IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 20, 2023

Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill, which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

1    Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2    tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban
Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, $191,295,000: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $3,770,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary;

(2) $1,370,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary;

(3) $32,272,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel;

(4) $20,064,000 shall be available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, of which $2,000,000 is for the Office for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy: Provided, That the Secretary must obtain reprogramming approval from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations under section 405 of this Act prior to executing the authorities of section 118(g)(2)–(3) of title 49, United States Code;
(5) $22,724,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs;

(6) $7,138,000,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs;

(7) $43,284,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration;

(8) $6,244,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Affairs and Public Engagement;

(9) $2,515,000 shall be available for the Office of the Executive Secretariat;

(10) $16,506,000 shall be available for the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response;

(11) $33,879,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Information Officer; and

(12) $1,529,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal Government Affairs:

Provided further, That the Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this title as the “Secretary”) is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Secretary: Provided further, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 7 per-
cent by all such transfers: Provided further, That notice of any change in funding greater than 7 percent shall be submitted for approval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That not to exceed $70,000 shall be for allocation within the Department for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, there may be credited to this appropriation up to $2,500,000 in funds received in user fees.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For necessary expenses related to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, $51,358,000, of which $35,745,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That of such amounts that are available until expended, $14,750,000 shall be for necessary expenses of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Infrastructure (ARPA–I) as authorized by section 119 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That within the funds made available under the previous proviso, not less than $8,000,000 shall be available for research on durability, resiliency, and sustainability of bridges and other infrastructure and shall be directed to an accredited university of higher education in the northeast United States that has experience leading a regional
University Transportation Center and a proven record of
developing, patenting, deploying, and commercializing in-
novative composite materials and technologies for bridge
and other transportation applications, as well as con-
ducting research and developing prototypes using very
large-scale polymer-based additive manufacturing: Pro-
vided further, That there may be credited to this appro-
priation, to be available until expended, funds received
from States, counties, municipalities, other public authori-
ties, and private sources for expenses incurred for train-
ing: Provided further, That any reference in law, regula-
tion, judicial proceedings, or elsewhere to the Research
and Innovative Technology Administration shall continue
to be deemed to be a reference to the Office of the Assist-
ant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Depart-
ment of Transportation.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out a local and re-
gional project assistance grant program under section
6702 of title 49, United States Code, $800,000,000, to
remain available until expended: Provided, That section
6702(f)(2) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply
to amounts made available under this heading in this Act:
Provided further, That of the amounts made available
under this heading in this Act, not less than $20,000,000 shall be awarded to projects in historically disadvantaged communities or areas of persistent poverty as defined under section 6702(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That section 6702(g) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, not less than 5 percent shall be made available for the planning, preparation, or design of eligible projects: Provided further, That grants awarded under this heading in this Act for eligible projects for planning, preparation, or design shall not be subject to a minimum grant size: Provided further, That in distributing amounts made available under this heading in this Act, the Secretary shall take such measures so as to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds, an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas, including Tribal areas, and the investment in a variety of transportation modes: Provided further, That section 6702(c)(2)(C) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That a grant award under this heading in this Act shall be not greater than $45,000,000: Provided further, That section 6702(c)(3) of title 49,
United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That not more than 15 percent of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act may be awarded to projects in a single State: Provided further, That for amounts made available under this heading in this Act, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that require a contribution of Federal funds in order to complete an overall financing package: Provided further, That section 6702(f)(1) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That of the amounts awarded under this heading in this Act, not more than 50 percent shall be allocated for eligible projects located in rural areas and not more than 50 percent shall be allocated for eligible projects located in urbanized areas: Provided further, That for the purpose of determining if an award for planning, preparation, or design under this heading in this Act is an urban award, the project location is the location of the project being planned, prepared, or designed: Provided further, That the Secretary may retain up to 2 percent of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, and may transfer portions of such amounts to the Administrators of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit
Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration and
the Maritime Administration to fund the award and over-
sight of grants and credit assistance made under the pro-
gram authorized under section 6702 of title 49, United
States Code: *Provided further*, That for amounts made
available under this heading in this Act, the Secretary
shall consider and award projects based solely on the selec-
tion criteria as identified under section 6702(d)(3) and
(d)(4) of title 49, United States Code.

NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNOVATIVE
FINANCE BUREAU

For necessary expenses of the National Surface
Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau as author-
ized by 49 U.S.C. 116, $9,558,000, to remain available
until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary may collect
and spend fees, as authorized by title 23, United States
Code, to cover the costs of services of expert firms, includ-
ing counsel, in the field of municipal and project finance
to assist in the underwriting and servicing of Federal cred-
it instruments and all or a portion of the costs to the Fed-
eral Government of servicing such credit instruments: *Pro-
vided further*, That such fees are available until expended
to pay for such costs: *Provided further*, That such amounts
are in addition to other amounts made available for such
purposes and are not subject to any obligation limitation
or the limitation on administrative expenses under section 608 of title 23, United States Code.

RURAL AND TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVANCEMENT

For necessary expenses to carry out rural and Tribal infrastructure advancement as authorized in section 21205 of Public Law 117–58, $25,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with philanthropic entities, non-profit organizations, other Federal agencies, State or local governments and their agencies, Indian Tribes, or other technical assistance providers, to provide such technical assistance, planning, and capacity building to State, local, or Tribal governments, United States territories, metropolitan planning organizations, transit agencies, or other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT

FINANCING PROGRAM

The Secretary is authorized to issue direct loans and loan guarantees pursuant to chapter 224 of title 49, United States Code, and such authority shall exist as long as any such direct loan or loan guarantee is outstanding.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPITAL

For necessary expenses for upgrading and enhancing the Department of Transportation’s financial systems and
re-engineering business processes, $5,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2025.

CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVES

For necessary expenses for cyber security initiatives, including necessary upgrades to network and information technology infrastructure, improvement of identity management and authentication capabilities, securing and protecting data, implementation of Federal cyber security initiatives, and implementation of enhanced security controls on agency computers and mobile devices, $49,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, $18,228,000.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities, and making grants, $24,069,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of such amount, $5,436,000 shall be for necessary expenses of the Inter-agency Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center (IIPIC): Provided further, That there may be transferred to this appropriation, to remain available until expended,
amounts transferred from other Federal agencies for expenses incurred under this heading for IIPIC activities not related to transportation infrastructure: Provided further, That the tools and analysis developed by the IIPIC shall be available to other Federal agencies for the permitting and review of major infrastructure projects not related to transportation only to the extent that other Federal agencies provide funding to the Department in accordance with the preceding proviso: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, $3,443,000 shall be made available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congressionally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the report accompanying this Act.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for operating costs and capital outlays of the Working Capital Fund, not to exceed $522,165,000, shall be paid from appropriations made available to the Department of Transportation: Provided, That such services shall be provided on a competitive basis to entities within the Department of Transportation: Provided further, That the limitation in the preceding proviso on operating expenses shall not apply to entities external to the Department of Transportation or for funds pro-
vided in Public Law 117–58: Provided further, That no
funds made available by this Act to an agency of the De-
partment shall be transferred to the Working Capital
Fund without majority approval of the Working Capital
Fund Steering Committee and approval of the Secretary:
Provided further, That no assessments may be levied
against any program, budget activity, subactivity, or
project funded by this Act unless notice of such assess-
ments and the basis therefor are presented to the House
and Senate Committees on Appropriations and are ap-
proved by such Committees.

SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION AND
OUTREACH

For necessary expenses for small and disadvantaged
business utilization and outreach activities, $5,330,000, to
remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided,
That notwithstanding section 332 of title 49, United
States Code, such amounts may be used for business op-
portunities related to any mode of transportation: Pro-
vided further, That appropriations made available under
this heading shall be available for any purpose consistent
with prior year appropriations that were made available
under the heading “Office of the Secretary—Minority
Business Resource Center Program”.

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PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS
(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

In addition to funds made available from any other source to carry out the essential air service program under sections 41731 through 41742 of title 49, United States Code, $348,554,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until expended: Provided, That in determining between or among carriers competing to provide service to a community, the Secretary may consider the relative subsidy requirements of the carriers: Provided further, That basic essential air service minimum requirements shall not include the 15-passenger capacity requirement under section 41732(b)(3) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That amounts authorized to be distributed for the essential air service program under section 41742(b) of title 49, United States Code, shall be made available immediately from amounts otherwise provided to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration: Provided further, That the Administrator may reimburse such amounts from fees credited to the account established under section 45303 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That, notwithstanding section 41733 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal year 2024, the requirements established under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 41731(a)(1)
of title 49, United States Code, and the subsidy cap established by section 332 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, shall not apply to maintain eligibility under section 41731 of title 49, United States Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

_SEC. 101._ None of the funds made available by this Act to the Department of Transportation may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to approve assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining to funds appropriated to the operating administrations in this Act, except for activities underway on the date of enactment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements have completed the normal reprogramming process for congressional notification.

_SEC. 102._ The Secretary shall post on the web site of the Department of Transportation a schedule of all meetings of the Council on Credit and Finance, including the agenda for each meeting, and require the Council on Credit and Finance to record the decisions and actions of each meeting.
SEC. 103. In addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department’s Working Capital Fund is authorized to provide partial or full payments in advance and accept subsequent reimbursements from all Federal agencies from available funds for transit benefit distribution services that are necessary to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe benefit program under Executive Order No. 13150 and section 3049 of SAFETEA–LU (5 U.S.C. 7905 note): Provided, That the Department shall maintain a reasonable operating reserve in the Working Capital Fund, to be expended in advance to provide uninterrupted transit benefits to Government employees: Provided further, That such reserve shall not exceed 1 month of benefits payable and may be used only for the purpose of providing for the continuation of transit benefits: Provided further, That the Working Capital Fund shall be fully reimbursed by each customer agency from available funds for the actual cost of the transit benefit.

SEC. 104. Receipts collected in the Department’s Working Capital Fund, as authorized by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, for unused transit and van pool benefits, in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of fiscal year 2023 collections, shall be available until expended in the Department’s Working Capital Fund to pro-
vide contractual services in support of section 189 of this Act: Provided, That obligations in fiscal year 2024 of such collections shall not exceed $1,000,000.

SEC. 105. None of the funds in this title may be obligated or expended for retention or senior executive bonuses for an employee of the Department of Transportation without the prior written approval of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

SEC. 106. In addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department’s Administrative Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to transfer information technology equipment, software, and systems from Departmental sources or other entities and collect and maintain a reserve at rates which will return full cost of transferred assets.

SEC. 107. None of the funds provided in this Act to the Department of Transportation may be used to provide credit assistance unless not less than 3 days before any application approval to provide credit assistance under sections 603 and 604 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary provides notification in writing to the following committees: the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations; the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and the Committee on Trans-
portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-

tives: Provided, That such notification shall include, but
not be limited to, the name of the project sponsor; a de-
scription of the project; whether credit assistance will be
provided as a direct loan, loan guarantee, or line of credit;
and the amount of credit assistance.

Sec. 108. (a) Amounts made available to the Sec-
retary of Transportation or the Department of Transpor-
tation’s operating administrations in this Act for the costs
of award, administration, or oversight of financial assist-
ance under the programs identified in subsection (c) may
be transferred to the account identified in section 801 of
division J of Public Law 117–58, to remain available until
expended, for the necessary expenses of award, adminis-
tration, or oversight of any financial assistance programs
in the Department of Transportation.

(b) Amounts transferred under the authority in this
section are available in addition to amounts otherwise
available for such purpose.

(c) The program from which funds made available
under this Act may be transferred under subsection (a)
are—

(1) the local and regional project assistance
program under section 6702 of title 49, United
States Code; and
(2) the university transportation centers pro-
gram under section 5505 of title 49, United States
Code.

SEC. 109. Of the amounts made available under the
heading “National Infrastructure Investments”, up to
$75,000,000 shall be available—

(1) First, to fully fund the projects at the
amounts for which they applied under section 109B
of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (divi-
sion L of Public Law 117–328) and were not fully
funded; and

(2) Second, to fund highway infrastructure
projects for which the initial grant agreement was
executed between January 14, 2021 and February
14, 2021 for awards made from the National Infra-
stucture Investments program under title I of divi-
sion G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019
(Public Law 116–6): Provided, That sponsors of
projects eligible for funds made available under sub-
section shall provide sufficient written justification
describing, at a minimum, the current project cost
estimate, why the project cannot be completed with
the obligated grant amount, and any other relevant
information, as determined by the Secretary: Pro-
vided further, That funds made available under this
subsection shall be allocated to projects eligible to receive funding under this section in order of the date the grant agreements were initially executed:

Provided further, That the allocation under the previous proviso will be for the amounts necessary to cover increases to eligible project costs since the grant was obligated, based on the information provided:

Provided further, That section 200.204 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to amounts made available under this section:

Provided further, That the amounts made available under this section shall not be subject to limitations under section 6702(c) of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That the amounts made available under this section shall not be part of the Federal share of total project costs under section 6702(e)(1) of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That section 6702(f) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this section:

Provided further, That the Office of the Secretary of Transportation shall provide the amounts allocated to projects under this section no later than 120 days after the date the sufficient written justifications required under this section have been submitted.
SEC. 109A. Of the unobligated balances of funds made available for “Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program” in section 109 of division L of Public Law 117–103, $8,973,000 are hereby permanently rescinded.

SEC. 109B. For amounts provided for this fiscal year and prior fiscal years, section 24112(e)(2)(B) of Public Law 117–58 shall be applied by substituting “30 percent” for “40 percent”.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration, not otherwise provided for, including operations and research activities related to commercial space transportation, administrative expenses for research and development, establishment of air navigation facilities, the operation (including leasing) and maintenance of aircraft, subsidizing the cost of aeronautical charts and maps sold to the public, the lease or purchase of passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, $12,740,627,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, of which $12,103,596,000 to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund: Provided, That of the amounts made available under this heading—
(1) not less than $1,745,532,000 shall be available for aviation safety activities;
(2) $9,444,828,000 shall be available for air traffic organization activities;
(3) $42,018,000 shall be available for commercial space transportation activities;
(4) $949,376,000 shall be available for finance and management activities;
(5) $70,097,000 shall be available for NextGen and operations planning activities;
(6) $163,951,000 shall be available for security and hazardous materials safety activities; and
(7) $324,825,000 shall be available for staff offices:

Provided further, That not to exceed 5 percent of any budget activity, except for aviation safety budget activity, may be transferred to any budget activity under this heading: Provided further, That no transfer may increase or decrease any appropriation under this heading by more than 5 percent: Provided further, That any transfer in excess of 5 percent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section: Provided further, That not later than 60 days after the submission of
the budget request, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall transmit to Congress an annual update to the report submitted to Congress in December 2004 pursuant to section 221 of the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note): 

Provided further, That the amounts made available under this heading shall be reduced by $100,000 for each day after 60 days after the submission of the budget request that such report has not been transmitted to Congress: 

Provided further, That not later than 60 days after the submission of the budget request, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress a companion report that describes a comprehensive strategy for staffing, hiring, and training flight standards and aircraft certification staff in a format similar to the one utilized for the controller staffing plan, including stated attrition estimates and numerical hiring goals by fiscal year: Provided further, That the amounts made available under this heading shall be reduced by $100,000 for each day after the date that is 60 days after the submission of the budget request that such report has not been submitted to Congress: Provided further, That funds may be used to enter into a grant agreement with a nonprofit standard-setting organization to assist in the development of aviation safety standards: Provided further, That none of the funds made available by this Act
shall be available for new applicants for the second career
training program: Provided further, That none of the
funds made available by this Act shall be available for the
Federal Aviation Administration to finalize or implement
any regulation that would promulgate new aviation user
fees not specifically authorized by law after the date of
the enactment of this Act: Provided further, That there
may be credited to this appropriation, as offsetting collec-
tions, funds received from States, counties, municipalities,
foreign authorities, other public authorities, and private
sources for expenses incurred in the provision of agency
services, including receipts for the maintenance and oper-
ation of air navigation facilities, and for issuance, renewal
or modification of certificates, including airman, aircraft,
and repair station certificates, or for tests related thereto,
or for processing major repair or alteration forms: Pro-
vided further, That of the amounts made available under
this heading, not less than $194,000,000 shall be used to
fund direct operations of the current air traffic control
towers in the contract tower program, including the con-
tact tower cost share program, and any airport that is
currently qualified or that will qualify for the program
during the fiscal year: Provided further, That none of the
funds made available by this Act for aeronautical charting
and cartography are available for activities conducted by,
or coordinated through, the Working Capital Fund: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to eliminate the Contract Weather Observers program at any airport.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for acquisition, establishment, technical support services, improvement by contract or purchase, and hire of national airspace systems and experimental facilities and equipment, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, including initial acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service testing, including construction of test facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations for officers and employees of the Federal Aviation Administration stationed at remote localities where such accommodations are not available; and the purchase, lease, or transfer of aircraft from funds made available under this heading, including aircraft for aviation regulation and certification; to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, $3,429,000,000, of which $635,000,000 is for personnel and related expenses and shall remain available
until September 30, 2025, $2,692,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026, and $102,000,000 is for terminal facilities and shall remain available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That there may be credited to this appropriation funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred in the establishment, improvement, and modernization of national airspace systems: Provided further, That not later than 60 days after submission of the budget request, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to the Congress an investment plan for the Federal Aviation Administration which includes funding for each budget line item for fiscal years 2025 through 2029, with total funding for each year of the plan constrained to the funding targets for those years as estimated and approved by the Office of Management and Budget: Provided further, That section 405 of this Act shall apply to amounts made available under this heading in title VIII of the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Appropriations Act (division J of Public Law 117–58): Provided further, That the amounts in the table entitled “Allocation of Funds for FAA Facilities and Equipment from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act—Fiscal Year 2024” in the report accompanying this Act shall be the baseline for application of reprogramming and trans-
fer authorities for the current fiscal year pursuant to para-
graph (7) of such section 405 for amounts referred to in
the preceding proviso: Provided further, That, notwith-
standing paragraphs (5) and (6) of such section 405, un-
less prior approval is received from the House and Senate
Committees on Appropriations, not to exceed 10 percent
of any funding level specified for projects and activities
in the table referred to in the preceding proviso may be
transferred to any other funding level specified for
projects and activities in such table and no transfer of
such funding levels may increase or decrease any funding
level in such table by more than 10 percent: Provided fur-
ther, That of the amounts made available under this head-
ing for terminal facilities, $15,000,000 shall be made
available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for
Congressionally Directed Spending in the table entitled
“Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the re-
port accompanying this Act: Provided further, That, of the
amounts made available under this heading in this Act,
$469,000,000 is designated by the Congress as being for
an emergency requirement pursuant to section
251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for research, engineering, and development, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, including construction of experimental facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant, $260,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That there may be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, which shall be available for expenses incurred for research, engineering, and development: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading shall be used in accordance with the report accompanying this Act: Provided further, That not to exceed 10 percent of any funding level specified under this heading in the report accompanying this Act may be transferred to any other funding level specified under this heading in the report accompanying this Act: Provided further, That no transfer may increase or decrease any funding level by more than 10 percent: Provided further, That any transfer in excess of 10 percent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act and shall not
be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For liquidation of obligations incurred for grants-in-aid for airport planning and development, and noise compatibility planning and programs as authorized under subchapter I of chapter 471 and subchapter I of chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, and under other law authorizing such obligations; for procurement, installation, and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and systems at airports of such title; for grants authorized under section 41743 of title 49, United States Code; and for inspection activities and administration of airport safety programs, including those related to airport operating certificates under section 44706 of title 49, United States Code, $3,350,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the amounts made available under this heading shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the obligations for which are in excess of $3,350,000,000, in fiscal year 2024, notwith-
standing section 47117(g) of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That none of the amounts made available under this heading shall be available for the replacement of baggage conveyor systems, reconfiguration of terminal baggage areas, or other airport improvements that are necessary to install bulk explosive detection systems: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 47109(a) of title 49, United States Code, the Government’s share of allowable project costs under paragraph (2) of such section for subgrants or paragraph (3) of such section shall be 95 percent for a project at other than a large or medium hub airport that is a successive phase of a multi-phased construction project for which the project sponsor received a grant in fiscal year 2011 for the construction project: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of amounts limited under this heading, not less than $157,475,000 shall be available for administration, $15,000,000 shall be available for the Airport Cooperative Research Program, $41,801,000 shall be available for Airport Technology Research, and $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available and transferred to “Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses” to carry out the Small Community Air Service Development Program: Provided further, That in addition to airports eligible under section 41743 of title 49, United
States Code, such program may include the participation of an airport that serves a community or consortium that is not larger than a small hub airport, according to FAA hub classifications effective at the time the Office of the Secretary issues a request for proposals.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

For an additional amount for “Grants-In-Aid for Airports”, to enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for projects as authorized by subchapter 1 of chapter 471 and subchapter 1 of chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, $500,728,000, to remain available through September 30, 2026: Provided, That amounts made available under this heading shall be derived from the general fund, and such funds shall not be subject to apportionment formulas, special apportionment categories, or minimum percentages under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $200,728,000 shall be made available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congres-sionally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the report accompanying this Act: Provided, That funds made available under this section shall not be sub-
ject to or considered under section 47115(j)(3)(B) of

title 49, United States Code;

(2) up to $300,000,000 shall be made available
to the Secretary to distribute as discretionary grants
to airports, of which not less than $25,000,000 shall
be made available to any commercial service airport,
notwithstanding the requirement for the airport to
be located in an air quality nonattainment or main-
tenance area or to be able to receive emission credits
in section 47102(3)(K) and 47102(3)(L) of title 49,
United States Code, for work necessary to construct
or modify airport facilities to provide low-emission
fuel systems, gate electrification, other related air
quality improvements, acquisition of airport-owned
vehicles or ground support equipment with low-emis-
sion technology; and

(3) not less than $3,000,000 shall be made
available for two remaining projects under section
190 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub-
lic Law 115–254): Provided, That, notwithstanding
subsection (j)(2) of section 190 of the FAA Reau-
thorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–254), such
grants shall be made available for conducting testing
activities in support of studying the effectiveness of
existing federally funded sound insulation in residen-
tial areas located within the 65 DNL noise contour
of a large-hub airport that will facilitate future envi-
ronmental mitigation projects in these areas: Pro-
vided further, That, with respect to a project funded
under the previous proviso, the allowable project cost
for such project shall be calculated without consider-
ation of any costs that were previously paid by the
Government:
Provided further, That the Secretary may make discre-
tionary grants to primary airports for airport-owned infra-
structure required for the on-airport distribution or stor-
age of sustainable aviation fuels that achieve at least a
50 percent reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions,
using a methodology determined by the Secretary, includ-
ing, but not limited to, on-airport construction or expan-
sion of pipelines, rail lines and spurs, loading and off-load-
ing facilities, blending facilities, and storage tanks: Pro-
vided further, That the Secretary may make discretionary
grants with funds made available under this heading to
primary or nonprimary airports for the acquisition or con-
struction costs related to airport-owned, revenue-pro-
ducing aeronautical fuel farms and fueling systems, in-
cluding mobile systems, that the Secretary determines will
promote the use of unleaded or sustainable aviation fuels
on a non-exclusive basis: Provided further, That the Sec-
Secretary may make discretionary grants for airport development improvements of primary runways, taxiways, and aprons necessary at a nonhub, small hub, medium hub, or large hub airport to increase operational resilience for the purpose of resuming commercial service flight operations following flooding, high water, hurricane, storm surge, tidal wave, tornado, tsunami, wind driven water, or winter storms: Provided further, That the amounts made available under this heading shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations for the Grants-in-Aid for Airports program set forth in any Act: Provided further, That the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may retain up to 0.5 percent of the amounts made available under this heading to fund the award and oversight by the Administrator of grants made under this heading.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

Sec. 110. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to compensate in excess of 600 technical staff-years under the federally funded research and development center contract between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development during fiscal year 2024.
SEC. 111. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to pursue or adopt guidelines or regulations requiring airport sponsors to provide to the Federal Aviation Administration without cost building construction, maintenance, utilities and expenses, or space in airport sponsor-owned buildings for services relating to air traffic control, air navigation, or weather reporting: Provided, That the prohibition on the use of funds in this section does not apply to negotiations between the agency and airport sponsors to achieve agreement on “below-market” rates for these items or to grant assurances that require airport sponsors to provide land without cost to the Federal Aviation Administration for air traffic control facilities.

SEC. 112. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may reimburse amounts made available to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, from fees credited under section 45303 of title 49, United States Code, and any amount remaining in such account at the close of any fiscal year may be made available to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, for the subsequent fiscal year.

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

Sec. 114. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for paying premium pay under section 5546(a) of title 5, United States Code, to any Federal Aviation Administration employee unless such employee actually performed work during the time corresponding to such premium pay.

Sec. 115. None of the funds made available by this Act may be obligated or expended for an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration to purchase a store gift card or gift certificate through use of a Government-issued credit card.

Sec. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available under this Act or any prior Act may be used to implement or to continue to implement any limitation on the ability of any owner or operator of a private aircraft to obtain, upon a request to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, a blocking of that owner’s or operator’s aircraft registration number, Mode S transponder code, flight identification, call sign, or similar identifying information from any ground based display to the public that would allow the real-time or near real-time flight tracking of that aircraft’s movements, except data made available to a Gov-
ernment agency, for the noncommercial flights of that
owner or operator.

SEC. 117. None of the funds made available by this
Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more
than nine political and Presidential appointees in the Fed-
eral Aviation Administration.

SEC. 118. None of the funds made available by this
Act may be used to increase fees pursuant to section
44721 of title 49, United States Code, until the Federal
Aviation Administration provides to the House and Senate
Committees on Appropriations a report that justifies all
fees related to aeronautical navigation products and ex-
plains how such fees are consistent with Executive Order
No. 13642.

SEC. 119. None of the funds made available by this
Act may be used to close a regional operations center of
the Federal Aviation Administration or reduce its services
unless the Administrator notifies the House and Senate
Committees on Appropriations not less than 90 full busi-
ness days in advance.

SEC. 119A. None of the funds made available by or
limited by this Act may be used to change weight restric-
tions or prior permission rules at Teterboro airport in
Teterboro, New Jersey.
Sec. 119B. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to withhold from consideration and approval any new application for participation in the Contract Tower Program, or for reevaluation of Cost-share Program participants so long as the Federal Aviation Administration has received an application from the airport, and so long as the Administrator determines such tower is eligible using the factors set forth in Federal Aviation Administration published establishment criteria.

Sec. 119C. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to open, close, redesignate as a lesser office, or reorganize a regional office, the aeronautical center, or the technical center unless the Administrator submits a request for the reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act.

Sec. 119D. The Federal Aviation Administration Administrative Services Franchise Fund may be reimbursed after performance or paid in advance from funds available to the Federal Aviation Administration and other Federal agencies for which the Fund performs services.

Sec. 119E. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the FAA may be used to carry out the FAA’s obligations under section 44502(e) of title 49, United States Code, unless the eligible air traffic system

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or equipment to be transferred to the FAA under section 
44502(e) of title 49, United States Code, was purchased 
by the transferor airport—

(1) during the period of time beginning on Oc-
tober 5, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2021; or 

(2) on or after January 1, 2022 for transferor 
airports located in a non-contiguous States.

Sec. 119F. Of the unobligated balances available to 
the Federal Aviation Administration, the following funds 
are hereby permanently rescinded:

(1) $1,590,528.89 from funds made available 
for “Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities 
and Equipment”, which were to remain available 
until expended, by title I of Public Law 104–50; and 

(2) $2,878.02 from funds made available for 
“Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities and 
Equipment” by chapter 10, division B, of Public 
Law 108–324.

Sec. 119G. None of the funds made available in this 
or any other Act shall be used to facilitate the assignment 
of individuals from a private-sector organization to the 
FAA to serve on a temporary basis.
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Not to exceed $483,551,671 together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Administra-
tion, shall be obligated for necessary expenses for
administration and operation of the Federal Highway Ad-
ministration: Provided, That in addition, $3,248,000 shall
be transferred to the Appalachian Regional Commission
in accordance with section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

Funds available for the implementation or execution
of authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety
construction programs shall not exceed total obligations
of $60,095,782,888 for fiscal year 2024: Provided, That
the limitation on obligations under this heading shall only
apply to contract authority authorized from the Highway
Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), un-
less otherwise specified in law.
LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For the payment of obligations incurred in carrying out authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, $60,792,659,888 shall be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), to remain available until expended.

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary $2,046,738,000: Provided, That the funds made available under this heading shall be derived from the general fund, shall be in addition to any funds provided for fiscal year 2024 in this or any other Act for: (1) “Federal-aid Highways” under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code; (2) the Appalachian Development Highway System as authorized under section 1069(y) of Public Law 102–240; (3) the nationally significant Federal lands and Tribal projects program under section 1123 of the FAST Act, as amended (23 U.S.C. 201 note); (4) the Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.); or (5) the Denali Commission, and shall not affect the distribution or amount of funds provided in any other Act: Provided further, That, except for the funds made available under this heading for the Northern Border Regional
Commission and the Denali Commission, section 11101(e) of Public Law 117–58 shall apply to funds made available under this heading: Provided further, That unless otherwise specified, amounts made available under this heading shall be available until September 30, 2027, and shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations for Federal-aid highways or highway safety construction programs set forth in any Act making annual appropriations: Provided further, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $701,738,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for Congressionally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the report accompanying this Act: Provided, That, except as otherwise provided under this heading, the funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That funds made available under this paragraph that are used for Tribal projects shall be administered as if allocated under chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, except that the set-asides described in subparagraph (C) of section 202(b)(3) of title 23, United States Code, and subsections (a)(6), (c), and (e) of section
202 of such title, and section 1123(h)(1) of MAP–21 (as amended by Public Law 117–58), shall not apply to such funds;

(2) $100,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses for construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System, as authorized under section 1069(y) of Public Law 102–240: Provided, That for the purposes of funds made available under this paragraph, the term “Appalachian State” means a State that contains 1 or more counties (including any political subdivision located within the area) in the Appalachian region as defined in section 14102(a) of title 40, United States Code: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading for construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That, except as provided in the following proviso, funds made available under this heading for construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That a project carried out with funds made available under this heading for construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System shall be carried out in the same manner
as a project under section 14501 of title 40, United States Code: Provided further, That subject to the following proviso, funds made available under this heading for construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System shall be apportioned to Appalachian States according to the percentages derived from the 2012 Appalachian Development Highway System Cost-to-Complete Estimate, adopted in Appalachian Regional Commission Resolution Number 736, and confirmed as each Appalachian State’s relative share of the estimated remaining need to complete the Appalachian Development Highway System, adjusted to exclude those corridors that such States have no current plans to complete, as reported in the 2013 Appalachian Development Highway System Completion Report, unless those States have modified and assigned a higher priority for completion of an Appalachian Development Highway System corridor, as reported in the 2020 Appalachian Development Highway System Future Outlook: Provided further, That the Secretary shall adjust apportionments made under the preceding proviso so that no Appalachian State shall be apportioned an amount in excess of 30 percent of the amount made available for construction of the Appa-
lachian Development Highway System under this heading: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall consult with the Appalachian Regional Commission in making adjustments under the preceding two provisos: *Provided further,* That the Federal share of the costs for which an expenditure is made for construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System under this heading shall be up to 100 percent;

(3) $10,000,000 shall be for the nationally significant Federal lands and Tribal projects program under section 1123 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. 201 note);

(4) $10,000,000 shall be transferred to the Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.) to make grants, in addition to amounts otherwise made available to the Northern Border Regional Commission for such purpose, to carry out pilot projects that demonstrate the capabilities of wood-based infrastructure projects: *Provided,* That a grant made with funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered in the same manner as a grant made under subtitle V of title 40, United States Code;
(5) $5,000,000 shall be transferred to the Denali Commission for activities eligible under section 307(e) of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–277): Provided, That funds made available under this paragraph shall not be subject to section 311 of such Act: Provided further, That except as otherwise provided under section 307(e) of such Act or this heading, funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if directly appropriated to the Denali Commission and subject to applicable provisions of such Act, including the requirement in section 307(e) of such Act that the local community provides a 10 percent non-Federal match in the form of any necessary land or planning and design funds: Provided further, That such funds shall be available until expended: Provided further, That the Federal share of the costs for which an expenditure is made with funds transferred under this paragraph shall be up to 90 percent;

(6) $15,000,000 shall be transferred to the Denali Commission to carry out the Denali Access System Program under section 309 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–277): Provided, That a transfer
under this paragraph shall not be subject to section 311 of such Act: *Provided further,* That except as otherwise provided under this heading, funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if directly appropriated to the Denali Commission and subject to applicable provisions of such Act: *Provided further,* That funds made available under this paragraph shall not be subject to section 309(j)(2) of such Act: *Provided further,* That funds made available under this paragraph shall be available until expended: *Provided further,* That the Federal share of the costs for which an expenditure is made with funds transferred under this paragraph shall be up to 100 percent;

(7) $12,000,000 shall be for the regional infrastructure accelerator demonstration program authorized under section 1441 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. 601 note): *Provided,* That for funds made available under this paragraph, the Federal share of the costs shall be, at the option of the recipient, up to 100 percent;

(8) $45,000,000 shall be for the active transportation infrastructure investment program under section 11529 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (23 U.S.C. 217 note): *Provided,* That ex-
cept as otherwise provided under such section or this heading, the funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That funds made available under this paragraph shall remain available until expended;

(9) $3,000,000 shall be to carry out the Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highway Rights-of-Way Program under section 332 of title 23, United States Code;

(10) $1,145,000,000 shall be for a bridge replacement and rehabilitation program: Provided, That, for the purposes of funds made available under this paragraph, the term “State” means any of the 50 States or the District of Columbia and the term “qualifying State” means any State in which the percentage of total deck area of bridges classified as in poor condition in such State is at least 5 percent or in which the percentage of total bridges classified as in poor condition in such State is at least 5 percent: Provided further, That, of the funds made available under this paragraph, the Secretary shall reserve $6,000,000 for each State that does not meet the definition of a qualifying State: Provided further, That, after making the reservations
under the preceding proviso, the Secretary shall dis-
tribute the remaining funds made available under
this paragraph to each qualifying State by the pro-
portion that the percentage of total deck area of
bridges classified as in poor condition in such qual-
ifying State bears to the sum of the percentages of
total deck area of bridges classified as in poor condi-
tion in all qualifying States: Provided further, That,
of the funds made available under this paragraph—

(A) no qualifying State shall receive more
than $60,000,000;

(B) each State shall receive an amount not
less than $6,000,000; and

(C) after calculating the distribution of
funds pursuant to the preceding proviso, any
amount in excess of $60,000,000 shall be redis-
tributed equally among each State that does not
meet the Definition of a qualifying State:

Provided further, That the funds made available
under this paragraph shall be used for highway
bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects on pub-
lic roads: Provided further, That for purposes of this
paragraph, the Secretary shall calculate the percent-
ages of total deck area of bridges (including the per-
centages of total deck area classified as in poor con-
dition) and the percentages of total bridge counts
(including the percentages of total bridges classified
as in poor condition) based on the National Bridge
Inventory as of December 31, 2018: Provided fur-
ther, That, except as otherwise provided under this
heading, the funds made available under this para-
graph shall be administered as if apportioned under
chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 120. (a) For fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of
Transportation shall—

(1) not distribute from the obligation limitation
for Federal-aid highways—

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

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

(2) not distribute an amount from the obliga-
tion limitation for Federal-aid highways that is equal
to the unobligated balance of amounts—
(A) made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Ac-
count) for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs for previous fiscal
years the funds for which are allocated by the Secretary (or apportioned by the Secretary
under section 202 or 204 of title 23, United States Code); and

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

(3) determine the proportion that—

(A) the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate of amounts not
distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection; bears to

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

(4) distribute the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2), for each of the programs (other than programs to which paragraph (1) applies) that are allocated by the Secretary under authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, or apportioned by the Secretary under section 202 or 204 of title 23, United States Code, by multiplying—

(A) the proportion determined under paragraph (3); by

(B) the amounts authorized to be appropriated for each such program for such fiscal year; and

(5) distribute the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and the amounts distributed under paragraph (4), for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs that are apportioned by the Secretary under title 23, United States Code (other than the amounts apportioned for the National Highway Performance Program in section 119 of title 23, United
States Code, that are exempt from the limitation under subsection (b)(12) and the amounts apportioned under sections 202 and 204 of that title) in the proportion that—

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

(B) the total of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the programs that are apportioned under title 23, United States Code, to all States for such fiscal year.

(b) Exceptions From Obligation Limitation.— The obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways shall not apply to obligations under or for—

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

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

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

(4) subsections (b) and (j) of section 131 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 2119);
(5) subsections (b) and (c) of section 149 of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (101 Stat. 198);

(6) sections 1103 through 1108 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2027);

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

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

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

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

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

(12) section 119 of title 23, United States Code (but, for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2024, only in an amount equal to $639,000,000).

(c) Redistribution of Unused Obligation Authority.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall, after August 1 of such fiscal year—

(1) revise a distribution of the obligation limitation made available under subsection (a) if an amount distributed cannot be obligated during that fiscal year; and

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

(d) Applicability of Obligation Limitations to Transportation Research Programs.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways shall apply to contract authority for transportation research programs carried out under—

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

(B) title VI of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act; and

(C) title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58).

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

(A) remain available for a period of 4 fiscal years; and

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

(e) REDISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED FUNDS.—

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

(A) are authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal year for Federal-aid highway programs; and

(B) the Secretary determines will not be allocated to the States (or will not be apportioned to the States under section 204 of title 23, United States Code), and will not be available for obligation, for such fiscal year because of the imposition of any obligation limitation for such fiscal year.

(2) Ratio.—Funds shall be distributed under paragraph (1) in the same proportion as the distribution of obligation authority under subsection (a)(5).

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

Sec. 121. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds received by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the sale of data products, for necessary expenses incurred pursuant to chapter 63 of title 49, United States Code, may
be credited to the Federal-aid highways account for the purpose of reimbursing the Bureau for such expenses.

Sec. 122. Not less than 15 days prior to waiving, under his or her statutory authority, any Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highways projects, the Secretary of Transportation shall make an informal public notice and comment opportunity on the intent to issue such waiver and the reasons therefor: Provided, That the Secretary shall post on a website any waivers granted under the Buy America requirements.

Sec. 123. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to make a grant for a project under section 117 of title 23, United States Code, unless the Secretary, at least 60 days before making a grant under that section, provides written notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of the proposed grant, including an evaluation and justification for the project and the amount of the proposed grant award.

Sec. 124. (a) A State or territory, as defined in section 165 of title 23, United States Code, may use for any project eligible under section 133(b) of title 23 or section 165 of title 23 and located within the boundary of the State or territory any earmarked amount, and any associated obligation limitation: Provided, That the Department of Transportation for the State or territory for which the
earmarked amount was originally designated or directed notifies the Secretary of its intent to use its authority under this section and submits an annual report to the Secretary identifying the projects to which the funding would be applied. Notwithstanding the original period of availability of funds to be obligated under this section, such funds and associated obligation limitation shall remain available for obligation for a period of 3 fiscal years after the fiscal year in which the Secretary is notified. The Federal share of the cost of a project carried out with funds made available under this section shall be the same as associated with the earmark.

(b) In this section, the term “earmarked amount” means—

(1) congressionally directed spending, as defined in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, identified in a prior law, report, or joint explanatory statement, which was authorized to be appropriated or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to the current fiscal year, and administered by the Federal Highway Administration; or

(2) a congressional earmark, as defined in rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, identified in a prior law, report, or joint explanatory statement, which was authorized to be appropriated
or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to
the current fiscal year, and administered by the Fed-
eral Highway Administration.

(e) The authority under subsection (a) shall be ap-
plied to projects within the same general geographic area
within 25 miles for which the funding was designated.

(d) The Secretary shall submit consolidated reports
of the information provided by the States and territories
annually to the House and Senate Committees on Appro-
priations.

Sec. 125. (a) Of the unallocated and unobligated bal-
ances available to the Federal Highway Administration,
the following funds are hereby permanently rescinded,
subject to subsections (b) and (c), from the following ac-
counts and programs in the specified amounts:

(1) $33,437,074.13 from funds available in the
“Surface Transportation Priorities” account (69 X
0538) (other than funds made available for projects
in Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, or West Virginia);

(2) $1,839,129.40 from funds available in the
“Delta Regional Transportation Development Pro-
gram” account (69 X 0551);

(3) $11,064,579.57 from funds available in the
“Appalachian Development Highway System” ac-
count (69 X 0640);
(4) $9,264.22 from funds available in the “Highway Beautification” account (69 X 0540);

(5) $1,375,400 from funds available in the “State Infrastructure Banks” account (69 X 0549);

(6) $90,435 from funds available in the “Railroad-Highway Crossings Demonstration Projects” account (69 X 0557);

(7) $5,211,248.53 from funds available in the “Interstate Transfer Grants—Highway” account (69 X 0560);

(8) $133,231.12 from funds available in the “Kentucky Bridge Project” account (69 X 0572);

(9) $2,887.56 from funds available in the “Highway Demonstration Project—Preliminary Engineering” account (69 X 0583);

(10) $149,083.06 from funds available in the “Highway Demonstration Projects” account (69 X 0598);

(11) $68,438.40 from funds available in the “Miscellaneous Highway Projects” account (69 X 0641);

(b) No amounts may be cancelled under subsection (a) from any funds for which a State exercised its authority under section 125 of division L of Public Law 114–113, section 422 of division K of Public Law 115–31, sec-

(c) No amounts may be cancelled under subsection (a) from any amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 126. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the funds described in subsection (b)—

(1) $20,000,000 shall be made available to the Secretary to carry out the national scenic byways program under section 162 of title 23, United States Code: Provided, That, except as otherwise provided under this section, the funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That section 11101(e) of Public Law 117–58 shall apply to funds made available under this paragraph;

(2) $30,000,000 shall be made available to the Secretary to carry out the nationally significant Fed-
eral lands and Tribal projects program under section
1123 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. 201 note); and

(3) $150,000,000 shall be made available to the
Secretary for competitive awards for activities eligi-
bile under section 176(d)(4) of title 23, United
States Code, of which $125,000,000 shall be for
such activities eligible under subparagraph (A) of
such section and $25,000,000 shall be for such ac-
tivities eligible under subparagraph (C) of such sec-
tion: Provided, That, except as otherwise provided
under this section, the funds made available under
this paragraph shall be administered as if apor-
tioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States
Code: Provided further, That, except as otherwise
provided under this section, funds made available
under this paragraph shall be administered as if
made available to carry out section 176(d) of such
title: Provided further, That, for purposes of the cal-
culation under section 176(d)(5)(G)(ii) of such title,
amounts made available under this paragraph shall
be included in the calculation of the total amount
provided for fiscal year 2024 under section 176(d)
of such title: Provided further, That for purposes of
applying the set-asides under section
176(d)(5)(H)(ii) and (iii) of such title, amounts
made available under this paragraph for competitive awards for activities eligible under sections 176(d)(4)(A) and 176(d)(4)(C) of such title shall be included in the calculation of the amounts made available to carry out section 176(d) of such title for fiscal year 2024: Provided further, That, the Secretary may retain not more than a total of 5 percent of the amounts made available under this paragraph to carry out this paragraph and to review applications for grants under this paragraph, and may transfer portions of the funds retained under this proviso to the relevant Administrators to fund the award and oversight of grants provided under this paragraph: Provided further, That a project assisted with funds made available under this paragraph shall be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway: Provided further, That section 11101(e) of Public Law 117–58 shall apply to funds made available under this paragraph.

(b) Funds described in this subsection are any funds that—

(1) are unobligated on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) were made available for credit assistance under—
(A) the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation program under subchapter II of chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, as in effect prior to August 10, 2005; or

(B) the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation program under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code.

(e) Funds made available under subsection (a) shall—

(1) be subject to the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs; and

(2) unless otherwise specified under this section, be available until September 30, 2027.

SEC. 127. Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“(x) CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The State of Mississippi may allow, by special permit, the operation of a covered agricultural vehicle on the Interstate System in the State of Mississippi if such vehicle does not exceed—
“(A) a gross vehicle weight of 88,000 pounds; and

“(B) 110 percent of the maximum weight on any axle or axle group described in subsection (a)(2), including any enforcement tolerance.

“(2) COVERED AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered agricultural vehicle’ means a vehicle that is transporting unprocessed agricultural crops used for food, feed or fiber, or raw or unfinished forest products, including logs, pulpwood, biomass or wood chips.

“(y) OPERATION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES IN WEST VIRGINIA.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The State of West Virginia may allow, by special permit, the operation of a vehicle that is transporting materials and equipment on the Interstate System in the State of West Virginia if such vehicle does not exceed 110 percent of the maximum weight on any axle or axle group described in subsection (a)(2), including any enforcement tolerance, provided the remaining gross vehicle weight requirements of subsection (a) are met.

“(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘materials and equipment’ means materials and
equipment that are used on a project eligible under this chapter.”.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs

(Liquidation of Contract Authorization)

(Limitation on Obligations)

(Highway Trust Fund)

(Including Transfer of Funds)

For payment of obligations incurred in the implementation, execution and administration of motor carrier safety operations and programs pursuant to section 31110 of title 49, United States Code, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), $346,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the sum of which shall remain available until expended: Provided, That funds available for implementation, execution, or administration of motor carrier safety operations and programs authorized under title 49, United States Code, shall not exceed total obligations of $435,000,000, for “Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs” for fiscal year 2024, of which $60,000,000 is to be transferred and made available from prior year unobligated contract authority
provided for Motor Carrier Safety Grants or Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs in the current or prior appropriations or authorization Acts: Provided further, That of the sums appropriated under this heading:

(1) $14,073,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2026, is for the research and technology program;

(2) not less than $99,098,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2026, is for development, modernization, enhancement, and continued operation and maintenance of information technology and information management; and

(3) not less than $24,000,000, to remain available for obligation until expended, is for a study of the causal factors of fatal medium-duty truck crashes: Provided, That the activities funded by the previous proviso may be accomplished through direct expenditure, direct research activities, grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, intra- or inter agency agreements, or other agreements with public organizations: Provided further, That such amounts, payments, and obligation limitation as may be necessary to carry out the study of the causal factors of fatal medium duty truck crashes may be transferred and
credited to appropriate accounts of other participating Federal agencies.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out sections 31102, 31103, 31104, and 31313 of title 49, United States Code, $516,300,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain available until expended: Provided, That funds available for the implementation or execution of motor carrier safety programs shall not exceed total obligations of $516,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 for “Motor Carrier Safety Grants”: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading—

(1) $406,500,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the motor carrier safety assistance program;

(2) $43,500,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the commercial driver’s license program implementation program;
(3) $60,000,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the high priority program;

(4) $1,300,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the commercial motor vehicle operators grant program; and

(5) $5,000,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2025, shall be for the commercial motor vehicle enforcement training and support grant program.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 130. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall send notice of section 385.308 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, violations by certified mail, registered mail, or another manner of delivery, which records the receipt of the notice by the persons responsible for the violations.

SEC. 131. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Transportation by this Act or any other Act may be obligated or expended to implement, administer, or enforce the requirements of section 31137 of title 49, United States Code, or any regulation issued by the Secretary pursuant to such section, with respect to the use of electronic logging devices by op-
operators of commercial motor vehicles, as defined in section 31132(1) of such title, transporting livestock as defined in section 602 of the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 (7 U.S.C. 1471) or insects.

SEC. 132. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to require the use of inward facing cameras or require a motor carrier to register an apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor as a condition for participation in the Safe Driver Apprenticeship Pilot Program.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

For expenses necessary to discharge the functions of the Secretary, with respect to traffic and highway safety, authorized under chapter 301 and part C of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, $222,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2025.

OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of section 403 of title 23, United States Code, including behavioral research on Automated Driving Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and im-
proving consumer responses to safety recalls, section
25024 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
(Public Law 117–58), and chapter 303 of title 49, United
States Code, $201,200,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account)
and to remain available until expended: Provided, That
none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the
planning or execution of programs the total obligations for
which, in fiscal year 2024, are in excess of $201,200,000:
Provided further, That of the sums appropriated under
this heading—

(1) $194,000,000 shall be for programs authorized under section 403 of title 23, United States Code, including behavioral research on Automated Driving Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and improving consumer responses to safety recalls, and section 25024 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58); and

(2) $7,200,000 shall be for the National Driver Register authorized under chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That within the $201,200,000 obligation limitation for operations and research, $57,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025, and shall be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on
obligations for future years: Provided further, That
amounts for behavioral research on Automated Driving
Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and im-
proving consumer responses to safety recalls are in addi-
tion to any other funds provided for those purposes for
fiscal year 2024 in this Act.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out
provisions of sections 402, 404, and 405 of title 23,
United States Code, and grant administration expenses
under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, to remain
available until expended, $813,300,800, to be derived from
the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit
Account): Provided, That none of the funds in this Act
shall be available for the planning or execution of pro-
grams for which the total obligations in fiscal year 2024
are in excess of $813,300,800 for programs authorized
under sections 402, 404, and 405 of title 23, United
States Code, and grant administration expenses under
chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further,
That of the sums appropriated under this heading—
(1) $378,400,000 shall be for “Highway Safety Programs” under section 402 of title 23, United States Code;

(2) $353,500,000 shall be for “National Priority Safety Programs” under section 405 of title 23, United States Code;

(3) $40,300,000 shall be for the “High Visibility Enforcement Program” under section 404 of title 23, United States Code; and

(4) $41,100,800 shall be for grant administrative expenses under chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code:

Provided further, That none of these funds shall be used for construction, rehabilitation, or remodeling costs, or for office furnishings and fixtures for State, local or private buildings or structures: Provided further, That not to exceed $500,000 of the funds made available for “National Priority Safety Programs” under section 405 of title 23, United States Code, for “Impaired Driving Countermeasures” (as described in subsection (d) of that section) shall be available for technical assistance to the States: Provided further, That with respect to the “Transfers” provision under section 405(a)(8) of title 23, United States Code, any amounts transferred to increase the amounts made available under section 402 shall include
the obligation authority for such amounts: Provided further, That the Administrator shall notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of any exercise of the authority granted under the preceding proviso or under section 405(a)(8) of title 23, United States Code, within 5 days.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 140. An additional $130,000 shall be made available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, out of the amount limited for section 402 of title 23, United States Code, to pay for travel and related expenses for State management reviews and to pay for core competency development training and related expenses for highway safety staff.

SEC. 141. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration set in this Act shall not apply to obligations for which obligation authority was made available in previous public laws but only to the extent that the obligation authority has not lapsed or been used.

SEC. 142. None of the funds in this Act or any other Act shall be used to enforce the requirements of section 405(a)(9) of title 23, United States Code.
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Ad-
ministration, not otherwise provided for, $267,799,000, of
which $25,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for railroad research and de-
velopment, $59,000,000, to remain available until ex-
pended: Provided, That of the amounts provided under
this heading, up to $3,000,000 shall be available pursuant
to section 20108(d) of title 49, United States Code, for
the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and
improvements at the Transportation Technology Center.

FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERCITY

PASSENGER RAIL

For necessary expenses related to Federal-State
Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grants as author-
ized by section 24911 of title 49, United States Code,
$100,000,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-
vided, That the Secretary may withhold up to 2 percent
of the amounts made available under this heading in this
Act for the costs of award and project management over-
sight of grants carried out under title 49, United States
Code.
CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY

IMPROVEMENTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses related to Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grants, as authorized by section 22907 of title 49, United States Code, $572,861,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act—

(1) $72,861,000 shall be made available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congressionally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the report accompanying this Act: Provided further, That requirements under subsections (g) and (l) of section 22907 of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to the preceding proviso: Provided further, That any remaining funds available after the distribution of the Congressionally Directed Spending described in this paragraph shall be available to the Secretary to distribute as discretionary grants under this heading; and

(2) not less than $5,000,000 shall be available for workforce development and training activities as
authorized under section 22907(c)(13) of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That for amounts made available under this heading in this Act, eligible projects under section 22907(c)(8) of title 49, United States Code, shall also include railroad systems planning (including the preparation of regional intercity passenger rail plans and State Rail Plans) and railroad project development activities (including railroad project planning, preliminary engineering, design, environmental analysis, feasibility studies, and the development and analysis of project alternatives): Provided further, That section 22905(f) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this heading in this Act for projects that implement or sustain positive train control systems otherwise eligible under section 22907(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading in this Act for projects selected for commuter rail passenger transportation may be transferred by the Secretary, after selection, to the appropriate agencies to be administered in accordance with chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That for amounts made available under this heading in this Act, eligible recipients under section 22907(b)(7) of title 49, United States Code, shall include any holding company of a Class
II railroad or Class III railroad (as those terms are defined in section 20102 of title 49, United States Code): Provided further, That section 22907(e)(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That section 22907(e)(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this heading in previous fiscal years if such funds are announced in a notice of funding opportunity that includes funds made available under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That the preceding proviso shall not apply to funds made available under this heading in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (division J of Public Law 117–58): Provided further, That unobligated balances remaining after 6 years from the date of enactment of this Act may be used for any eligible project under section 22907(c) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That the Secretary may withhold up to 2 percent of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act for the costs of award and project management oversight of grants carried out under title 49, United States Code.

NORTHEAST CORRIDOR GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for
activities associated with the Northeast Corridor as authorized by section 22101(a) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), $1,141,442,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary may retain up to one-half of 1 percent of the amounts made available under both this heading in this Act and the “National Network Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation” heading in this Act to fund the costs of project management and oversight of activities authorized by section 22101(c) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58): Provided further, That in addition to the project management oversight funds authorized under section 22101(c) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), the Secretary may retain up to an additional $5,000,000 of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act to fund expenses associated with the Northeast Corridor Commission established under section 24905 of title 49, United States Code.

NATIONAL NETWORK GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for activities associated with the National Network as authorized by section 22101(b) of the Infrastructure Investment
and Jobs Act (division B of Public Law 117–58), $1,313,033,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary may retain up to an additional $3,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading in this Act to fund expenses associated with the State-Supported Route Committee established under section 24712 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That none of the funds provided under this heading in this Act shall be used by Amtrak to give notice under subsection (a) or (c) of section 24706 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to long-distance routes (as defined in section 24102 of title 49, United States Code) on which Amtrak is the sole operator on a host railroad’s line and a positive train control system is not required by law or regulation, or, except in an emergency or during maintenance or construction outages impacting such routes, to otherwise discontinue, reduce the frequency of, suspend, or substantially alter the route of rail service on any portion of such route operated in fiscal year 2018, including implementation of service permitted by section 24305(a)(3)(A) of title 49, United States Code, in lieu of rail service: Provided further, That the National Railroad Passenger Corporation may use up to $66,000,000 of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act for corridor devel-
opment activities as authorized by section 22101(h) of division B of Public Law 117–58.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 150. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation in contravention of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.).

SEC. 151. The amounts made available to the Secretary or to the Federal Railroad Administration for the costs of award, administration, and project management oversight of financial assistance which are administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, in this and prior Acts, may be transferred to the Federal Railroad Administration’s “Financial Assistance Oversight and Technical Assistance” account for the necessary expenses to support the award, administration, project management oversight, and technical assistance of financial assistance administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, in the same manner as appropriated for in this and prior Acts: Provided, That this section shall not apply to amounts that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on
the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 152. Of the unobligated balances of funds remaining from—

(1) “Northeast Corridor Improvement Program” account totaling $126,348 appropriated by Public Law 114–113 is hereby permanently rescinded;

(2) “Railroad Safety Grants” account totaling $81,257.66 appropriated by Public Law 113–235 is hereby permanently rescinded;

(3) “Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service” account totaling $53,118,096.83 appropriated by Public Law 111–117 is hereby permanently rescinded;

(4) “Next Generation High-Speed Rail” account totaling $94.94 appropriated by Public Law 108–447 is hereby permanently rescinded; and

(5) “Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation” account totaling $678.16 appropriated by Public Law 108–447.

SEC. 153. None of the funds made available to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation may be used to fund any overtime costs in excess of $35,000 for any individual employee: Provided, That the President of Amtrak
may waive the cap set in the preceding proviso for specific employees when the President of Amtrak determines such a cap poses a risk to the safety and operational efficiency of the system: Provided further, That the President of Amtrak shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a summary of all overtime payments incurred by Amtrak for 2023 and the 3 prior calendar years: Provided further, That such summary shall include the total number of employees that received waivers and the total overtime payments Amtrak paid to employees receiving waivers for each month for 2023 and for the 3 prior calendar years.

Sec. 154. It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) long-distance passenger rail routes provide much-needed transportation access for 4,700,000 riders in 325 communities in 40 States and are particularly important in rural areas; and

(2) long-distance passenger rail routes and services should be sustained to ensure connectivity throughout the National Network (as defined in section 24102 of title 49, United States Code).
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

TRANSIT FORMULA GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in the Federal Public Transportation Assistance Program in this account, and for payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5314, 5318, 5329(e)(6), 5334, 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340, section 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, and section 3006(b) of Public Law 114–94, $13,990,000,000, to be derived from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended:

Provided, That funds available for the implementation or execution of programs authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5314, 5318, 5329(e)(6), 5334, 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340, section 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, and section 3006(b) of Public Law 114–94, shall not exceed total obligations of $13,990,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.

TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

For an additional amount for buses and bus facilities grants under section 5339(b) of title 49, United States Code, low or no emission grants under section 5339(e) of
such title, ferry boats grants under section 5307(h) of such title, bus testing facilities under section 5318 of such title, accelerating innovative mobility initiative grants under section 5312 of such title, accelerating the adoption of zero emission buses under section 5312 of such title, Congressionally Directed Spending for projects and activities eligible under chapter 53 of such title, and ferry service for rural communities under section 71103 of division G of Public Law 117–58, $268,261,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the sums provided under this heading in this Act—

(1) $80,000,000 shall be available for buses and bus facilities competitive grants as authorized under section 5339(b) of such title;

(2) $46,000,000 shall be available for the low or no emission grants as authorized under section 5339(c) of such title: Provided, That the minimum grant award shall be not less than $750,000;

(3) $20,000,000 shall be available for ferry boat grants as authorized under section 5307(h) of such title: Provided, That of the amounts provided under this paragraph, no less than $5,000,000 shall be available for low or zero emission ferries or ferries using electric battery or fuel cell components and the infrastructure to support such ferries;
(4) $2,000,000 shall be available for the operation and maintenance of the bus testing facilities selected under section 5318 of such title;

(5) $82,247,000 shall be available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congressionally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the report accompanying this Act: Provided, That unless otherwise specified, applicable requirements under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, shall apply to amounts made available in this paragraph, except that the Federal share of the costs for a project in this paragraph shall be in an amount equal to 80 percent of the net costs of the project, unless the Secretary approves a higher maximum Federal share of the net costs of the project consistent with administration of similar projects funded under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;

(6) $23,014,000 shall be available for ferry service for rural communities under section 71103 of division G of Public Law 117–58: Provided, That for amounts made available in this paragraph, notwithstanding section 71103(a)(2)(B), eligible service shall include passenger ferry service that serves at least two rural areas with a single segment over 15
miles between the two rural areas and is not otherwise eligible under section 5307(h) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That entities that provide eligible service pursuant to the preceding proviso may use amounts made available in this paragraph for public transportation capital projects to support any ferry service between two rural areas: Provided further, That entities eligible for amounts made available in this paragraph shall only provide ferry service to rural areas;

(7) $10,000,000 shall be for the accelerating innovative mobility initiative as authorized under section 5312 of title 49, United States Code: Provided, That such amounts shall be available for competitive grants or demonstration projects that improve mobility and operational effectiveness, enhance the rider experience, create innovative service delivery models, or develop integrated payment solutions in order to help disseminate proven innovation mobility practices throughout the public transportation industry; and

(8) $5,000,000 shall be available to support technical assistance, research, demonstration, or deployment activities or projects to accelerate the adoption of zero emission buses in public transit as
authorized under section 5312 of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading in this Act shall be derived from the general fund:

Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading in this Act shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations for transit programs set forth in this or any other Act.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses to carry out section 5314 of title 49, United States Code, $7,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That the assistance provided under this heading does not duplicate the activities of section 5311(b) or section 5312 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading are in addition to any other amounts made available for such purposes: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations set forth in this or any other Act.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS

For necessary expenses to carry out fixed guideway capital investment grants under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, and section 3005(b) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (Public Law 114–
provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading in this Act—

(1) $1,910,000,000 shall be available for projects authorized under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code;

(2) up to $100,000,000 shall be available for projects authorized under section 5309(e) of title 49, United States Code;

(3) $340,000,000 shall be available for projects authorized under section 5309(h) of title 49, United States Code; and

(4) up to $100,000,000 shall be available for projects authorized under section 3005(b) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act:

Provided further, That the Secretary shall continue to administer the capital investment grants program in accordance with the procedural and substantive requirements of section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, and of section 3005(b) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act: Provided further, That projects that receive a grant agreement under the Expedited Project Delivery for Capital Investment Grants Pilot Program under section 3005(b) of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act shall be deemed eligible for funding provided for
projects under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, without further evaluation or rating under such section: Provided further, That such funding shall not exceed the Federal share under section 3005(b): Provided further, That funds allocated to any project during fiscal years 2015, 2016, or 2017 pursuant to section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, shall remain allocated to that project through fiscal year 2024: Provided further, That upon submission to the Congress of the fiscal year 2025 President’s budget, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to Congress the annual report on capital investment grants, including proposed allocations for fiscal year 2025.

GRANTS TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

For grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority as authorized under section 601 of division B of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–432), $150,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation shall approve grants for capital and preventive maintenance expenditures for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority only after receiving and reviewing a request for each specific project: Provided further, That the Secretary shall determine that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has
placed the highest priority on those investments that will improve the safety of the system before approving such grants.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 160. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the Federal Transit Administration shall not apply to any authority under 49 U.S.C. 5338, previously made available for obligation, or to any other authority previously made available for obligation.

Sec. 161. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated or limited by this Act under the heading “Capital Investment Grants” of the Federal Transit Administration for projects specified in this Act not obligated by September 30, 2027, and other recoveries, shall be directed to projects eligible to use the funds for the purposes for which they were originally provided.

Sec. 162. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated before October 1, 2023, under any section of chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, that remain available for expenditure, may be transferred to and administered under the most recent appropriation heading for any such section.
SEC. 163. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used to adjust apportionments or withhold funds from apportionments pursuant to section 9503(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9503(e)(4)).

SEC. 164. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used to impede or hinder project advancement or approval for any project seeking a Federal contribution from the capital investment grants program of greater than 40 percent of project costs as authorized under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code.

SEC. 165. Of the unobligated balances made available before October 1, 2013 for “Transit Research” in Treasury Account 69–X–1137, $581,046 is hereby permanently rescinded.

SEC. 166. (a) Of the unobligated balances made available for the “Clean Fuels Grant Program” under section 5308 of title 49, United States Code, $4,009,637 shall be transferred to and administered under section 5339(c) of title 49, United States Code.

(b) Of the unobligated balances made available for the “Rural Transportation Accessibility Incentive Program” under section 3038 of Public Law 105–178,
$4,072,214 shall be transferred to and administered under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

(c) Of the unobligated balances made available for the “Alternatives Analysis Program” under section 5339 of title 49, United States Code, $1,975,409 shall be transferred to and administered under section 5305 of title 49, United States Code.

(d) Of the unobligated balances made available for “Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands” under section 5320 of title 49, United States Code, $2,148,414 shall be transferred to and administered under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

(e) Of the unobligated balances made available for “Job Access and Reverse Commute Formula Grants” under section 5316 of title 49, United States Code, $45,187,599 shall be available for competitive grants to eligible entities to assist areas of persistent poverty as defined under section 6702(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, or historically disadvantaged communities, for the same purposes for which amounts were provided for grants to areas of persistent poverty under the heading “Federal Transit Administration—Transit Infrastructure Grants” in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103).
(f) Of the unobligated balances made available for “New Freedom” under section 5317 of title 49, United States Code, $40,536,306 shall be transferred and administered under section 5310 of title 49, United States Code.

(g) Of the unobligated balances made available for “Bus Capital” under section 5039 if title 49, United States Code, $81,863,444 shall be transferred and administered under section 5339 of title 49, United States Code.

Sec. 167. (a) Funds obligated in fiscal year 2024 for grants under sections 5310 and 5311 of title 49, United States Code, may be used for up to 100 percent of the eligible net costs of a project, notwithstanding subsection (d) of section 5310 and subsection (g) of section 5311 of such title.

(b) Notwithstanding section 5339(b)(6)(B) of title 49, United States Code, the Federal share of the costs for which an amount is provided in this Act to a federally recognized Indian Tribe for activities carried out under section 5339(b) of title 49, United States Code, may be, at the option of such Indian Tribe, up to 100 percent.

(c) Notwithstanding section 5339(c)(7)(A) of title 49, United States Code, the Federal share of the costs for which an amount is provided in this Act to a federally recognized Indian Tribe for activities carried out under
section 5339(c) of title 49, United States Code, may be, at the option of such Indian Tribe, up to 100 percent.

SEC. 168. Section 5323 of title 49, United States Code, is amended in subsection (q)—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “CORRIDOR PRESERVATION” and inserting “REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS”;

(2) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “right-of-way” each time it appears and inserting “real property interests”;

and

(B) by inserting “acquired” after “may use the”; and

(3) in paragraph (2), by striking “Right-of-way” and inserting “Real property interests”.

GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations, as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in car-
ry ing out the programs set forth in the Corporation’s budget for the current fiscal year.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

(HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses to conduct the operations, maintenance, and capital infrastructure activities on portions of the St. Lawrence Seaway owned, operated, and maintained by the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, $40,288,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to section 210 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2238): Provided, That of the amounts made available under this heading, not less than $16,300,000 shall be for the seaway infrastructure program.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a U.S.-flag merchant fleet as authorized under chapter 531 of title 46, United States Code, to serve the national security needs of the United States, $318,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CABLE SECURITY FLEET

For the cable security fleet program, as authorized under chapter 532 of title 46, United States Code, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended.
TANKER SECURITY PROGRAM

For Tanker Security Fleet payments, as authorized under section 53406 of title 46, United States Code, $120,000,000, to remain available until expended.

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses of operations and training activities authorized by law, $283,546,000: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

1. $103,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025, for the operations of the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

2. $22,000,000 shall remain available until expended for facilities maintenance and repair, and equipment, at the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

3. $70,000,000 shall remain available until expended for capital improvements at the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

4. $7,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025, for the Maritime Environmental and Technical Assistance program authorized under section 50307 of title 46, United States Code; and

5. $10,000,000 shall remain available until expended, for the United States Marine Highway Pro-
gram to make grants for the purposes authorized under section 55601 of title 46, United States Code: Provided further, That the Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the annual report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at the United States Merchant Marine Academy as required pursuant to section 3510 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017 (46 U.S.C. 51318): Provided further, That available balances under this heading for the Short Sea Transportation Program or America’s Marine Highway Program (now known as the United States Marine Highway Program) from prior year recoveries shall be available to carry out activities authorized under section 55601 of title 46, United States Code.

STATE MARITIME ACADEMY OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of operations, support, and training activities for State Maritime Academies, $131,000,000: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $22,000,000 shall remain available until expended for maintenance, repair, and life extension of training ships at the State Maritime Academies;

(2) $91,800,000 shall remain available until expended for the National Security Multi-Mission Vess-
sel Program, including funds for construction, plan-
ning, administration, and design of school ships and,
as determined by the Secretary, necessary expenses
to design, plan, construct infrastructure, and pur-
chase equipment necessary to berth such ships, of
which up to $8,900,000 may be used for expenses
related to the oversight and management of school
ships to include the purchase of equipment and the
repair and maintenance of training vessels: Provided,
That such funds may be used to reimburse State
Maritime Academies for costs incurred prior to the
date of enactment of this Act;

(3) $2,400,000 shall remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2028, for the Student Incentive Pro-
gram;

(4) $8,800,000 shall remain available until ex-
pended for training ship fuel assistance; and

(5) $6,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2025, for direct payments for State Mar-
itime Academies.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SHIPYARDS

To make grants to qualified shipyards as authorized
under section 54101 of title 46, United States Code,
$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.
SHIP DISPOSAL

For necessary expenses related to the disposal of obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet of the Maritime Administration, $6,021,000, to remain available until expended.

MARITIME GUARANTEED LOAN (TITLE XI) PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, $103,020,000, of which $100,000,000 shall remain available until expended: 

Provided, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That not to exceed $3,020,000 shall be for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriations for “Maritime Administration—Operations and Training”.

PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

To make grants to improve port facilities as authorized under section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, $213,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That projects eligible for amounts made available under this heading in this Act shall be projects for coastal seaports, inland river ports, or Great Lakes ports: Pro-
vided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, not less than $188,000,000 shall be for coastal seaports or Great Lakes ports: Provided further, That the requirements under section 3501(a)(9) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) shall apply to amounts made available under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That for grants awarded under this heading in this Act, the minimum grant size shall be $1,000,000: Provided further, That for amounts made available under this heading in this Act, the requirement under section 54301(a)(6)(A)(ii) of title 46, United States Code, shall not apply to projects located in noncontiguous States or territories.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 170. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, in addition to any existing authority, the Maritime Administration is authorized to furnish utilities and services and make necessary repairs in connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving Government property under control of the Maritime Administration: Provided, That payments received therefor shall be credited to the appropriation charged with the cost thereof and shall remain available until expended: Provided further,
That rental payments under any such lease, contract, or occupancy for items other than such utilities, services, or repairs shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Operational Expenses**

For necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, $31,681,000, of which $4,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

**Hazardous Materials Safety**

For expenses necessary to discharge the hazardous materials safety functions of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, $74,556,000, of which $12,070,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026, of which $1,000,000 shall be made available for carrying out section 5107(i) of title 49, United States Code: 

*Provided*, That up to $800,000 in fees collected under section 5108(g) of title 49, United States Code, shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts: *Provided further*, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to be available until expended, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for
training, for reports publication and dissemination, and
for travel expenses incurred in performance of hazardous
materials exemptions and approvals functions.

PIPELINE SAFETY

(Pipeline Safety Fund)

(Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund)

For expenses necessary to carry out a pipeline safety
program, as authorized by section 60107 of title 49,
United States Code, and to discharge the pipeline program
responsibilities of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public
Law 101–380), $226,228,000, to remain available until
September 30, 2026, of which $30,000,000 shall be de-
derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; of which
$188,828,000 shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety
Fund; of which $400,000 shall be derived from the fees
collected under section 60303 of title 49, United States
Code, and deposited in the Liquefied Natural Gas Siting
Account for compliance reviews of liquefied natural gas
facilities; and of which $7,000,000 shall be derived from
fees collected under section 60302 of title 49, United
States Code, and deposited in the Underground Natural
Gas Storage Facility Safety Account for the purpose of
carrying out section 60141 of title 49, United States Code:

Provided, That not less than $1,058,000 of the amounts
made available under this heading shall be for the One-
Call State grant program: Provided further, That any amounts made available under this heading in this Act or in prior Acts for research contracts, grants, cooperative agreements or research other transactions agreements ("OTAs") shall require written notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before such research contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or research OTAs are announced by the Department of Transportation: Provided further, That the Secretary shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the report on pipeline safety testing enhancement as required pursuant to section 105 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 (division R of Public Law 116–260): Provided further, That the Secretary may obligate amounts made available under this heading to engineer, erect, alter, and repair buildings or make any other public improvements for research facilities at the Transportation Technology Center after the Secretary submits an updated research plan and the report in the preceding proviso to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and after such plan and report in the preceding proviso are approved by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

For expenses necessary to carry out the Emergency
Preparedness Grants program, not more than
$46,825,000 shall remain available until September 30,
2026, from amounts made available by section 5116(h)
and subsections (b) and (c) of section 5128 of title 49,
United States Code: Provided, That notwithstanding sec-
tion 5116(h)(4) of title 49, United States Code, not more
than 4 percent of the amounts made available from this
account shall be available to pay the administrative costs
of carrying out sections 5116, 5107(e), and 5108(g)(2)
of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That
notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c) of section 5128
of title 49, United States Code, and the limitation on obli-
gations provided under this heading, prior year recoveries
recognized in the current year shall be available to develop
and deliver hazardous materials emergency response train-
ing for emergency responders, including response activities
for the transportation of crude oil, ethanol, flammable liq-
uids, and other hazardous commodities by rail, consistent
with National Fire Protection Association standards, and
to make such training available through an electronic for-
mat: Provided further, That the prior year recoveries made
available under this heading shall also be available to carry out sections 5116(a)(1)(C), 5116(h), 5116(i), 5116(j), and 5107(e) of title 49, United States Code.

Office of Inspector General

Salaries and Expenses

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $116,452,000: Provided, That the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), to investigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the Department of Transportation.

General Provisions—Department of Transportation

Sec. 180. (a) During the current fiscal year, applicable appropriations to the Department of Transportation shall be available for maintenance and operation of aircraft; hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; purchase of liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in foreign countries on official department business; and uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code.
(b) During the current fiscal year, applicable appropriations to the Department and its operating administrations shall be available for the purchase, maintenance, operation, and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems that advance the missions of the Department of Transportation or an operating administration of the Department of Transportation.

(c) Any unmanned aircraft system purchased, procured, or contracted for by the Department prior to the date of enactment of this Act shall be deemed authorized by Congress as if this provision was in effect when the system was purchased, procured, or contracted for.

SEC. 181. Appropriations contained in this Act for the Department of Transportation shall be available for services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for an Executive Level IV.

SEC. 182. (a) No recipient of amounts made available by this Act shall disseminate personal information (as defined in section 2725(3) of title 18, United States Code) obtained by a State department of motor vehicles in connection with a motor vehicle record as defined in section 2725(1) of title 18, United States Code, except as provided in section 2721 of title 18, United States Code, for
a use permitted under section 2721 of title 18, United States Code.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall not withhold amounts made available by this Act for any grantee if a State is in noncompliance with this provi-

SEC. 183. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than 125 political and Presidential appointees in the De-
partment of Transportation: Provided, That none of the personnel covered by this provision may be assigned on temporary detail outside the Department of Transpor-

tation.

SEC. 184. Funds received by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Railroad Administration from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training may be credited respectively to the Federal Highway Adminis-
tration’s “Federal-Aid Highways” account and to the Federal Railroad Administration’s “Safety and Operations” account, except for State rail safety inspectors partici-
pating in training pursuant to section 20105 of title 49, United States Code.

SEC. 185. None of the funds made available by this Act or in title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58
to the Department of Transportation may be used to make
a loan, loan guarantee, line of credit, letter of intent, fed-
erally funded cooperative agreement, full funding grant
agreement, or discretionary grant unless the Secretary of
Transportation notifies the House and Senate Committees
on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before
any project competitively selected to receive any discre-
tionary grant award, letter of intent, loan commitment,
loan guarantee commitment, line of credit commitment,
federally funded cooperative agreement, or full funding
grant agreement is announced by the Department or its
operating administrations: Provided, That the Secretary of
Transportation shall provide the House and Senate Com-
mittees on Appropriations with a comprehensive list of all
such loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit, letters of in-
tent, federally funded cooperative agreements, full funding
grant agreements, and discretionary grants prior to the
notification required under the preceding proviso: Pro-
vided further, That the Secretary gives concurrent notifi-
cation to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
tions for any “quick release” of funds from the emergency
relief program: Provided further, That no notification shall
involve funds that are not available for obligation.

Sec. 186. Rebates, refunds, incentive payments,
minor fees, and other funds received by the Department
of Transportation from travel management centers, charge card programs, the subleasing of building space, and miscellaneous sources are to be credited to appropriations of the Department of Transportation and allocated to organizational units of the Department of Transportation using fair and equitable criteria and such funds shall be available until expended.

Sec. 187. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if any funds provided by or limited by this Act are subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, transmission of such reprogramming notice shall be provided solely to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and such reprogramming action shall be approved or denied solely by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation may provide notice to other congressional committees of the action of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on such reprogramming but not sooner than 30 days after the date on which the reprogramming action has been approved or denied by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Sec. 188. Funds appropriated by this Act to the operating administrations may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary for the costs related to assessments or reim-
bursable agreements only when such amounts are for the
costs of goods and services that are purchased to provide
a direct benefit to the applicable operating administration
or administrations.

Sec. 189. The Secretary of Transportation is author-
ized to carry out a program that establishes uniform
standards for developing and supporting agency transit
pass and transit benefits authorized under section 7905
of title 5, United States Code, including distribution of
transit benefits by various paper and electronic media.

Sec. 190. The Department of Transportation may
use funds provided by this Act, or any other Act, to assist
a contract under title 49 or 23 of the United States Code
utilizing geographic, economic, or any other hiring pref-
ference not otherwise authorized by law, or to amend a
rule, regulation, policy or other measure that forbids a re-
cipient of a Federal Highway Administration or Federal
Transit Administration grant from imposing such hiring
preference on a contract or construction project with
which the Department of Transportation is assisting, only
if the grant recipient certifies the following:

(1) that except with respect to apprentices or
trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed
individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and abil-
ity to perform the work that the contract requires resides in the jurisdiction;

(2) that the grant recipient will include appropriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that the contractor does not displace any of its existing employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference; and

(3) that any increase in the cost of labor, training, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring preference does not delay or displace any transportation project in the applicable Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or Transportation Improvement Program.

Sec. 191. The Secretary of Transportation shall coordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that best practices for Industrial Control Systems Procurement are up-to-date and shall ensure that systems procured with funds provided under this title were procured using such practices.

This title may be cited as the “Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2024”.
TITLE II
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
EXECUTIVE OFFICES

For necessary salaries and expenses for Executive Offices, which shall be comprised of the offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Adjudicatory Services, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Public Affairs, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, and the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, $19,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That not to exceed $25,000 of the amount made available under this heading shall be available to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this title as “the Secretary”) for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICES

For necessary salaries and expenses for Administrative Support Offices, $698,200,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $95,200,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer;
(2) $127,400,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel, of which not less than $21,700,000 shall be for the Departmental Enforcement Center;

(3) $241,800,000 shall be available for the Office of Administration;

(4) $55,800,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer;

(5) $32,400,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer;

(6) $68,300,000 shall be available for the Office of Field Policy and Management;

(7) $4,900,000 shall be available for the Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity; and

(8) $72,400,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Information Officer:

Provided further, That funds made available under this heading may be used for necessary administrative and non-administrative expenses of the Department, not otherwise provided for, including purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code: Provided further, That not-
withstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated under this heading may be used for advertising and promotional activities that directly support program activities funded in this title: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations quarterly written notification regarding the status of pending congressional reports: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide in electronic form all signed reports required by Congress.

PROGRAM OFFICES

For necessary salaries and expenses for Program Offices, $1,114,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $288,500,000 shall be available for the Office of Public and Indian Housing;

(2) $170,500,000 shall be available for the Office of Community Planning and Development;

(3) $497,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Housing;

(4) $44,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Policy Development and Research;

(5) $102,900,000 shall be available for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and
(6) $11,200,000 shall be available for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the working capital fund for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this paragraph as the “Fund”), pursuant, in part, to section 7(f) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(f)), amounts transferred, including reimbursements pursuant to section 7(f), to the Fund under this heading shall be available only for Federal shared services used by offices and agencies of the Department, and for any such portion of any office or agency’s printing, records management, space renovation, furniture, or supply services the Secretary has determined shall be provided through the Fund, and the operational expenses of the Fund: Provided, That amounts within the Fund shall not be available to provide services not specifically authorized under this heading: Provided further, That upon a determination by the Secretary that any other service (or portion thereof) authorized under this heading shall be provided through the Fund, amounts made available in this title for salaries and expenses under the headings “Executive Offices”, “Administrative Support Offices”, “Program Offices”, and “Government Na-
ntional Mortgage Association”, for such services shall be
transferred to the Fund, to remain available until ex-
pended: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify
the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of
its plans for executing such transfers at least 15 days in
advance of such transfers.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For activities and assistance for the provision of ten-
ant-based rental assistance authorized under the United
States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437
et seq.) (in this title “the Act”), not otherwise provided
for, $27,737,961,000, to remain available until expended,
which shall be available on October 1, 2023 (in addition
to the $4,000,000,000 previously appropriated under this
heading that shall be available on October 1, 2023), and
$4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, which
shall be available on October 1, 2024: Provided, That of
the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $27,765,512,000 shall be available for re-
newals of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual
contributions contracts (including renewals of en-
hanced vouchers under any provision of law author-
izing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act)
and including renewal of other special purpose incre-
mental vouchers: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, from amounts provided under this paragraph and any carryover, the Secretary for the calendar year 2024 funding cycle shall provide renewal funding for each public housing agency based on validated voucher management system (VMS) leasing and cost data for the prior calendar year and by applying an inflation factor as established by the Secretary, by notice published in the Federal Register, and by making any necessary adjustments for the costs associated with the first-time renewal of vouchers under this paragraph including tenant protection and Choice Neighborhoods vouchers: Provided further, That none of the funds provided under this paragraph may be used to fund a total number of unit months under lease which exceeds a public housing agency’s authorized level of units under contract, except for public housing agencies participating in the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration, which are instead governed in accordance with the requirements of the MTW demonstration program or their MTW agreements, if any: Provided further, That the Secretary shall, to the extent necessary to stay within the amount specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise
modified under this paragraph), prorate each public
housing agency’s allocation otherwise established
pursuant to this paragraph: Provided further, That
except as provided in the following provisos, the en-
tire amount specified under this paragraph (except
as otherwise modified under this paragraph) shall be
obligated to the public housing agencies based on the
allocation and pro rata method described above, and
the Secretary shall notify public housing agencies of
their annual budget by the latter of 60 days after
enactment of this Act or March 1, 2024: Provided
further, That the Secretary may extend the notifica-
tion period only after the House and Senate Com-
mittees on Appropriations are notified at least 10
business days in advance of the extension: Provided
further, That public housing agencies participating
in the MTW demonstration shall be funded in ac-
cordance with the requirements of the MTW dem-
onstration program or their MTW agreements, if
any, and shall be subject to the same pro rata ad-
justments under the preceding provisos: Provided
further, That the Secretary may offset public hous-
ing agencies’ calendar year 2024 allocations based
on the excess amounts of public housing agencies’
et restricted assets accounts, including HUD-held
programmatic reserves (in accordance with VMS data in calendar year 2023 that is verifiable and complete), as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall also be subject to the offset, as determined by the Secretary, excluding amounts subject to the single fund budget authority provisions of their MTW agreements, from the agencies’ calendar year 2024 MTW funding allocation: Provided further, That the Secretary shall use any offset referred to in the preceding two provisos throughout the calendar year to prevent the termination of rental assistance for families as the result of insufficient funding, as determined by the Secretary, and to avoid or reduce the proration of renewal funding allocations: Provided further, That up to $200,000,000 shall be available only:

(A) for adjustments in the allocations for public housing agencies, after application for an adjustment by a public housing agency that experienced a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in renewal costs of vouchers resulting from unforeseen circumstances or from portability under section 8(r) of the Act;
(B) for vouchers that were not in use during the previous 12-month period in order to be available to meet a commitment pursuant to section 8(o)(13) of the Act, or an adjustment for a funding obligation not yet expended in the previous calendar year for a MTW-eligible activity to develop affordable housing for an agency added to the MTW demonstration under the expansion authority provided in section 239 of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (division L of Public Law 114–113);

(C) for adjustments for costs associated with HUD–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD–VASH) vouchers;

(D) for public housing agencies that despite taking reasonable cost savings measures, as determined by the Secretary, would otherwise be required to terminate rental assistance for families as a result of insufficient funding;

(E) for adjustments in the allocations for public housing agencies that—

(i) are leasing a lower-than-average percentage of their authorized vouchers,
(ii) have low amounts of budget authority in their net restricted assets accounts and HUD-held programmatic reserves, relative to other agencies, and

(iii) are not participating in the Moving to Work demonstration, to enable such agencies to lease more vouchers;

(F) for withheld payments in accordance with section 8(o)(8)(A)(ii) of the Act for months in the previous calendar year that were subsequently paid by the public housing agency after the agency's actual costs were validated; and

(G) for public housing agencies that have experienced increased costs or loss of units in an area for which the President declared a disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.):

Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate amounts under the preceding proviso based on need, as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That the Secretary may establish a demonstration program to continue through fiscal year 2027 at up to 8 public housing agencies in difficult rental mar-
kets, as determined by the Secretary, for the purpose of testing whether the provision of additional assistance to facilitate leasing increases the ability of families participating in the program to lease a unit:

*Provided further, That* amounts made available under this paragraph in this and prior Acts to public housing agencies participating in such demonstration program shall be available for making utility and security deposit assistance payments (including last month’s rent) and other costs consistent with the terms of the demonstration, in addition to the purposes for which such funds were appropriated and obligated and in addition to amounts for administrative and other expenses otherwise available for such payments and costs: *Provided further, That* any such utility or security deposit payments returned to the public housing agency, including any interest earned while such amounts were held by the owner, shall be available only for future housing assistance payment expenses (including eligible uses during the term of the demonstration): *Provided further, That* of the amounts provided under this paragraph, $5,289,210,000 is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to sec-
tion 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985;

(2) $445,000,000 shall be available for section
8 rental assistance for relocation and replacement of
housing units that are demolished or disposed of
pursuant to section 18 of the Act, conversion of sec-
tion 23 projects to assistance under section 8, relo-
cation of witnesses (including victims of violent
crimes) in connection with efforts to combat crime
in public and assisted housing pursuant to a request
from a law enforcement or prosecution agency, en-
hanced vouchers under any provision of law author-
izing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act,
Choice Neighborhood vouchers, mandatory and vol-
untary conversions, and tenant protection assistance
including replacement and relocation assistance or
for project-based assistance to prevent the displace-
ment of unassisted elderly tenants currently residing
in section 202 properties financed between 1959 and
1974 that are refinanced pursuant to Public Law
106–569, as amended, or under the authority as
provided under this Act: Provided, That when a pub-
lic housing development is submitted for demolition
or disposition under section 18 of the Act, the Sec-
retary may provide section 8 rental assistance when
the units pose an imminent health and safety risk to residents: *Provided further,* That the Secretary may provide section 8 rental assistance from amounts made available under this paragraph for units assisted under a project-based subsidy contract funded under the “Project-Based Rental Assistance” heading under this title where the owner has received a Notice of Default and the units pose an imminent health and safety risk to residents: *Provided further,* That of the amounts made available under this paragraph, no less than $5,000,000 may be available to provide tenant protection assistance, not otherwise provided under this paragraph, to residents residing in low vacancy areas and who may have to pay rents greater than 30 percent of household income, as the result of: (A) the maturity of a HUD-insured, HUD-held or section 202 loan that requires the permission of the Secretary prior to loan prepayment; (B) the expiration of a rental assistance contract for which the tenants are not eligible for enhanced voucher or tenant protection assistance under existing law; or (C) the expiration of affordability restrictions accompanying a mortgage or preservation program administered by the Secretary: *Provided further,* That such tenant protection assistance made available under
the preceding proviso may be provided under the au-
thority of section 8(t) or section 8(o)(13) of the Act:

*Provided further,* That any tenant protection voucher
made available from amounts under this paragraph
shall not be reissued by any public housing agency,
except the replacement vouchers as defined by the
Secretary by notice, when the initial family that re-
cieved any such voucher no longer receives such
voucher, and the authority for any public housing
agency to issue any such voucher shall cease to exist:

*Provided further,* That the Secretary may only pro-
vide replacement vouchers for units that were occu-
pied within the previous 24 months that cease to be
available as assisted housing, subject only to the
availability of funds;

(3) $2,781,449,000 shall be available for ad-
ministrative and other expenses of public housing
agencies in administering the section 8 tenant-based
rental assistance program, of which up to
$30,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary to al-
locate to public housing agencies that need addi-
tional funds to administer their section 8 programs,
including fees associated with section 8 tenant pro-
tection rental assistance, the administration of dis-
aster related vouchers, HUD–VASH vouchers, and
other special purpose incremental vouchers: Provided, That no less than $2,751,449,000 of the amount provided in this paragraph shall be allocated to public housing agencies for the calendar year 2024 funding cycle based on section 8(q) of the Act (and related Appropriation Act provisions) as in effect immediately before the enactment of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–276): Provided further, That if the amounts made available under this paragraph are insufficient to pay the amounts determined under the preceding proviso, the Secretary may decrease the amounts allocated to agencies by a uniform percentage applicable to all agencies receiving funding under this paragraph or may, to the extent necessary to provide full payment of amounts determined under the preceding proviso, utilize unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated under this heading from prior fiscal years, excluding special purpose vouchers, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That all public housing agencies participating in the MTW demonstration shall be funded in accordance with the requirements of the MTW demonstration
program or their MTW agreements, if any, and shall be subject to the same uniform percentage decrease as under the preceding proviso: Provided further, That amounts provided under this paragraph shall be only for activities related to the provision of tenant-based rental assistance authorized under section 8, including related development activities;

(4) $686,000,000 shall be available for the renewal of tenant-based assistance contracts under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), including necessary administrative expenses: Provided, That administrative and other expenses of public housing agencies in administering the special purpose vouchers in this paragraph shall be funded under the same terms and be subject to the same pro rata reduction as the percent decrease for administrative and other expenses to public housing agencies under paragraph (3) of this heading: Provided further, That up to $10,000,000 shall be available only—

(A) for adjustments in the allocation for public housing agencies, after applications for an adjustment by a public housing agency that experienced a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in Mainstream renewal
costs resulting from unforeseen circumstances;
and

(B) for public housing agencies that de-
spite taking reasonable cost savings measures,
as determined by the Secretary, would other-
wise be required to terminate the rental assist-
ance for Mainstream families as a result of in-
sufficient funding:

Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate
amounts under the preceding proviso based on need,
as determined by the Secretary: Provided further,
That upon turnover, section 811 special purpose
vouchers funded under this heading in this or prior
Acts, or under any other heading in prior Acts, shall
be provided to non-elderly persons with disabilities;

(5) of the amounts provided under paragraph
(1), up to $7,500,000 shall be available for rental
assistance and associated administrative fees for
Tribal HUD–VASH to serve Native American vet-
erans that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness
living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas:
Provided, That such amount shall be made available
for renewal grants to recipients that received assist-
ance under prior Acts under the Tribal HUD–VASH
program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall
be authorized to specify criteria for renewal grants, including data on the utilization of assistance reported by grant recipients: Provided further, That such assistance shall be administered in accordance with program requirements under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and modeled after the HUD–VASH program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall be authorized to waive, or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the use of funds made available under this paragraph (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective delivery and administration of such assistance: Provided further, That grant recipients shall report to the Secretary on utilization of such rental assistance and other program data, as prescribed by the Secretary: Provided further, That the Secretary may reallocate, as determined by the Secretary, amounts returned or recaptured from awards under the Tribal HUD–VASH program
under prior Acts to existing recipients under the Tribal HUD–VASH program;

(6) $30,000,000 shall be available for incremental rental voucher assistance for use through a supported housing program administered in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs as authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937: Provided, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall make such funding available, notwithstanding section 203 (competition provision) of this title, to public housing agencies that partner with eligible VA Medical Centers or other entities as designated by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, based on geographical need for such assistance as identified by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, public housing agency administrative performance, and other factors as specified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Provided further, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may waive, or specify alternative requirements for (in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs), any provision of any statute or regulation
that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development administers in connection with the use of funds made available under this paragraph (except for requirements related to fair housing, non-discrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective delivery and administration of such voucher assistance: Provided further, That assistance made available under this paragraph shall continue to remain available for homeless veterans upon turn-over: Provided further, That of the total amount made available under this paragraph, up to $10,000,000 may be for additional fees established by and allocated pursuant to a method determined by the Secretary for administrative and other expenses (including those eligible activities defined by notice to facilitate leasing, such as security deposit assistance and costs related to the retention and support of participating owners) of public housing agencies in administering HUD–VASH vouchers;

(7) $30,000,000 shall be available for the family unification program as authorized under section 8(x) of the Act: Provided, That the amounts made
available under this paragraph are provided as follows:

(A) $5,000,000 shall be available for new incremental voucher assistance, which shall continue to remain available for family unification upon turnover; and

(B) $25,000,000 shall be available for new incremental voucher assistance to assist eligible youth as defined by such section 8(x)(2)(B) of the Act, which shall continue to remain available for such eligible youth upon turnover: Provided, That such amounts shall be available on a noncompetitive basis to public housing agencies that partner with public child welfare agencies to identify such eligible youth, that request such assistance to timely assist such eligible youth, and that meet any other criteria as specified by the Secretary: Provided further, That the Secretary shall review utilization of such assistance and assistance originating from appropriations made available for youth under this heading in any prior Act that the Secretary made available on a noncompetitive basis, at an interval to be determined by the Secretary, and unutilized voucher assistance that is no longer
needed based on such review shall be recaptured
by the Secretary and reallocated pursuant to
the preceding proviso:

*Provided further,* That any public housing agency
administering new incremental voucher assistance
originating from appropriations made available for
the family unification program under this heading in
this or any prior Act that the Secretary made avail-
able on a competitive basis that determines it no
longer has an identified need for such assistance
upon turnover shall notify the Secretary, and the
Secretary shall recapture such assistance from the
agency and reallocate it to any other public housing
agency or agencies based on need for voucher assist-
ance in connection with such specified program or
eligible youth, as applicable; and

(8) the Secretary shall separately track all spe-
cial purpose vouchers funded under this heading.

**HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND**

**(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)**

Unobligated balances, including recaptures and car-
ryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Depart-
ment of Housing and Urban Development under this
heading, the heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted
Housing” and the heading “Project-Based Rental Assist-
ance”, for fiscal year 2024 and prior years may be used for renewal of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts and for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated: Provided, That any obligated balances of contract authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior fiscal years that have been terminated shall be rescinded: Provided further, That amounts heretofore recaptured, or recaptured during the current fiscal year, from section 8 project-based contracts from source years fiscal year 1975 through fiscal year 1987 are hereby rescinded, and an amount of additional new budget authority, equivalent to the amount rescinded is hereby appropriated, to remain available until expended, for the purposes set forth under this heading, in addition to amounts otherwise available.

PUBLIC HOUSING FUND

For 2024 payments to public housing agencies for the operation and management of public housing, as authorized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)) (the “Act”), and to carry out capital and management activities for public housing agencies, as authorized under section 9(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d)), $8,875,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—
(1) $5,530,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to allocate pursuant to the Operating Fund formula at part 990 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, for 2024 payments;

(2) $35,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to allocate pursuant to a need-based application process notwithstanding section 203 of this title and not subject to such Operating Fund formula to public housing agencies that experience, or are at risk of, financial shortfalls, as determined by the Secretary: Provided, That after all such shortfall needs are met, the Secretary may distribute any remaining funds to all public housing agencies on a pro-rata basis pursuant to such Operating Fund formula;

(3) $3,200,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to allocate pursuant to the Capital Fund formula at section 905.400 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations: Provided, That for funds provided under this paragraph, the limitation in section 9(g)(1) of the Act shall be 25 percent: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive the limitation in the preceding proviso to allow public housing agencies to fund activities authorized under section 9(e)(1)(C) of the Act: Provided further, That the
Secretary shall notify public housing agencies requesting waivers under the preceding proviso if the request is approved or denied within 14 days of submitting the request: Provided further, That from the funds made available under this paragraph, the Secretary shall provide bonus awards in fiscal year 2024 to public housing agencies that are designated high performers: Provided further, That the Department shall notify public housing agencies of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act;

(4) $30,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to make grants, notwithstanding section 203 of this title, to public housing agencies for emergency capital needs, including safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug-related activity, as well as needs resulting from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and natural disasters excluding Presidentially declared emergencies and natural disasters under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurring in fiscal year 2024: Provided, That of the amount made available under this paragraph, not less than $10,000,000 shall be for safety and security measures: Provided further, That in addition
to the amount in the preceding proviso for such
safety and security measures, any amounts that re-
main available, after all applications received on or
before September 30, 2025, for emergency capital
needs have been processed, shall be allocated to pub-
lic housing agencies for such safety and security
measures;

(5) $65,000,000 shall be available for competi-
tive grants to public housing agencies to evaluate
and reduce residential health hazards in public hous-
ing, including lead-based paint (by carrying out the
activities of risk assessments, abatement, and in-
terim controls, as those terms are defined in section
1004 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard
Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851b)), carbon
monoxide, mold, radon, and fire safety: Provided,
That not less than $25,000,000 of the amounts pro-
vided under this paragraph shall be awarded for
evaluating and reducing lead-based paint hazards:
Provided further, That for purposes of environmental
review, a grant under this paragraph shall be consid-
ered funds for projects or activities under title I of
the Act for purposes of section 26 of the Act (42
U.S.C. 1437x) and shall be subject to the regula-
tions implementing such section; and
(6) $15,000,000 shall be available to support
the costs of administrative and judicial receiverships
and for competitive grants to PHAs in receivership,
designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at
risk, as determined by the Secretary, for costs asso-
ciated with public housing asset improvement, in ad-
dition to other amounts for that purpose provided
under any heading under this title:

Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provi-
sion of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2024, the Sec-
retary of Housing and Urban Development may not dele-
gate to any Department official other than the Deputy
Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Public and In-
dian Housing any authority under paragraph (2) of sec-
tion 9(j) of the Act regarding the extension of the time
periods under such section: Provided further, That for pur-
poses of such section 9(j), the term “obligate” means, with
respect to amounts, that the amounts are subject to a
binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately
or in the future.

ASSISTED HOUSING INSPECTIONS AND RISK
ASSESSMENTS

For the Department’s inspection and assessment pro-
grams, including travel, training, and program support
contracts, $50,000,000 to remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2025: Provided, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated under the heading “Public Housing Fund” to support ongoing public housing financial and physical assessment activities shall be available for the purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally were appropriated.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

For competitive grants under the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (subject to section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v) (the “Act”) unless otherwise specified under this heading), for transformation, rehabilitation, and replacement housing needs of both public and HUD-assisted housing and to transform neighborhoods of poverty into functioning, sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with appropriate services, schools, public assets, transportation, and access to jobs, $150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That grant funds may be used for resident and community services, community development, and affordable housing needs in the community, and for conversion of vacant or foreclosed properties to affordable housing: Provided further, That the use of amounts made available under this heading shall not be deemed to be for public housing, notwithstanding section 3(b)(1) of the Act:
Provided further, That grantees shall commit to an additional period of affordability determined by the Secretary of not fewer than 20 years: Provided further, That grantees shall provide a match in State, local, other Federal, or private funds: Provided further, That grantees may include local governments, Tribal entities, public housing agencies, and nonprofit organizations: Provided further, That for-profit developers may apply jointly with a public entity: Provided further, That for purposes of environmental review, a grantee shall be treated as a public housing agency under section 26 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437x), and grants made with amounts available under this heading shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Secretary to implement such section: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, not less than $75,000,000 shall be awarded to public housing agencies: Provided further, That such grantees shall create partnerships with other local organizations, including assisted housing owners, service agencies, and resident organizations: Provided further, That the Secretary shall consult with the Secretaries of Education, Labor, Transportation, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Commerce, the Attorney General, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate and leverage other appropriate Federal resources: Provided
further, That not more than $10,000,000 of the amounts
made available under this heading may be provided as
grants to undertake comprehensive local planning with
input from residents and the community: Provided further,
That none of the funds made available under this heading
may be obligated for main street housing grants under
section 24(n) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437v(n)): Provided
further, That unobligated balances, including recaptures,
remaining from amounts made available under the head-
ing “Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing
(HOPE VI)” in fiscal year 2011 and prior fiscal years
may be used for purposes under this heading, notwith-
standing the purposes for which such amounts were appro-
piated: Provided further, That the Secretary shall make
grant awards not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
ment of this Act in such amounts that the Secretary deter-
mines: Provided further, That notwithstanding section
24(o) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437v(o)), the Secretary may,
until September 30, 2024, obligate any available unobli-
gated balances made available under this heading in this
or any prior Act.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

For activities and assistance related to Self-Suffi-
ciency Programs, to remain available until September 30,
2027, $198,000,000: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $140,500,000 shall be available for the Family Self-Sufficiency program to support family self-sufficiency coordinators under section 23 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437u), to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under sections 8 and 9 of such Act with public and private resources, and enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency;

(2) $42,500,000 shall be available for the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program to provide for supportive services, service coordinators, and congregate services as authorized by section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z–6) and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.); and

(3) $15,000,000 shall be available for a Jobs-Plus Initiative, modeled after the Jobs-Plus demonstration: Provided, That funding provided under this paragraph shall be available for competitive grants to partnerships between public housing authorities, local workforce investment boards estab-
lished under section 107 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (29 U.S.C. 3122), and other agencies and organizations that provide support to help public housing residents obtain employment and increase earnings: Provided further, That applicants must demonstrate the ability to provide services to residents, partner with workforce investment boards, and leverage service dollars: Provided further, That the Secretary may allow public housing agencies to request exemptions from rent and income limitation requirements under sections 3 and 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a, 1437d), as necessary to implement the Jobs-Plus program, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may approve upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective implementation of the Jobs-Plus Initiative as a voluntary program for residents: Provided further, That the Secretary shall publish by notice in the Federal Register any waivers or alternative requirements pursuant to the preceding proviso no later than 10 days before the effective date of such notice.
NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

For activities and assistance authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (in this heading “NAHASDA”) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) with respect to Indian tribes, and related training and technical assistance, $1,081,625,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: Provided,

That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $848,625,000 shall be available for the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of NAHASDA: Provided,

That, notwithstanding NAHASDA, to determine the amount of the allocation under title I of such Act for each Indian tribe, the Secretary shall apply the formula under section 302 of such Act with the need component based on single-race census data and with the need component based on multi-race census data, and the amount of the allocation for each Indian tribe shall be the greater of the two resulting allocation amounts: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify grantees of their formula allocation not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act;
(2) $150,000,000 shall be available for competitive grants under the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of NAHASDA: Provided, That the Secretary shall obligate such amount for competitive grants to eligible recipients authorized under NAHASDA that apply for funds: Provided further, That in awarding amounts made available in this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider need and administrative capacity, and shall give priority to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation of housing: Provided further, That a grant funded pursuant to this paragraph shall be in an amount not greater than $10,000,000: Provided further, That any amounts transferred for the necessary costs of administering and overseeing the obligation and expenditure of such additional amounts in prior Acts may also be used for the necessary costs of administering and overseeing such additional amount;

(3) $1,000,000 shall be available for the cost of guaranteed notes and other obligations, as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such notes and other obligations, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
661a): **Provided further,** That amounts made available in this and prior Acts for the cost of such guaranteed notes and other obligations that are unobligated, including recaptures and carryover, shall be available to subsidize the total principal amount of any notes and other obligations, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed $50,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025;

(4) $75,000,000 shall be available for grants to Indian tribes for carrying out the Indian Community Development Block Grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such Act, of which, notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 203 of this Act), not more than $5,000,000 may be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety: **Provided,** That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with amounts made available in this paragraph shall be expended for planning and management development and administration; and

(5) $7,000,000, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purpose, shall be available for providing training and technical assistance to Indian tribes, Indian housing authorities, and tribally des-
signated housing entities, to support the inspection of Indian housing units, for contract expertise, and for training and technical assistance related to amounts made available under this heading and other headings in this Act for the needs of Native American families and Indian country: Provided, That of the amounts made available in this paragraph, not less than $2,000,000 shall be for a national organization as authorized under section 703 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4212): Provided further, That amounts made available in this paragraph may be used, contracted, or competed as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977), the amounts made available in this paragraph may be used by the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements with public and private organizations, agencies, institutions, and other technical assistance providers to support the administration of negotiated rulemaking under section 106 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4116), the administration of the allocation formula under section 302 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4152), and the administra-
tion of performance tracking and reporting under

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM
ACCOUNT

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by
section 184 of the Housing and Community Development
Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a), $905,700, to remain
available until expended: Provided, That such costs, in-
cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a): Provided further, That amounts
made available in this and prior Acts for the cost of guar-
anteed loans, as authorized by section 184 of the Housing
1715z–13a), that are unobligated, including recaptures
and carryover, shall be available to subsidize total loan
principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to
exceed $1,400,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2025.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

For the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant pro-
gram, as authorized under title VIII of the Native Amer-
ican Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.), $22,300,000, to remain
available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That not-
withstanding section 812(b) of such Act, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may not invest grant amounts made available under this heading in investment securities and other obligations: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading in this and prior fiscal years may be used to provide rental assistance to eligible Native Hawaiian families both on and off the Hawaiian Home Lands, notwithstanding any other provision of law: Provided further, That up to $1,000,000 of the amounts made available under this heading may be for training and technical assistance related to amounts made available under this heading and other headings in this Act for the needs of Native Hawaiians and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

New commitments to guarantee loans, as authorized by section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b), any part of which is to be guaranteed, shall not exceed $28,000,000 in total loan principal, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That the Secretary may enter into commitments to guarantee loans used for refinancing.
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.), $505,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That the Secretary shall renew or replace all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing that initially were funded under section 854(e)(5) of such Act from funds made available under this heading in fiscal year 2010 and prior fiscal years that meet all program requirements before awarding funds for new contracts under such section: Provided further, That the process for submitting amendments and approving replacement contracts shall be established by the Secretary in a notice: Provided further, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

For assistance to States and units of general local government, and other entities, for economic and community development activities, and other purposes, $4,491,483,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—
(1) $3,300,000,000 shall be available for carrying out the community development block grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) (in this heading “the Act”): Provided, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with funds made available under this paragraph shall be expended for planning and management development and administration: Provided further, That a metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives funds under this paragraph may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such funds to another such entity in exchange for any other funds, credits, or non-Federal considerations, but shall use such funds for activities eligible under title I of the Act: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 105(e)(1) of the Act, no funds made available under this paragraph may be provided to a for-profit entity for an economic development project under section 105(a)(17) unless such project has been evaluated and selected in accordance with guidelines required under subsection (e)(2) of section 105;
(2) $100,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to award grants on a competitive basis to State and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and multijurisdictional entities for additional activities under title I of the Act for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation: Provided, That eligible uses of such grants include activities to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation: Provided further, That the Secretary shall prioritize applicants that are able to (A) demonstrate progress and a commitment to overcoming local barriers to facilitate the increase in affordable housing production and preservation; and (B) demonstrate an acute need for housing affordable to households with incomes below 100 percent of the area median income: Provided further, That funds allocated for such grants shall not adversely affect the amount of any formula assistance received by a jurisdiction under paragraph (1) of this heading: Provided further, That in administering such amounts the Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of such title I except for requirements
related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, the environment, and requirements that activities benefit persons of low- and moderate-income, upon a finding that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of such amounts;

(3) $30,000,000 shall be available for activities authorized under section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115–271): Provided, That funds allocated pursuant to this paragraph shall not adversely affect the amount of any formula assistance received by a State under paragraph (1) of this heading: Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate the funds for such activities based on the notice establishing the funding formula published in 84 FR 16027 (April 17, 2019) except that the formula shall use age-adjusted rates of drug overdose deaths for 2021 based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(4) $1,061,483,000 shall be available for grants for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congres- sionally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the
report accompanying this Act: Provided, That eligible expenses of such grants in this and prior Acts may include administrative, planning, operations and maintenance, and other costs: Provided further, That such grants for the EDI shall be available for reimbursement of otherwise eligible expenses incurred on or after the date of enactment of this Act and prior to the date of grant execution: Provided further, That none of the amounts made available under this paragraph for grants for the EDI shall be used for reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the date of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That grants for the EDI authorized under this heading in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103) shall also be available hereafter for reimbursement of otherwise eligible expenses (including those eligible expenses identified in the first proviso of this paragraph) incurred on or after the date of enactment of such Act and prior to the date of grant execution, and shall hereafter not be subject to the second proviso under such heading in such Act: Provided further, That for amounts made available under paragraphs (1) and (3), the Secretary shall notify grantees
of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Subject to section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a), during fiscal year 2024, commitments to guarantee loans under section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308), any part of which is guaranteed, shall not exceed a total principal amount of $400,000,000, notwithstanding any aggregate limitation on outstanding obligations guaranteed in subsection (k) of such section 108:

Provided, That the Secretary shall collect fees from borrowers, notwithstanding subsection (m) of such section 108, to result in a credit subsidy cost of zero for guaranteeing such loans, and any such fees shall be collected in accordance with section 502(7) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That such commitment authority funded by fees may be used to guarantee, or make commitments to guarantee, notes or other obligations issued by any State on behalf of non-entitlement communities in the State in accordance with the requirements of such section 108: Provided further, That any State receiving such a guarantee or commitment under the preceding proviso shall distribute all funds subject to such
guarantee to the units of general local government in non-
entitlement areas that received the commitment.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

For the HOME Investment Partnerships program, as
authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
tional Affordable Housing Act, as amended (42 U.S.C.
12721 et seq.), $1,500,000,000, to remain available until
September 30, 2027: Provided, That the Department shall
notify grantees of their formula allocations within 60 days
after enactment of this Act: Provided further, That section
218(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12748(g)) shall not apply
with respect to the right of a jurisdiction to draw funds
from its HOME Investment Trust Fund that otherwise
expired or would expire in any calendar year from 2018
through 2026 under that section: Provided further, That
section 231(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12771(b)) shall not
apply to any uninvested funds that otherwise were de-
ducted or would be deducted from the line of credit in
the participating jurisdiction’s HOME Investment Trust
Fund in any calendar year from 2018 through 2026 under
that section.

SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP

OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

For the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Op-
portunity Program, as authorized under section 11 of the
Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 12805 note), and for related activities and assistance, $61,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $13,500,000 shall be available for the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program as authorized under such section 11;

(2) $42,000,000 shall be available for the second, third, and fourth capacity building entities specified in section 4(a) of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note), of which not less than $5,000,000 shall be for rural capacity building activities: Provided, That for purposes of awarding grants from amounts made available in this paragraph, the Secretary may enter into multiyear agreements, as appropriate, subject to the availability of annual appropriations; and

(3) $6,000,000 shall be available for capacity building by national rural housing organizations having experience assessing national rural conditions and providing financing, training, technical assistance, information, and research to local nonprofit organizations, local governments, and Indian Tribes serving high need rural communities.
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For assistance under title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360 et seq.), and for related activities and assistance, $3,908,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided,

That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $290,000,000 shall be available for the Emergency Solutions Grants program authorized under subtitle B of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.): Provided, That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation from amounts allocated (which may represent initial or final amounts allocated) for the Emergency Solutions Grant program not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act;

(2) $3,401,000,000 shall be available for the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) and the Rural Housing Stability Assistance programs authorized under subtitle D of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11408): Provided, That the Secretary shall prioritize funding under the Continuum of Care program to continuums of care that have demonstrated a capacity to reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects:
Provided further, That the Secretary may make reasonable adjustments to renewal amounts to enable renewal projects to operate at substantially the same levels, including cost-of-living adjustments for supportive services from the prior grant: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide incentives to create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing services: Provided further, That of the amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program under this paragraph, $25,000,000 shall be for additional non-renewable grants to improve coordination and establish partnerships between or among housing providers, homeless services providers, healthcare organizations, and government entities to address housing-related supportive services needs or improve access to health services for chronically homeless individuals and other homeless individuals: Provided further, That amounts in the previous proviso may be awarded only to applicants that identify significant available resources that could be leveraged to assist people transitioning from homelessness to permanent community-based housing: Provided further, That the Secretary may establish by notice an alter-
native maximum amount for administrative costs related to the requirements described in sections 402(f)(1) and 402(f)(2) of subtitle A of such title IV of no more than 5 percent or $50,000, whichever is greater, notwithstanding the 3 percent limitation in section 423(a)(10) of such subtitle C: Provided further, That of the amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program under this paragraph, $52,000,000 shall be for grants for new rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines to be critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, except that the Secretary may make additional grants for such projects and purposes from amounts made available for such Continuum of Care program: Provided further, That amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program under this paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances under this heading in prior Acts may be used to competitively or non-competitively renew or replace grants for youth homeless demonstration projects under the Continuum of Care program, notwithstanding any con-
conflict with the requirements of the Continuum of Care
program;

(3) $10,000,000 shall be available for the na-
tional homeless data analysis project: Provided, That
notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Grant
6301–6308), the amounts made available under this
paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances
under this heading for such purposes in prior Acts
may be used by the Secretary to enter into coopera-
tive agreements with such entities as may be deter-
mined by the Secretary, including public and private
organizations, agencies, and institutions;

(4) $107,000,000 shall be available to imple-
ment projects to demonstrate how a comprehensive
approach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and
under, in up to 25 communities with a priority for
communities with substantial rural populations in up
to eight locations, can dramatically reduce youth
homelessness: Provided, That of the amount made
available under this paragraph, not less than
$25,000,000 shall be for youth homelessness system
improvement grants to support communities, includ-
ing but not limited to the communities assisted
under the matter preceding this proviso, in estab-
lishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness, or for improving their existing system: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this paragraph, up to $10,000,000 shall be to provide technical assistance to communities, including but not limited to the communities assisted in the preceding proviso and the matter preceding such proviso, on improving system responses to youth homelessness, and collection, analysis, use, and reporting of data and performance measures under the comprehensive approaches to serve homeless youth, in addition to and in coordination with other technical assistance funds provided under this title: Provided further, That the Secretary may use up to 10 percent of the amount made available under the preceding proviso to build the capacity of current technical assistance providers or to train new technical assistance providers with verifiable prior experience with systems and programs for youth experiencing homelessness; and

(5) $100,000,000 shall be available for one-time awards under the Continuum of Care program for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new permanent supportive housing, of which not more than 20 percent of such awards may be used
for other Continuum of Care eligible activities asso-
ciated with such projects and not more than 10 per-
cent of such awards may be used for project admin-
istration: Provided, That these amounts shall be
awarded on a competitive basis, based on need and
other factors to be determined by the Secretary, in-
cluding incentives to establish projects that coordi-
nate with housing providers, healthcare organiza-
tions and social service providers: Provided further,
That not less than $35,000,000 shall be awarded to
applicants for projects within States with popu-
lations less than 2,500,000, except that if such
amount is undersubscribed any remaining amounts
may be awarded to qualified applicants for projects
in any State: Provided further, That the grants for
ongoing costs associated with such projects shall be
eligible for renewal under the Continuum of Care
program subject to the same terms and conditions
as other renewal applicants:

Provided further, That youth aged 24 and under seeking
assistance under this heading shall not be required to pro-
vide third party documentation to establish their eligibility
under subsection (a) or (b) of section 103 of the McKin-
ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302) to
receive services: Provided further, That unaccompanied
youth aged 24 and under or families headed by youth aged
24 and under who are living in unsafe situations may be
served by youth-serving providers funded under this head-
ing: Provided further, That persons eligible under section
103(a)(5) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
Act may be served by any project funded under this head-
ing to provide both transitional housing and rapid re-hous-
ing: Provided further, That for all matching funds require-
ments applicable to funds made available under this head-
ing for this fiscal year and prior fiscal years, a grantee
may use (or could have used) as a source of match funds
other funds administered by the Secretary and other Fed-
eral agencies unless there is (or was) a specific statutory
prohibition on any such use of any such funds: Provided
further, That none of the funds made available under this
heading shall be available to provide funding for new
projects, except for projects created through reallocation,
unless the Secretary determines that the continuum of
care has demonstrated that projects are evaluated and
ranked based on the degree to which they improve the con-
tinuum of care’s system performance: Provided further,
That any unobligated amounts remaining from funds
made available under this heading in fiscal year 2012 and
prior years for project-based rental assistance for rehabili-
tation projects with 10-year grant terms may be used for
purposes under this heading, notwithstanding the pur-
poses for which such funds were appropriated: *Provided

*Further*, That unobligated balances, including recaptures
and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or ap-
propriated under this heading in fiscal year 2019 or prior
years, except for rental assistance amounts that were re-
captured and made available until expended, shall be avail-
able for the current purposes authorized under this head-
ing in addition to the purposes for which such funds origi-
nally were appropriated.

**Housing Programs**

**Project-Based Rental Assistance**

For activities and assistance for the provision of
project-based subsidy contracts under the United States
Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) ("the
Act"), not otherwise provided for, $15,390,924,000, to re-
main available until expended, shall be available on Octo-
ber 1, 2023 (in addition to the $400,000,000 previously
appropriated under this heading that became available Oc-
tober 1, 2023), and $400,000,000, to remain available
until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2024: *Pro-
vided*, That the amounts made available under this head-
ing shall be available for expiring or terminating section
8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8
moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to sec-
tion 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for contracts entered into pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401), for renewal of section 8 contracts for units in projects that are subject to approved plans of action under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and for administrative and other expenses associated with project-based activities and assistance funded under this heading: Provided further, That of the total amounts provided under this heading, not to exceed $448,000,000 shall be available for performance-based contract administrators for section 8 project-based assistance, for carrying out 42 U.S.C. 1437(f): Provided further, That the Secretary may also use such amounts in the preceding proviso for performance-based contract administrators for the administration of: interest reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1(a)); rent supplement payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s); section 236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the elderly under section 202(e)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
project rental assistance contracts for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2)); project assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667); and loans under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86–372; 73 Stat. 667): Provided further, That amounts recaptured under this heading, the heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing”, or the heading “Housing Certificate Fund”, may be used for renewals of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts or for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the request of the Secretary, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 8 project-based Housing Assistance Payments contract that authorizes the Department or a housing finance agency to require that surplus project funds be deposited in an interest-bearing residual receipts account and that are in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this account, to be available until expended: Provided further, That amounts deposited pur-
suant to the preceding proviso shall be available in addi-
tion to the amount otherwise provided by this heading for
uses authorized under this heading: Provided further, That
of the total amounts provided under this heading, $32,924,000 shall be available for rent adjustments as au-
thorized by section 515(d) of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C.
1437f note): Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, $5,081,790,000 is des-
ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-
quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

For capital advances, including amendments to cap-
tal advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as au-
thorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12
U.S.C. 1701q), for project rental assistance for the elderly under section 202(e)(2) of such Act, including amend-
ments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of exp-
piring contracts for such assistance for up to a 5-year term, for senior preservation rental assistance contracts, including renewals, as authorized by section 811(e) of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (12 U.S.C. 1701q note), and for supportive serv-
ices associated with the housing, $1,075,000,000, to re-
main available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That of the amount made available under this heading, up to $120,000,000 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted housing projects: Provided further, That any funding for existing service coordinators under the preceding proviso shall be provided within 120 days of enactment of this Act: 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 upon request of the Secretary, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 202 project rental assistance contract, and that upon termination of such contract are in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this account, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided further, That amounts deposited in this account pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be available, in addition to the amounts otherwise provided by this heading, for the purposes authorized under this heading: Provided further, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appro-
appropriated under this heading shall be available for the current purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally were appropriated: Provided further, That for the purposes of the preceding proviso the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q) in order to facilitate the development of such units, except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment: Provided further, That of the total amount made available under this heading, up to $6,000,000 shall be used by the Secretary to support preservation transactions of housing for the elderly originally developed with a capital advance and assisted by a project rental assistance contract under the provisions of section 202(e) of the Housing Act of 1959.

HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

For capital advances, 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 (42 U.S.C. 8013), for project rental assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of such Act, for project assistance contracts pursuant to subsection (h) of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959.
Act of 1959, as added by section 205(a) of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978 (Public Law 95–557: 92 Stat. 2090), including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 5-year term, for project rental assistance to State housing finance agencies and other appropriate entities as authorized under section 811(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and for supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act, $360,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That, upon the request of the Secretary, project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section 811 project rental assistance contract, and that upon termination of such contract are in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this account, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided further, That amounts deposited in this account pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be available in addition to the amounts otherwise provided by this heading for the purposes authorized under this heading: Provided further, That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appro-
appropriated under this heading shall be used for the current purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally were appropriated.

HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

For contracts, grants, and other assistance excluding loans, as authorized under section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, $57,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, including up to $4,500,000 for administrative contract services: Provided, That funds shall be used for providing counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management or literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership; for program administration; and for housing counselor training: Provided further, That for purposes of awarding grants from amounts provided under this heading, the Secretary may enter into multiyear agreements, as appropriate, subject to the availability of annual appropriations.
PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

For necessary expenses as authorized by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to $14,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which $14,000,000 shall be derived from the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund (established under section 620(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5419(e)):

Provided, That not to exceed the total amount appropriated under this heading shall be available from the general fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the receipt of collections to the Fund pursuant to section 620 of such Act: Provided further, That the amount made available under this heading from the general fund shall be reduced as such collections are received during fiscal year 2024 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2024 appropriation from the general fund estimated at zero, and fees pursuant to such section 620 shall be modified as necessary to ensure such a final fiscal year 2024 appropriation: Provided further, That for the dispute resolution and installation programs, the Secretary may assess and collect fees from any program participant: Provided further, That such collections shall be deposited into the Trust Fund, and the Secretary, as pro-
vided herein, may use such collections, as well as fees collected under section 620 of such Act, for necessary expenses of such Act: Provided further, That, notwithstanding the requirements of section 620 of such Act, the Secretary may carry out responsibilities of the Secretary under such Act through the use of approved service providers that are paid directly by the recipients of their services.

Federal Housing Administration

Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account

New commitments to guarantee single family loans insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund shall not exceed $400,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That during fiscal year 2024, obligations to make direct loans to carry out the purposes of section 204(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed $1,000,000: Provided further, That the foregoing amount in the preceding proviso shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with sales of single family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund: Provided further, That for administrative contract expenses of the Federal Housing Administration, $150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided further, That to the
extent guaranteed loan commitments exceed $200,000,000,000 on or before April 1, 2024, an additional $1,400 for administrative contract expenses shall be available for each $1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments (including a pro rata amount for any amount below $1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by this proviso exceed $30,000,000: *Provided further,* That notwithstanding the limitation in the first sentence of section 255(g) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–20(g)), during fiscal year 2024 the Secretary may insure and enter into new commitments to insure mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act only to the extent that the net credit subsidy cost for such insurance does not exceed zero.

**GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT**

New commitments to guarantee loans insured under the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds, as authorized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–3 and 1735c), shall not exceed $35,000,000,000 in total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided,* That during fiscal year 2024, gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed $1,000,000,
which shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental enti-
ties in connection with the sale of single family real prop-
erties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under
such Act.

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

New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out
the purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act,
as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed
$900,000,000,000, to remain available until September
30, 2025: Provided, That $54,000,000, to remain avail-
able until September 30, 2025, shall be for necessary sala-
ries and expenses of the Government National Mortgage
Association: Provided further, That to the extent that
guaranteed loan commitments exceed $155,000,000,000
on or before April 1, 2024, an additional $100 for nec-
essay salaries and expenses shall be available until ex-
pended for each $1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan
commitments (including a pro rata amount for any
amount below $1,000,000), but in no case shall funds
made available by this proviso exceed $3,000,000: Pro-
vided further, That receipts from Commitment and
Multiclass fees collected pursuant to title III of the Na-
tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1716 et seq.) shall be cred-
ited as offsetting collections to this account.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-
grams of research and studies relating to housing and
urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized
by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act
of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 et seq.), including carrying
out the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization
Plan No. 2 of 1968, and for technical assistance,
$125,400,000, to remain available until September 30,
2025: Provided, That with respect to amounts made avail-
able under this heading, notwithstanding section 203 of
this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agree-
ments with philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies,
State or local governments and their agencies, Indian
Tribes, tribally designated housing entities, colleges or
universities, or international organizations for research
projects: Provided further, That with respect to the pre-
ceding proviso, such partners to the cooperative agree-
ments shall contribute at least a 50 percent match toward
the cost of the project: Provided further, That for non-
competitive agreements entered into in accordance with
the preceding two provisos, the Secretary shall comply
with section 2(b) of the Federal Funding Accountability
and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–282, 31
U.S.C. note) in lieu of compliance with section
102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban
Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C.
3545(a)(4)(C)) with respect to documentation of award
decisions: Provided further, That prior to obligation of
technical assistance funding, the Secretary shall submit a
plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropri-
tions on how the Secretary will allocate funding for this
activity at least 30 days prior to obligation: Provided fur-
ther, That none of the funds provided under this heading
may be available for the doctoral dissertation research
grant program: Provided further, That an additional
$20,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2026, shall be for competitive grants to nonprofit or gov-
ernmental entities to provide legal assistance (including
assistance related to pretrial activities, trial activities,
post-trial activities and alternative dispute resolution) at
no cost to eligible low-income tenants at risk of or subject
to eviction: Provided further, That in awarding grants
under the preceding proviso, the Secretary shall give pref-

erence to applicants that include a marketing strategy for
residents of areas with high rates of eviction, have experi-
ence providing no-cost legal assistance to low-income indi-
viduals, including those with limited English proficiency
or disabilities, and have sufficient capacity to administer
such assistance: Provided further, That the Secretary shall
ensure, to the extent practicable, that the proportion of
eligible tenants living in rural areas who will receive legal
assistance with grant funds made available under this
heading is not less than the overall proportion of eligible
tenants who live in rural areas.

**FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

**FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES**

For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not oth-
erwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil
Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), and section
561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of
1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616a), $86,355,000, to remain available
until September 30, 2025: Provided, That notwithstanding
section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary
may assess and collect fees to cover the costs of the Fair
Housing Training Academy, and may use such funds to
develop on-line courses and provide such training: Pro-
vided further, That none of the funds made available under
this heading may be used to lobby the executive or legisla-
tive branches of the Federal Government in connection
with a specific contract, grant, or loan: Provided further,
That of the funds made available under this heading, $1,355,000 shall be available to the Secretary for the creation and promotion of translated materials and other programs that support the assistance of persons with limited English proficiency in utilizing the services provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

Lead Hazard Reduction

(including transfer of funds)

For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as authorized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4852), the Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 and 1701z–2), and for related activities and assistance, $350,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That the amounts made available under this heading are provided as follows—

(1) $245,000,000 shall be for the award of grants pursuant to such section 1011, of which not less than $105,000,000 shall be provided to areas with the highest lead-based paint abatement needs;
(2) $105,000,000 shall be for the Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, which shall include research, studies, testing, and demonstration efforts, including education and outreach concerning lead-based paint poisoning and other housing-related diseases and hazards, and mitigating housing-related health and safety hazards in housing of low-income families, of which—

(A) $5,000,000 shall be for the implementation of projects in communities that are served by both the Healthy Homes Initiative and the Department of Energy weatherization programs to demonstrate whether the coordination of Healthy Homes remediation activities with weatherization activities achieves cost savings and better outcomes in improving the safety and quality of homes; and

(B) $30,000,000 shall be for grants to experienced non-profit organizations, States, local governments, or public housing agencies for safety and functional home modification repairs and renovations to meet the needs of low-income seniors to enable them to remain in their primary residence: Provided, That of the total
amount made available under this subpara-
graph no less than $10,000,000 shall be avail-
able to meet such needs in communities with
substantial rural populations; and

(3) Up to $2,000,000 in total of the amounts
made available under paragraph (2) may be trans-
ferred to the heading “Research and Technology”
for the purposes of conducting research and studies
and for use in accordance with the provisos under
that heading for non-competitive agreements:

Provided further, That for purposes of environmental re-
view, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act
of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other provisions of
law that further the purposes of such Act, a grant under
the Healthy Homes Initiative, or the Lead Technical Stud-
ies program, or other demonstrations or programs under
this heading or under prior appropriations Acts for such
purposes under this heading, or under the heading “Hous-
ing for the Elderly” under prior Appropriations Acts, shall
be considered to be funds for a special project for purposes
of section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property
Disposition Reform Act of 1994: Provided further, That
each applicant for a grant or cooperative agreement under
this heading shall certify adequate capacity that is accept-
able to the Secretary to carry out the proposed use of
funds pursuant to a notice of funding opportunity: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading, except for amounts in paragraph (2)(B) for home modification repairs and renovations, in this or prior appropriations Acts, still remaining available, may be used for any purpose under this heading notwithstanding the purpose for which such amounts were appropriated if a program competition is undersubscribed and there are other program competitions under this heading that are oversubscribed.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND**

For Department-wide and program-specific information technology systems and infrastructure, $374,750,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, of which up to $23,950,000 shall be for development, modernization, and enhancement projects, including planning for such projects: *Provided*, That not later than 30 days after the end of each quarter, the Secretary shall brief the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all information technology modernization efforts as required by the report accompanying this Act.

**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $152,924,000: *Provided*, That
the Inspector General shall have independent authority
over all personnel issues within this office.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Fifty percent of the amounts of budget au-
thority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts
associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured
from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart
B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of
1988 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) shall be rescinded or in the
case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such
amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not
rescinded or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by
State housing finance agencies or local governments or
local housing agencies with projects approved by the Sec-
retary of Housing and Urban Development for which set-
tlement occurred after January 1, 1992, in accordance
with such section. Notwithstanding the previous sentence,
the Secretary may award up to 15 percent of the budget
authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted
to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives
to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.
Sec. 202. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to investigate or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by one or more persons, including the filing or maintaining of a nonfrivolous legal action, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving or preventing action by a Government official or entity, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 203. Except as explicitly provided in law, any grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance made pursuant to title II of this Act shall be made on a competitive basis and in accordance with section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545).

Sec. 204. Funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to the Government Corporation Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for services and facilities of the Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank
within the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1).

SEC. 205. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act or through a reprogramming of funds, no part of any appropriation for the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be available for any program, project or activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget estimates submitted to Congress.

SEC. 206. Corporations and agencies of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which are subject to the Government Corporation Control Act are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of such Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for 2024 for such corporation or agency except as hereinafter provided: Provided, That collections of these corporations and agencies may be used for new loan or mortgage purchase commitments only to the extent expressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans are in support of other forms of assistance provided for in this or prior appropriations Acts), except that this proviso shall not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty
operations of these corporations, or where loans or mort-
gage purchases are necessary to protect the financial in-
terest of the United States Government.

SEC. 207. The Secretary shall provide quarterly re-
ports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-
tions regarding all uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured
and excess funds in each program and activity within the
jurisdiction of the Department and shall submit addi-
tional, updated budget information to these Committees
upon request.

SEC. 208. None of the funds made available by this
title may be used for an audit of the Government National
Mortgage Association that makes applicable requirements
under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.
661 et seq.).

SEC. 209. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
of law, subject to the conditions listed under this section,
for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development may authorize the transfer of
some or all project-based assistance, debt held or insured
by the Secretary and statutorily required low-income and
very low-income use restrictions if any, associated with one
or more multifamily housing project or projects to another
multifamily housing project or projects.
(b) Phased Transfers.—Transfers of project-based assistance under this section may be done in phases to accommodate the financing and other requirements related to rehabilitating or constructing the project or projects to which the assistance is transferred, to ensure that such project or projects meet the standards under subsection (c).

(c) The transfer authorized in subsection (a) is subject to the following conditions:

(1) Number and bedroom size of units.—

(A) For occupied units in the transferring project: The number of low-income and very low-income units and the configuration (i.e., bedroom size) provided by the transferring project shall be no less than when transferred to the receiving project or projects and the net dollar amount of Federal assistance provided to the transferring project shall remain the same in the receiving project or projects.

(B) For unoccupied units in the transferring project: The Secretary may authorize a reduction in the number of dwelling units in the receiving project or projects to allow for a reconfiguration of bedroom sizes to meet current market demands, as determined by the Sec-
retary and provided there is no increase in the project-based assistance budget authority.

(2) The transferring project shall, as determined by the Secretary, be either physically obsolete or economically nonviable, or be reasonably expected to become economically nonviable when complying with State or Federal requirements for community integration and reduced concentration of individuals with disabilities.

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

(4) The owner or mortgagor of the transferring project shall notify and consult with the tenants residing in the transferring project and provide a certification of approval by all appropriate local governmental officials.

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

(6) The Secretary determines that this transfer is in the best interest of the tenants.
(7) If either the transferring project or the receiving project or projects meets the condition specified in subsection (d)(2)(A), any lien on the receiving project resulting from additional financing obtained by the owner shall be subordinate to any FHA-insured mortgage lien transferred to, or placed on, such project by the Secretary, except that the Secretary may waive this requirement upon determination that such a waiver is necessary to facilitate the financing of acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of the receiving project or projects.

(8) If the transferring project meets the requirements of subsection (d)(2), the owner or mortgagor of the receiving project or projects shall execute and record either a continuation of the existing use agreement or a new use agreement for the project where, in either case, any use restrictions in such agreement are of no lesser duration than the existing use restrictions.

(9) The transfer does not increase the cost (as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a)) of any FHA-insured mortgage, except to the extent that appropriations are provided in advance for the amount of any such increased cost.
(d) For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms “low-income” and “very low-income” shall have the meanings provided by the statute and/or regulations governing the program under which the project is insured or assisted;

(2) the term “multifamily housing project” means housing that meets one of the following conditions—

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

(B) housing that has project-based assistance attached to the structure including projects undergoing mark to market debt re-structuring under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Housing Act;

(C) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q);

(D) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q), as such section existed before the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act;
(E) housing that is assisted under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013); or

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

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

(A) assistance provided under section 8(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(b));

(B) assistance for housing constructed or substantially rehabilitated pursuant to assistance provided under section 8(b)(2) of such Act (as such section existed immediately before October 1, 1983);

(C) rent supplement payments under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s);

(D) interest reduction payments under section 236 and/or additional assistance payments under section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1);

(E) assistance payments made under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(2)); and
(F) assistance payments made under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2));

(4) the term “receiving project or projects” means the multifamily housing project or projects to which some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions are to be transferred;

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

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

(e) RESEARCH REPORT.—The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the transfer authority under this section, including the effect of such transfers on the operational efficiency, contract rents, physical and financial conditions, and long-term preservation of the affected properties.
SEC. 210. (a) No assistance shall be provided under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) to any individual who—

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

(2) is under 24 years of age;

(3) is not a veteran;

(4) is unmarried;

(5) does not have a dependent child;

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

(7) is not a youth who left foster care at age 14 or older and is at risk of becoming homeless; and

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

(b) For purposes of determining the eligibility of a person to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), any finan-
cial assistance (in excess of amounts received for tuition and any other required fees and charges) that an individual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), from private sources, or from an institution of higher education (as defined under section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be considered income to that individual, except for a person over the age of 23 with dependent children.

Sec. 211. The funds made available for Native Alaskans under paragraph (1) under the heading “Native American Programs” in title II of this Act shall be allocated to the same Native Alaskan housing block grant recipients that received funds in fiscal year 2005, and only such recipients shall be eligible to apply for funds made available under paragraph (2) of such heading.

Sec. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2024, in managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or has a mortgage held by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and during the process of foreclosure on any property with a contract for rental assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or any other Federal programs, the Secretary shall maintain any rental assistance payments under section 8
of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and other programs that are attached to any dwelling units in the property. To the extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants and the local government that such a multifamily property owned or having a mortgage held by the Secretary is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8 or other programs, based on consideration of (1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the property and all available Federal, State, and local resources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (in this section “MAHRAA”) (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), and (2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may, in consultation with the tenants of that property, contract for project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners of other existing housing properties, or provide other rental assistance. The Secretary shall also take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect prior to foreclosure, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for imminent major threats to health and safety after written notice to and informed consent of the affected tenants and use of other available remedies, such as partial abatements or re-
ceivership. After disposition of any multifamily property
described in this section, the contract and allowable rent
levels on such properties shall be subject to the require-
ments under section 524 of MAHRAA.

Sec. 213. Public housing agencies that own and oper-
ate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be ex-
empt from any asset management requirement imposed by
the Secretary in connection with the operating fund rule:
Provided, That an agency seeking a discontinuance of a
reduction of subsidy under the operating fund formula
shall not be exempt from asset management requirements.

Sec. 214. With respect to the use of amounts pro-
vided in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, cap-
ital improvement, and management of public housing as
authorized by sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the United States
Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d), (e)), the Sec-
retary shall not impose any requirement or guideline relat-
ing to asset management that restricts or limits in any
way the use of capital funds for central office costs pursu-
ant to paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g) of the United
States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)(1), (2)):
Provided, That a public housing agency may not use cap-
ital funds authorized under section 9(d) for activities that
are eligible under section 9(e) for assistance with amounts
from the operating fund in excess of the amounts permitted under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g).

SEC. 215. No official or employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be designated as an allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has determined that such allotment holder has implemented an adequate system of funds control and has received training in funds control procedures and directives. The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that there is a trained allotment holder for each HUD appropriation under the accounts “Executive Offices”, “Administrative Support Offices”, “Program Offices”, “Government National Mortgage Association—Guarantees of Mortgage-Backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account”, and “Office of Inspector General” within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 216. The Secretary shall, for fiscal year 2024, notify the public through the Federal Register and other means, as determined appropriate, of the issuance of a notice of the availability of assistance or notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for any program or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary that is to be competitively awarded. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary may make the NOFO available only on the Internet at the appropriate
Government website or through other electronic media, as determined by the Secretary.

Sec. 217. Payment of attorney fees in program-related litigation shall be paid from the individual program office and Office of General Counsel salaries and expenses appropriations.

Sec. 218. The Secretary is authorized to transfer up to 10 percent or $5,000,000, whichever is less, of funds appropriated for any office under the headings “Administrative Support Offices” or “Program Offices” to any other such office under such headings: Provided, That no appropriation for any such office under such headings shall be increased or decreased by more than 10 percent or $5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior written approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide notification to such Committees 3 business days in advance of any such transfers under this section up to 10 percent or $5,000,000, whichever is less.

Sec. 219. (a) Any entity receiving housing assistance payments shall maintain decent, safe, and sanitary conditions, as determined by the Secretary, and comply with any standards under applicable State or local laws, rules, ordinances, or regulations relating to the physical condi-
tion of any property covered under a housing assistance payment contract.

(b) The Secretary shall take action under subsection (c) when a multifamily housing project with a contract under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or a contract for similar project-based assistance—

(1) receives a failing score under the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) or successor standard; or

(2) fails to certify in writing to the Secretary within 3 days that all Exigent Health and Safety deficiencies, or those deficiencies requiring correction within 24 hours, identified by the inspector at the project have been corrected.

Such requirements shall apply to insured and non-insured projects with assistance attached to the units under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), but shall not apply to such units assisted under section 8(o)(13) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) or to public housing units assisted with capital or operating funds under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).

(c)(1) Within 15 days of the issuance of the Real Estate Assessment Center ("REAC") inspection, the Sec-
retary shall provide the owner with a Notice of Default with a specified timetable, determined by the Secretary, for correcting all deficiencies. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the Notice of Default to the tenants, the local government, any mortgagees, and any contract adminis-
trator. If the owner’s appeal results in a passing score, the Secretary may withdraw the Notice of Default.

(2) At the end of the time period for correcting all deficiencies specified in the Notice of Default, if the owner fails to fully correct such deficiencies, the Secretary may—

(A) require immediate replacement of project management with a management agent approved by the Secretary;

(B) impose civil money penalties, which shall be used solely for the purpose of supporting safe and sanitary conditions at applicable properties, as design-
ignated by the Secretary, with priority given to the tenants of the property affected by the penalty;

(C) abate the section 8 contract, including par-
tial abatement, as determined by the Secretary, until all deficiencies have been corrected;

(D) pursue transfer of the project to an owner, approved by the Secretary under established proce-
dures, who will be obligated to promptly make all re-
quired repairs and to accept renewal of the assistance contract if such renewal is offered;

(E) transfer the existing section 8 contract to another project or projects and owner or owners;

(F) pursue exclusionary sanctions, including suspensions or debarments from Federal programs;

(G) seek judicial appointment of a receiver to manage the property and cure all project deficiencies or seek a judicial order of specific performance requiring the owner to cure all project deficiencies;

(H) work with the owner, lender, or other related party to stabilize the property in an attempt to preserve the property through compliance, transfer of ownership, or an infusion of capital provided by a third-party that requires time to effectuate; or

(I) take any other regulatory or contractual remedies available as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Secretary.

(d) The Secretary shall take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for major threats to health and safety after written notice to the affected tenants. To the extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants and the local government, that the property is not feasible
for continued rental assistance payments under such sec-
tion 8 or other programs, based on consideration of—

(1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the
property and all available Federal, State, and local
resources, including rent adjustments under section
524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform
and Affordability Act of 1997 (‘‘MAHRAA’’); and

(2) environmental conditions that cannot be
remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary
may contract for project-based rental assistance pay-
ments with an owner or owners of other existing
housing properties, or provide other rental assist-
ance.

(e) The Secretary shall report semi-annually on all
properties covered by this section that are assessed
through the Real Estate Assessment Center and have fail-
ing physical inspection scores or have received an unsatis-
factory management and occupancy review within the past
36 months. The report shall include—

(1) identification of the enforcement actions
being taken to address such conditions, including
imposition of civil money penalties and termination
of subsidies, and identification of properties that
have such conditions multiple times;
(2) identification of actions that the Department of Housing and Urban Development is taking to protect tenants of such identified properties; and

(3) any administrative or legislative recommendations to further improve the living conditions at properties covered under a housing assistance payment contract.

The first report shall be submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act, and the second report shall be submitted within 180 days of the transmittal of the first report.

Sec. 220. None of the funds made available by this Act, or any other Act, for purposes authorized under section 8 (only with respect to the tenant-based rental assistance program) and section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.), may be used by any public housing agency for any amount of salary, including bonuses, for the chief executive officer of which, or any other official or employee of which, that exceeds the annual rate of basic pay payable for a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule at any time during any public housing agency fiscal year 2024.

Sec. 221. None of the funds made available by this Act and provided to the Department of Housing and
Urban Development may be used to make a grant award unless the Secretary notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before any project, State, locality, housing authority, Tribe, nonprofit organization, or other entity selected to receive a grant award is announced by the Department or its offices: Provided, That such notification shall list each grant award by State and congressional district.

Sec. 222. None of the funds made available in this Act shall be used by the Federal Housing Administration, the Government National Mortgage Association, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development to insure, securitize, or establish a Federal guarantee of any mortgage or mortgage backed security that refinesances or otherwise replaces a mortgage that has been subject to eminent domain condemnation or seizure, by a State, municipality, or any other political subdivision of a State.

Sec. 223. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to terminate the status of a unit of general local government as a metropolitan city (as defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)) with respect to grants under section 106 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5306).

Sec. 224. Amounts made available by this Act that are appropriated, allocated, advanced on a reimbursable
basis, or transferred to the Office of Policy Development
and Research of the Department of Housing and Urban
Development and functions thereof, for research, evalua-
tion, or statistical purposes, and that are unexpended at
the time of completion of a contract, grant, or cooperative
agreement, may be deobligated and shall immediately be-
come available and may be reobligated in that fiscal year
or the subsequent fiscal year for the research, evaluation,
or statistical purposes for which the amounts are made
available to that Office subject to reprogramming require-
ments in section 405 of this Act.

Sec. 225. None of the funds provided in this Act or
any other Act may be used for awards, including perform-
ance, special act, or spot, for any employee of the Depart-
ment of Housing and Urban Development subject to ad-
ministrative discipline (including suspension from work),
in this fiscal year, but this prohibition shall not be effec-
tive prior to the effective date of any such administrative
discipline or after any final decision over-turning such dis-
cipline.

Sec. 226. With respect to grant amounts awarded
under the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants” for fis-
cal years 2015 through 2024 for the Continuum of Care
(CoC) program as authorized under subtitle C of title IV
of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, costs
paid by program income of grant recipients may count to-
ward meeting the recipient’s matching requirements, pro-
vided the costs are eligible CoC costs that supplement the
recipient’s CoC program.

SEC. 227. (a) From amounts made available under
this title under the heading “Homeless Assistance
Grants”, the Secretary may award 1-year transition
grants to recipients of funds for activities under subtitle
C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) to transition from one Continuum
of Care program component to another.

(b) In order to be eligible to receive a transition
grant, the funding recipient must have the consent of the
continuum of care and meet standards determined by the
Secretary.

SEC. 228. The Promise Zone designations and Prom-
ise Zone Designation Agreements entered into pursuant
to such designations, made by the Secretary in prior fiscal
years, shall remain in effect in accordance with the terms
and conditions of such agreements.

SEC. 229. None of the amounts made available in this
Act may be used to consider Family Self-Sufficiency per-
formance measures or performance scores in determining
funding awards for programs receiving Family Self-Suffi-
ciency program coordinator funding provided in this Act.
SEC. 230. Any public housing agency designated as a Moving to Work agency pursuant to section 239 of division L of Public Law 114–113 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note; 129 Stat. 2897) may, upon such designation, use funds (except for special purpose funding, including special purpose vouchers) previously allocated to any such public housing agency under section 8 or 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, including any reserve funds held by the public housing agency or funds held by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, pursuant to the authority for use of section 8 or 9 funding provided under such section and section 204 of title II of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104–134; 110 Stat. 1321–28), notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated.

SEC. 231. None of the amounts made available by this Act may be used to prohibit any public housing agency under receivership or the direction of a Federal monitor from applying for, receiving, or using funds made available under the heading “Public Housing Fund” for competitive grants to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in this Act or that remain available and not awarded from prior Acts, or be used to prohibit a public housing agency

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from using such funds to carry out any required work pursuant to a settlement agreement, consent decree, voluntary agreement, or similar document for a violation of the Lead Safe Housing or Lead Disclosure Rules.

Sec. 232. (a) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–31) for the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2019 are to remain available through fiscal year 2025 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2017 through 2019.

(b) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) for the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2020 are to remain available through fiscal year 2026 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2018 through 2020.

(c) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6) for the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2021 are to remain available through fiscal year 2027 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

(d) Funds previously made available in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–
for the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2022 are to remain available through fiscal year 2028 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2020 through 2022.

(e) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) for the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2023 are to remain available through fiscal year 2029 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2021 through 2023.

Sec. 233. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to direct a grantee to undertake specific changes to existing zoning laws as part of carrying out the final rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” (80 Fed. Reg. 42272 (July 16, 2015)) or the notice entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool” (79 Fed. Reg. 57949 (September 26, 2014)).

Sec. 234. For fiscal year 2024, if the Secretary determines or has determined, for any prior formula grant allocation administered by the Secretary through the Offices of Public and Indian Housing, Community Planning and Development, or Housing, that a recipient received
an allocation greater than the amount such recipient
should have received for a formula allocation cycle pursu-
ant to applicable statutes and regulations, the Secretary
may adjust for any such funding error in the next applica-
ble formula allocation cycle by (a) offsetting each such re-
cipient’s formula allocation (if eligible for a formula alloca-
tion in the next applicable formula allocation cycle) by the
amount of any such funding error, and (b) reallocating
any available balances that are attributable to the offset
to the recipient or recipients that would have been allo-
cated additional funds in the formula allocation cycle in
which any such error occurred (if such recipient or recipi-
ents are eligible for a formula allocation in the next appli-
cable formula allocation cycle) in an amount proportionate
to such recipient’s eligibility under the next applicable for-
mula allocation cycle: Provided, That all offsets and re-
allocations from such available balances shall be recorded
against funds available for the next applicable formula al-
location cycle: Provided further, That the term “next appli-
cable formula allocation cycle” means the first formula al-
location cycle for a program that is reasonably available
for correction following such a Secretarial determination:
Provided further, That if, upon request by a recipient and
giving consideration to all Federal resources available to
the recipient for the same grant purposes, the Secretary
determines that the offset in the next applicable formula allocation cycle would critically impair the recipient’s ability to accomplish the purpose of the formula grant, the Secretary may adjust for the funding error across two or more formula allocation cycles.

SEC. 235. The Secretary may transfer from amounts made available for salaries and expenses under this title (excluding amounts made available under the heading “Office of Inspector General”) up to $500,000 from each office to the heading “Information Technology Fund” for information technology needs, including for additional development, modernization, and enhancement, to remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That the total amount of such transfers shall not exceed $5,000,000: Provided further, That this transfer authority shall not be used to fund information technology projects or activities that have known out-year development, modernization, or enhancement costs in excess of $500,000: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no fewer than three business days in advance of any such transfer.

SEC. 236. (a) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–31) for “Lead Hazard Reduction” that were available for
obligation through fiscal year 2018 are to remain available through fiscal year 2025 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2017 through 2018.

(b) Funds previously made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) for “Lead Hazard Reduction” that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2019 are to remain available through fiscal year 2026 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2018 through 2019.

SEC. 237. The Secretary shall comply with all process requirements, including public notice and comment, when seeking to revise any annual contributions contract.

SEC. 238. (a) Of the unobligated balances remaining from amounts made available under the heading “Lead Hazard Reduction” in title II of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), $65,000,000 is hereby rescinded, which shall be applied to the funds remaining available for activities under paragraph (1) under such heading (excluding amounts for areas with the highest lead-based paint abatement needs).

(b) Of the unobligated balances remaining from amounts made available under the heading “Lead Hazard Reduction” in title II of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103) and in title II of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations
Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328), $49,400,000 is hereby rescinded, which shall be applied to the funds remaining available for activities under paragraph (5) under such headings.

(c) Of the unobligated balances remaining from amounts made available under the heading “Public Housing Fund” in title II of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328), $20,000,000 is hereby rescinded, which shall be applied to the funds remaining available for activities under paragraph (7) under such heading.

(d) Any unobligated balances (including any unobligated balances of contract authority) as of the date of enactment of this Act included under Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbols 86 X 0129, 86 X 0148, 86 X 0197, 86 X 0314, 86 X 0315, 86 X 0324, 86 X 0402, 86 X 4058 and 86 X 8093 are hereby rescinded.

SEC. 239. The language under the heading “Rental Assistance Demonstration” in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (title II of division C of Public Law 112–55), as most recently amended by Public Law 117–103, is further amended—

(1) in the initial undesignated matter, by striking “and ‘Public Housing Operating Fund’” and in-
serting ‘‘, ‘Public Housing Operating Fund’, and
‘Public Housing Fund’’;

(2) in the second proviso, by striking ‘‘2024’’
and inserting ‘‘2030’’;

(3) by striking the fourth proviso, and inserting
the following new provisos: ‘‘Provided further, That
at properties with assistance under section 9 of the
Act requesting to partially convert such assistance,
and where an event under section 18 of the Act oc-
curs that results in the eligibility for tenant protec-
tion vouchers under section 8(o) of the Act, the Sec-
retary may convert the tenant protection voucher as-
sistance to assistance under a project-based subsidy
contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall be
eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multi-
family Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability
Act of 1997, or assistance under section 8(o)(13) of
the Act, so long as the property meets any addi-
tional requirements established by the Secretary to
facilitate conversion: Provided further, That to facili-
tate the conversion of assistance under the previous
proviso, the Secretary may transfer an amount equal
to the total amount that would have been allocated
for tenant protection voucher assistance for prop-
erties that have requested such conversions from
amounts made available for tenant protection voucher assistance under the heading ‘Tenant-Based Rental Assistance’ to the heading ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’: Provided further, That at properties with assistance previously converted hereunder to assistance under the heading ‘Project Based Rental Assistance,’ which are also separately assisted under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, the Secretary may, with the consent of the public housing agency and owner, terminate such project-based subsidy contracts and immediately enter into one new project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act, which shall be eligible for renewal under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, subject to the requirement that any residents assisted under section 8(o)(13) of the Act at the time of such termination of such project-based subsidy contract shall retain all rights accrued under section 8(o)(13)(E) of the Act under the new project-based subsidy contract and section 8(o)(13)(F)(iv) of the Act shall not apply: Provided further, That to carry out the previous proviso, the Secretary may transfer from the heading ‘Tenant-Based Rental Assistance’ to the heading ‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’ an
amount equal to the amounts associated with such
terminating contract under section 8(o)(13) of the
Act:”;
(4) in the thirteenth proviso, as reordered
above, by—
(A) inserting “‘Public Housing Fund’,
‘Self-Sufficiency Programs’, ‘Family Self-Suffi-
ciency’” following “‘Public Housing Operating
Fund’,”; and
(B) inserting “or the ongoing availability
of services for residents” after “effective con-
version of assistance under the demonstration”;
(5) after the twenty-third proviso, as reordered
above, by inserting the following proviso: “Provided
further, That owners of properties with a senior
preservation rental assistance contract under section
811 of the American Homeownership and Economic
shall be eligible, subject to requirements established
by the Secretary as necessary to facilitate the con-
version of assistance while maintaining the afford-
ability period and the designation of the property as
serving elderly families, and tenant consultation pro-
cedures, for conversion of assistance available for
such assistance contracts to assistance under a long-
term project-based subsidy contract under section 8
of the Act:”;

(6) in the twenty-eighth proviso, as reordered
above, by inserting “, section 811 of the American
Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of
2000,” after “Housing Act of 1959”; and

(7) in the thirty-third proviso, as reordered
above, by striking “any section 202 project rental
assistance contract or section 811 project rental as-
assistance contract conversions” and inserting “the
conversion of assistance from section 202(c)(2) of
the Housing Act of 1959, section 811 of the Amer-
ican Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act
of 2000, or section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonz-
alez National Affordable Housing Act”.

SEC. 240. There is hereby established in the Treasury
of the United States a fund to be known as the “Depart-
ment of Housing and Urban Development Nonrecurring
Expenses Fund” (the Fund): Provided, That unobligated
balances of expired discretionary funds appropriated for
this or any succeeding fiscal year from the General Fund
of the Treasury to the Department of Housing and Urban
Development by this or any other Act may be transferred
(not later than the end of the fifth fiscal year after the
last fiscal year for which such funds are available for the
purposes for which they were appropriated) into the Fund:  

Provided further, That amounts deposited in the Fund shall be available until expended, in addition to such other funds as may be available for such purposes, for capital needs of the Department, including facilities infrastructure and information technology infrastructure, subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget: Provided further, That amounts in the Fund may be obligated only after the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are notified at least 15 days in advance of the planned use of funds.  

Sec. 241. Amounts made available for the Office of Housing under the heading “Program Offices” in this and prior Acts shall also be available, without additional competition, for cooperative agreements with Participating Administrative Entities that have been selected under section 513(b) of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) (MAHRAA) to provide direct support, including carrying out due diligence and underwriting functions for owners and for technical assistance activities, on conditions established by the Secretary for small properties and owners converting assistance under the First Component or the Second Component under the heading “Rental Assistance Demonstration” in the Department of Housing and Urban

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SEC. 242. Of the amounts made available for the Office of Policy Development and Research under the heading “Program Offices”, up to $3,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, may be transferred to the heading “Information Technology Fund” to be available for the needs of the Chief Data Officer, in addition to amounts otherwise available, including for additional development, modernization, and enhancement: Provided, That the Secretary shall notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no fewer than three business days in advance of any such transfer.

SEC. 243. For fiscal year 2024, the costs of any rent incentives as authorized pursuant to waivers or alternative requirements of the Jobs-Plus initiative as described under the heading “Self-Sufficiency Programs” shall not be charged against the competitive grant amounts made available under such heading: Provided, That the amount of any foregone increases in tenant rent payments due to the implementation of such rent incentives shall be factored into the public housing agency’s general operating fund eligibility pursuant to the formula under the heading “Public Housing Fund”: Provided further, That the amount of any foregone increases in tenant rent pay-
ments due to the implementation of such rent incentives implemented on behalf of residents of a project with assistance converted from public housing to project-based rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or assistance under section 8(o)(13) of such Act under the heading “Rental Assistance Demonstration” in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (title II of division C of Public Law 112–55), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) shall be factored into (A) housing assistance payments made pursuant to project-based subsidy contracts provided under the heading “Project-Based Rental Assistance”; and (B) housing assistance payments made by public housing agencies pursuant to project-based assistance contracts under section 8(o)(13) of such Act, with these costs being renewed under the heading “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance”.

Sec. 244. (a) With respect to the funds made available for the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants” in this and prior Acts and under section 231 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C. 11364a)—
(1) title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall not apply to applications by or awards for projects to be carried out—

(A) on or off reservation or trust lands for awards made to Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities; or

(B) on reservation or trust lands for awards made to eligible entities as defined in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360);

(2) Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities shall also be eligible to administer permanent housing rental assistance under section 423(g) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11383(g)).

(b) With respect to funds made available for the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants” in this title or under section 231 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C. 11364a)—
(1) applications for projects to be carried out on reservations or trust land shall contain a certification of consistency with an approved Indian housing plan developed under section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4112), notwithstanding section 106 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12706) and section 403 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11361);

(2) Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities that are recipients of awards for projects on reservations or trust land shall certify that they are following an approved housing plan developed under section 102 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4112);

and

(3) a collaborative applicant for a Continuum of Care whose geographic area includes only reservation and trust land is not required to meet the requirement in section 402(f)(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360a(f)(2)).

Sec. 245. (a) Section 184(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13(a)) is amended to read as follows:
“(a) Authority.—To provide access to sources of private financing to Indian families, Indian housing authorities, and Indian tribes, who otherwise could not acquire housing financing because of the unique legal status of Indian lands and the unique nature of tribal economies; and to expand homeownership opportunities to Indian families, Indian housing authorities and Indian tribes on fee simple lands, the Secretary may guarantee not to exceed 100 percent of the unpaid principal and interest due on any loan eligible under subsection (b) made to an Indian family, Indian housing authority, or Indian tribe on trust land and fee simple land.”.

(b) Section 184(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) Eligible housing.—The loan shall be used to construct, acquire, refinance, or rehabilitate 1- to 4-family dwellings that are standard housing.”.

(c) Section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “, and to expand homeownership opportunities to Native Hawaiian families who are eligible to receive a homestead under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920
(42 Stat. 108) on fee simple lands in the State of Hawaii” after “markets”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) ELIGIBLE HOUSING.—The loan shall be used to construct, acquire, refinance, or rehabilitate 1- to 4-family dwellings that are standard housing.”.

SEC. 246. (a) Section 184(b)(5)(A) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(b)(5)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) TERMS.—The loan shall—

“(A) be made for a term not exceeding 30 years, except as determined by the Secretary, when there is a loan modification under subsection (h)(1)(B), the loan shall not exceed 40 years;”.

(b) Section 184A(c)(5)(A) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b(c)(5)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) TERMS.—The loan shall—

“(A) be made for a term not exceeding 30 years; except, as determined by the Secretary, when there is a loan modification under subsection (i)(1)(B) the term of the loan shall not exceed 40 years;”.
SEC. 247. Section 105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(j) Special Activities by Indian Tribes.—Indian tribes receiving grants under section 5306(a)(1) of this title (section 106(a)(1) of this Act) shall be authorized to carry out activities described in subsection (a)(15) directly.”.

SEC. 248. Section 184A(e) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) Prohibition on PACE Priming.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no property with a loan guaranteed under this section shall be subject to a new residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE or R-PACE) loan or equivalent financing without the PACE loan or equivalent financing provider obtaining prior written consent from the Secretary, subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. Any new residential PACE or R-PACE loan or equivalent financing that is entered into by a PACE Provider absent such consent shall be deemed void ab initio and the PACE Provider shall bear all costs associated with
the transactions with no recourse against the borrower resulting from the PACE transaction, including all costs incurred by any holder of a guaranteed loan or the Secretary in obtaining good and marketable title.”.

SEC. 249. Section 184(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) PROHIBITION ON PACE PRIMING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no property with a loan guaranteed under this section, shall be subject to a new residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE or R-PACE) loan or equivalent financing without the PACE loan or equivalent financing provider obtaining prior written consent from the Secretary, subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. Any new residential PACE or R-PACE loan or equivalent financing that is entered into by a PACE Provider absent such consent shall be deemed void ab initio and the PACE Provider shall bear all costs associated with the transactions with no recourse against the borrower resulting from the PACE transaction, including all costs incurred by any holder of a guaranteed

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loan or the Secretary in obtaining good and market-
able title.”.

SEC. 250. Title V of the National Housing Act (12
U.S.C. 1731a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
the following new section:

“SEC. 543. PROHIBITION ON PACE PRIMING.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, includ-
ing section 208 of this Act, no 1 to 4 unit property with
a mortgage insured, guaranteed, made, or held by the Sec-
etary after the date of enactment of this section, shall
be subject to a new residential Property Assessed Clean
Energy (PACE or R-PACE) loan or equivalent financing
without the PACE loan or equivalent financing provider
obtaining prior written consent from the Secretary, sub-
ject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may
prescribe. Any new PACE or R-PACE loan or equivalent
financing that is entered into by a PACE provider absent
such consent shall be deemed void ab initio and the PACE
provider shall bear all costs associated with the trans-
actions with no recourse against the homeowner resulting
from the PACE transaction, including all costs incurred
by any holder of an insured or guaranteed mortgage or
the Secretary in obtaining good and marketable title.”.

SEC. 251. Notwithstanding section 3(b)(6) of the
United States Housing Act of 1937 (the Act) and chapter
63 of title 31, United States Code, amounts made available to the Secretary in this or any prior Act under the headings “Project-Based Rental Assistance” or “Housing Certificate Fund” for performance-based contract administrators to carry out section 8 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f), as implemented by the Secretary in chapter VIII of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, may be awarded through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) not subject to procurement laws or regulations: Provided, That such awards shall be deemed for all purposes to be cooperative agreements: Provided further, That for purposes of such NOFO, eligible applicants are public housing agencies as defined by section 3(b)(6)(A) of the Act and nonprofits of such agencies when operating outside of the State or territory in which such agency is established, notwithstanding any provisions of such section 8(b) to the contrary: Provided further, That the Secretary shall award one cooperative agreement for each State or territory, except that the Secretary may award more than one agreement for a State or territory if the population of such State or territory exceeds 35,000,000: Provided further, That any cooperative agreements issued by the Secretary shall, at minimum, assign the rights and responsibilities as provided in section 8 of the Act: Provided further, That the Secretary shall assign such rights and responsibilities
to the furthest extent possible to ensure effective and efficient program oversight and monitoring: Provided further,

That when selecting a performance-based contract administrator, the Secretary shall provide a preference to applicants that have demonstrated experience with properties receiving project-based assistance, experience in multifamily housing preservation, addressing the concerns of low-income tenants, making assistance payments to owners, and performing the other functions assigned to a public housing agency under section 8(b) of the Act: Provided further, That if no qualified applicant applies under NOFO, the Secretary may utilize a procurement contract subject to all procurement laws and regulations to assist in carrying out section 8 of the Act: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide for incentive-based fees as part of such awards.

Sec. 252. Section 239 of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 is amended by striking “2028” and inserting “2043”.

Sec. 253. For fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the Secretary may issue a 2-year notification of funding opportunity, including any alternative procedures or requirements as may be necessary to allocate future appropriations in the second year, for the award of amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program under sub-
title C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), notwithstanding any conflict with the requirements of the Continuum of Care program.

Sec. 254. The Secretary may, upon a finding that a waiver or alternative requirement is necessary for the effective delivery and administration of funds made available for new incremental voucher assistance or renewals for the Mainstream program and the family unification program (including the Foster Youth to Independence program) in this and prior Acts, waive or specify alternative requirements, other than requirements related to tenant rights and protections, rent setting, fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, for—

(1) section 8(o)(6)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(6)(A)) and regulatory provisions related to the administration of waiting lists, local preferences, and the initial term and extensions of tenant-based vouchers; and

(2) section 8(x)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(2)) regarding the timing of referral of youth leaving foster care.

This title may be cited as the “Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2024”.

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TITLE III

RELATED AGENCIES

Access Board

Salaries and Expenses

For expenses necessary for the Access Board, as authorized by section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 792), $9,955,000: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, there may be credited to this appropriation funds received for publications and training expenses.

Federal Maritime Commission

Salaries and Expenses

For necessary expenses of the Federal Maritime Commission as authorized by section 201(d) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 46107), including services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles as authorized by section 1343(b) of title 31, United States Code; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code, $43,720,000, of which $2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That not to exceed $3,500 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.
NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 3), $29,240,000: Provided, That the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in such Act, to investigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to the Government under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code, by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Provided further, That the Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern the obtaining of such services within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Provided further, That the Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern such selections, appointments, and employment within the National Railroad
Passenger Corporation: Provided further, That concurrent with the President’s budget request for fiscal year 2025, the Inspector General shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a budget request for fiscal year 2025 in similar format and substance to budget requests submitted by executive agencies of the Federal Government.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the National Transportation Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS–15; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code, $134,300,000, of which not to exceed $2,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses: Provided, That the amounts made available to the National Transportation Safety Board in this Act include amounts necessary to make lease payments on an obligation incurred in fiscal year 2001 for a capital lease.
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation

Payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation

For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities, as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), $168,000,000: Provided,

That an additional $2,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, shall be for the promotion and development of shared equity housing models.

Surface Transportation Board

Salaries and Expenses

For necessary expenses of the Surface Transportation Board, including services authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, $47,452,000: Provided,

That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, not to exceed $1,250,000 from fees established by the Surface Transportation Board shall be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections and used for necessary and authorized expenses under this heading: Provided further,

That the amounts made available under this heading from the general fund shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis as such offsetting collections are received during fiscal year 2024, to result in a final appropriation from the general fund estimated at not more than $46,202,000.
UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, including payment of salaries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental of conference rooms, and the employment of experts and consultants under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness in carrying out the functions pursuant to title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, $4,300,000.
TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

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

Sec. 402. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year, nor may any be transferred to other appropriations, unless expressly so provided herein.

Sec. 403. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through a procurement contract pursuant to section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

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

(1) does not meet identified needs for knowledge, skills, and abilities bearing directly upon the performance of official duties;
(2) contains elements likely to induce high levels of emotional response or psychological stress in some participants;

(3) does not require prior employee notification of the content and methods to be used in the training and written end of course evaluation;

(4) contains any methods or content associated with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or "new age" belief systems as defined in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Notice N–915.022, dated September 2, 1988; or

(5) is offensive to, or designed to change, participants' personal values or lifestyle outside the workplace.

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

Sec. 405. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, none of the funds provided in this Act, provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2024, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees and available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
available for obligation or expenditure through a re-
programming of funds that—

(1) creates a new program;

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

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

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

(5) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-
tivities in excess of $5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less;

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

(7) creates, reorganizes, or restructures a
branch, division, office, bureau, board, commission,
agency, administration, or department different from
the budget justifications submitted to the Commit-
tees on Appropriations or the report accompanying
this Act, whichever is more detailed, unless prior ap-
proval is received from the House and Senate Com-
mittees on Appropriations:
Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each agency funded by this Act shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and of the House of Representatives to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year: Provided further, That the report shall include—

(A) a table for each appropriation with a separate column to display the prior year enacted level, the President’s budget request, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the fiscal year enacted level;

(B) a delineation in the table for each appropriation and its respective prior year enacted level by object class and program, project, and activity as detailed in this Act, the table in the report accompanying this Act, accompanying reports of the House and Senate Committee on Appropriations, or in the budget appendix for the respective appropriations, whichever is more detailed, and shall apply to all items for which a dollar amount is specified and to all programs for which new budget (obligational) authority is
provided, as well as to discretionary grants and
discretionary grant allocations; and
(C) an identification of items of special
congressional interest.

Sec. 406. Except as otherwise specifically provided
by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances
remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2024 from
appropriations made available for salaries and expenses
for fiscal year 2024 in this Act, shall remain available
through September 30, 2025 for each such account for
the purposes authorized: Provided, That a request shall
be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
propriations for approval prior to the expenditure of such
funds: Provided further, That these requests shall be made
in compliance with reprogramming guidelines under sec-
section 405 of this Act.

Sec. 407. No funds in this Act may be used to sup-
port any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use
the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is
employed only for a public use: Provided, That for pur-
poses of this section, public use shall not be construed to
include economic development that primarily benefits pri-
ivate entities: Provided further, That any use of funds for
mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway
projects, as well as utility projects which benefit or serve
the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfields as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107–118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

Sec. 408. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriations Act.

Sec. 409. No funds appropriated pursuant to this Act may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees that in expending the assistance the entity will comply with sections 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 8301–8305, popularly known as the “Buy American Act”).

Sec. 410. No funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act shall be made available to any
person or entity that has been convicted of violating the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 8301–8305).

Sec. 411. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for first-class airline accommodations in contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

Sec. 412. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees of a single agency or department of the United States Government, who are stationed in the United States, at any single international conference unless the relevant Secretary reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations at least 5 days in advance that such attendance is important to the national interest: Provided, That for purposes of this section the term “international conference” shall mean a conference occurring outside of the United States attended by representatives of the United States Government and of foreign governments, international organizations, or nongovernmental organizations.

Sec. 413. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used by the Surface Transportation Board to charge or collect any filing fee for rate or practice complaints filed with the Board in an amount in excess of the amount authorized for dis-
strict court civil suit filing fees under section 1914 of title 28, United States Code.

Sec. 414. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

Sec. 415. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to deny an Inspector General funded under this Act timely access to any records, documents, or other materials available to the department or agency over which that Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede that Inspector General’s access to such records, documents, or other materials, under any provision of law, except a provision of law that expressly refers to the Inspector General and expressly limits the Inspector General’s right of access.

(b) A department or agency covered by this section shall provide its Inspector General with access to all such records, documents, and other materials in a timely manner.
(c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the information provided by the establishment over which that Inspector General has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(d) Each Inspector General covered by this section shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 5 calendar days any failures to comply with this requirement.

Sec. 416. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to pay award or incentive fees for contractors whose performance has been judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over budget, or has failed to meet the basic requirements of a contract, unless the Agency determines that any such deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-driven scope changes, or are not significant within the overall scope of the project and/or program unless such awards or incentive fees are consistent with 16.401(c)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

Sec. 417. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available to pay the salary for any person filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed Forces of the United States and has satisfactorily com-
pleted his or her period of active military or naval service,
and has within 90 days after his or her release from such
service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge
for a period of not more than 1 year, made application
for restoration to his or her former position and has been
certified by the Office of Personnel Management as still
qualified to perform the duties of his or her former posi-
tion and has not been restored thereto.

SEC. 418. (a) None of the funds made available by
this Act may be used to approve a new foreign air carrier
permit under sections 41301 through 41305 of title 49,
United States Code, or exemption application under sec-
tion 40109 of that title of an air carrier already holding
an air operators certificate issued by a country that is
party to the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport
Agreement where such approval would contravene United
States law or Article 17 bis of the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Nor-
way Air Transport Agreement.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict or
otherwise preclude the Secretary of Transportation from
granting a foreign air carrier permit or an exemption to
such an air carrier where such authorization is consistent
with the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agree-
ment and United States law.
SEC. 419. None of the funds made available by this Act to the Department of Transportation may be used in contravention of section 306108 of title 54, United States Code.

SEC. 420. In the table of projects entitled “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” included in the explanatory statement that accompanied the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division L of Public Law 117–328) the item relating to “B–360 Educational Campus” is deemed to be amended by striking “I Am Mentality, Inc.” and inserting “B–360 Baltimore, Inc.”.

SEC. 421. Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

This Act may be cited as the “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”.

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A BILL

Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and other related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

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