

## **Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026**

The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 provides a base discretionary total of \$102.9 billion, of which \$388 million is categorized as defense funding and \$102.5 billion as nondefense funding. This fiscally responsible bill addresses our nation's most pressing transportation and housing needs. In July 2025, the Senate Appropriations Committee advanced the bill by a vote of 27-1.

### **Key Takeaways**

- **Invests in our Airspace:** The bill jump-starts efforts to modernize our nation's antiquated air traffic control infrastructure by providing a \$4 billion downpayment to upgrade outdated systems. It prioritizes airspace safety by providing funding for the FAA to hire 2,500 new air traffic controllers and an additional 54 aviation safety inspectors. The bill also continues to provide a lifeline to rural communities by fully funding the Essential Air Service Program, which ensures dependable air service to many small airports across our country.
- **Prioritizes Core Infrastructure Needs:** The bill supports proven programs that improve roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure. It includes robust funding for rail infrastructure and safety improvements and for revitalizing ports and small shipyards.
- **Preserves Rental Assistance:** The bill continues to fully-fund existing rental assistance for more than 4.6 million households to ensure that seniors, the disabled, and working families who currently receive such assistance are not put at undue risk of homelessness.
- **Supports Local Economic Initiatives and Affordable Housing:** The bill includes funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership programs, which help state and local governments implement strategies tailored to their specific economic and community development needs and increase the supply of affordable housing.

### **Bill Highlights**

**Department of Transportation (DOT):** \$25.1 billion in new budget authority for DOT.

- **Office of the Secretary:** \$1.1 billion, including \$145 million for the BUILD grant program and \$513.6 million for the Essential Air Service program.
- **Federal Aviation Administration:** \$22.2 billion, including \$13.7 billion for Operations, \$4 billion for Facilities and Equipment, \$290 million for Research and Development, and \$4 billion for Grants-in-Aid for Airports. These funds will allow for

the hiring of an additional 2,500 new air traffic controllers and support the prioritization of investments to modernize outdated systems in our National Airspace.

- **Federal Highway Administration:** \$64.3 billion, including \$350 million for a competitive bridge repair and rehabilitation program, \$200 million for commercial motor vehicle public parking projects, and \$200 million for the Tribal Transportation program.
- **Federal Railroad Administration:** \$137 million for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grants, \$1.6 billion for Amtrak's National Network grants for State-Supported routes and Long-Distance routes, and \$850 million for Amtrak's Northeast Corridor.
- **Federal Transit Administration:** \$16.5 billion, including \$1.7 billion for the Capital Investment Grants program, and \$45 million for the ferry programs, including rural ferries.
- **Maritime Administration:** \$917 million, including \$103.3 million for the Port Infrastructure Development Program and \$35 million for Small Shipyards Grants. The bill also includes \$390 million for the Maritime Security Program, \$81.6 million for the Cable Security Fleet, and \$10 million for the Tanker Security Program. Additionally, the bill provides \$138.9 million for State Maritime Academies and more than \$200 million for the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

**Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):** \$77.3 billion in new budget authority for HUD.

- **Office of Public and Indian Housing:** \$48.4 billion, including \$38.4 billion for Tenant-based Rental Assistance, \$8.3 for the Public Housing Fund, \$206.4 million for HUD's self-sufficiency programs, and \$1.4 billion for Native American/Native Hawaiian programs.
- **Office of Community Planning and Development:** \$13.3 billion, including \$3.3 billion for the Community Development Block Grant program, \$4.4 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, \$1.25 billion for the HOME Investment Partnerships program, \$65 million for the Self-Help and Assisted-Homeownership Opportunity program, and \$30 million for the SUPPORT for Patients and Community Recovery Housing Program.
- **Office of Housing:** \$19.9 billion, including \$18.5 billion for Project-based Rental Assistance, \$1 billion for Housing for the Elderly, and \$287 million for Housing for Persons with Disabilities.
- **Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes:** \$295.6 million, which includes lead hazard reduction grants, the healthy homes initiative, and \$30 million for aging-in-place grants.

- **Independent Agencies:** \$424.7 million for seven independent agencies.
  - **Access Board:** \$9.9 million
  - **Federal Maritime Commission:** \$40 million
  - **Amtrak Office of Inspector General:** \$29.2 million
  - **National Transportation Safety Board:** \$145 million
  - **NeighborWorks America:** \$158 million
  - **Surface Transportation Board:** \$40.8 million
  - **United States Interagency Council on Homelessness:** \$3 million