000)	---
Prior year outlays	---	---	---	---	---
Total mandatory and discretionary	123,480,430	127,235,824	128,037,084	+4,556,654	+801,260
Mandatory	32,706,712	35,107,084	35,107,084	+2,400,372	---
Discretionary	90,773,718	92,128,740	92,930,000	+2,156,282	+801,260

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RECAP BY FUNCTION					
Mandatory	32,706,712	35,107,084	35,107,084	+2,400,372	---
Prior year outlays	---	---	---	---	---
Total, Mandatory	32,706,712	35,107,084	35,107,084	+2,400,372	---
Discretionary:					
General purpose discretionary:					
Defense discretionary	93,752	94,300	94,300	+548	---
Prior year outlays	---	---	---	---	---
Total, Defense discretionary	93,752	94,300	94,300	+548	---
Nondefense discretionary	90,679,966	92,034,440	92,835,700	+2,155,734	+801,260
Prior year outlays	---	---	---	---	---
Total, Nondefense discretionary	90,679,966	92,034,440	92,835,700	+2,155,734	+801,260
Total, Discretionary	90,773,718	92,128,740	92,930,000	+2,156,282	+801,260
Grand total, Mandatory and Discretionary	123,480,430	127,235,824	128,037,084	+4,556,654	+801,260
GENERAL PURPOSE	90,773,718	92,128,740	92,930,000	+2,156,282	+801,260

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MINORITY VIEWS OF HON. DAVID OBEY AND HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

The bill reported by the Committee for the Departments of Veterans, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies fails the American people in a broad range of critical program areas. It epitomizes the problems created by the Majority Budget Resolution that favors super-sized tax cuts for our most well-off citizens at the expense of assistance to American communities and needy individuals. Although the bill reflects a sincere effort by a thoughtful and fair Chairman, the Subcommittee allocation is simply adequate to fund the vital programs under its jurisdiction—from veterans to the scientific community to the protection of our environment and the provision of adequate housing for low-income people. The pain in this bill is broad and deep and its substantial cuts are going to cause real harm.

- Veterans programs are funded $1.3 billion below the levels recommended by the bipartisan leadership of the Veterans Affairs Committee.
- Funding for the section 8 housing voucher program is inadequate to maintain current program levels. This will mean fewer people can be housed and existing tenants may not have their leases renewed.
- Except for the section 8 program, most of the other programs in HUD have been cut by 4.3 percent.
- EPA is funded $613 million below last year and funding for repairing our nations clean water infrastructure is cut by $492 million. The bill cuts funding for wastewater construction by 40 percent.
- NASA is funded more than $1 billion below the level requested by the President and almost $300 million below last year. At this level of funding, NASA cannot move forward on the proposed new Moon-Mars initiative nor can most of the cuts made in the President's budget to important programs be restored.
- Finally, at a time when Congress has endorsed substantial increases in basic science funding at the National Science Foundation, this bill cuts funding by $277 million below the President's request and $110 million below the current year funding level.

Veterans

Unlike other agencies in this bill, the VA actually received an increase of $1.2 billion for veterans health care above the President's request. The bipartisan leadership of the Veterans Affairs Committee as well as the veterans service organizations, however, have made it clear that a $2.5 billion increase over the President's budget—$1.3 billion more than the Committee-reported bill—is required to maintain existing service levels within the VA health care system.

This health care network for needy veterans, the largest in the United States, is overburdened by a large retiree population, principally of WWII and Korean War veterans, as well as a growing burden of new veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. In 1995, the VA treated 2.6 million veterans. In fiscal year 2004, the Department expects to treat 4.6 million veterans. The overall medical care inflation rate for 2003 was more than double the general inflation rate. Hospital care and related services requirements for veterans are growing at a rate of 7.3 percent annually. Facility improvements recommended by the VA's CARES Commission are expected to cost $1 billion per year for at least the next five to 10 years. Thousands of veterans are currently waiting for an appointment at a VA facility. Mental health services to current veterans and to those soldiers returning home today are inadequate. Medical and prosthetic research is cut by $20 million in this bill at a time when research could have a direct impact on post deployment quality of life for our veterans. The bill reported by the Committee fails to adequately address any of these needs.

Housing

The Committee-reported bill includes an increase of $1.5 billion for section 8 vouchers. Unfortunately, this amount is inadequate to maintain even current levels of housing assistance for this needy population. We believe that the HUD section 8 housing vouchers program is at least $100 million short. This funding level could reduce the number of families receiving assistance by between 5,000 and 10,000 families.

The Committee-reported bill makes several changes to the section 8 program. Some of the changes made include directing HUD to strip Public Housing Authorities of all but one week of their one-month program reserves. More than a week of reserves is needed to maintain financial stability and uninterrupted services to low-income families. The bill also cuts the administrative fees that housing agencies use to staff and operate the voucher program by $48 million below last year's level, making it difficult to engage in important activities, such as attempting to reduce year-long waiting lists and promptly inspecting units.

All other HUD programs, except section 8, are cut by more than four percent below the FY 2004 level. The Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), public housing funds, homeless assistance grants, and the elderly and disabled programs all are reduced. Further, for the second year in a row, the HOPE VI program has been drastically reduced. In fiscal year 2003, HOPE VI was funded at $570 million. In fiscal year 2005, the proposed funding level for HOPE VI is a mere $143 million.

Corporation for National and Community Service

The bill also provides $572 million for the Corporation on National and Community Service, a cut of $70 million below the President's request of $642 million. This cut means that the Corporation will fund 70,000 volunteers instead of 75,000 volunteers in fiscal year 2005.

Environmental Protection

The Committee recommendation reduces overall funding for the EPA by $613 million compared to last year. In practical terms, this means less money to help communities improve the quality of their air and the safety of their water and less money for cleaning up toxic wastes. It means less money to help the 474 so-called "non attainment" counties that EPA informed in April did not meet minimum public health standards under the Clean Air Act. It means the President's $259 million in increases for Superfund (+$124 million), brownfields clean-ups (+$40 million), school bus diesel engines upgrades (+$60 million), and an expanded Great Lakes initiative (+$35 million) cannot be approved.

The largest cut by far, however, is the $492 million reduction below last year in funding for the Clean Water Fund. In June, the EPA estimated the shortfall to upgrade the nation's aging water and sewer system over the next 20 years to be at least $388 billion for our local towns and cities.

Given the remaining challenges to clean up our air and water and the enormous financial pressures on local communities, the overall eight percent reduction in funding for the EPA included in the Committee bill represents a serious retreat from our responsibilities.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NASA is funded at $1.1 billion below the level requested by the President and almost $300 million below last year. At this level of funding, NASA cannot move forward the Moon-Mars exploration program, nor can most of the cuts made in the President's budget to important existing programs be restored.

Many of the projects cancelled or deferred in the Administration's budget request were ill-conceived. Notwithstanding bi-partisan agreement on the Committee on this evaluation, cuts to NASA approved in the bill include: the delay of the Lunar Exploration mission; a cut in funding to the Crew Exploration Vehicle of more than half the requested amount; delay on the Jupiter Icy Moons orbiter (JIMO) missions and Project Prometheus; delay of the Living with a Star mission; a cut to research in bioastronautics of more than one-third below the President's request; a cut to the International Space Station of $190 million, and funding cuts to numerous other programs.

We are pleased with the NASA Administrator's recent statement concerning the Hubble Space Telescope. As part of the President's fiscal year 2005 budget submission, NASA announced the termination of the Hubble telescope and the cancellation of its' fourth servicing mission. In August, NASA reversed that decision and the Administrator stated that a robotics servicing mission to the space telescope would, in fact, go forward. The Minority is disappointed, however, that the Administrator did not wait for the results of a study being conducted by the National Academy of Sciences on the best method of servicing Hubble as promised by the Administrator in a Senate hearing. A preliminary report has been released from the Academy urging NASA not to take actions that would preclude the possibility of a shuttle servicing mission; however, NASA has

chosen to proceed without consideration of the NAS's preliminary suggestions.

We support the Chairman's view that both this Committee and the Congress need more specific information on the President's Moon-Mars proposal to make informed and thoughtful funding decisions on critical programs. We hope that the Administration and NASA will continue to provide necessary information to Congress and to pursue a vigorous authorization process that is befitting such a substantial policy proposal.

Finally, we fully agree with the Chairman's commitment to the safe return to flight of the space shuttle fleet and the completion of the International Space station. We believe that is important for the United States to meet our commitments to our international partners with regard to the space station. We are concerned, however, about the escalating costs of the repairs to the shuttle fleet. Recently, the NASA Administrator stated on the record that the cost of fixing all the problems with the fleet could be at least $2.2 billion. This cost is double the estimate provided to Congress one year ago and it is unclear that $2.2 billion is the final number. Given the fiscal austerity of this bill—including the $1.1 billion cut to NASA—it is difficult to imagine where funds could be found.

National Science Foundation

At a time when Congress has endorsed substantial increases in basic science funding at the National Science Foundation, this bill cuts funding by $277 million below the President and $110 million below the current year. Science is a long-term investment in the future by both the scientists and the academic community. Promising young students and faculty make career choices and universities invest in buildings and equipment based on the potential of financial support of their research. They are willing to compete with their peers based on the quality of their ideas but they ask that the federal government be a predictable partner in terms of overall support.

This Committee has tried in the past to be both a good partner and aggressive advocate for the National Science Foundation. Today, despite recent rhetoric in support of NSF funding and passage of a doubling authorization in 2002, the short-term message is stark for the community that depends on NSF support. This bill provides $194 million less for investigator-initiated research than the President requested. That means that approximately 1,400 research projects which otherwise would have been funded next year will be rejected. It means the six new Science and Technology Centers which are expected to be selected by the NSF later this year will go unfunded. And it means that the Committee does not have enough money to reject the budget proposal to phase out NSF's Math and Science Partnerships program.

Conclusion

Given this wide range of concerns, the Minority believes the Committee-reported bill is simply inadequate. We believe that significant additional resources will need to be added to the bill to address the critical needs of our veterans, public housing recipients,

housing, science and the environment. Without these added resources, the bill fails the American people.

DAVE OBEY.
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