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Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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A BILL

Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, $202,366,400, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $3,836,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary;

(2) $1,374,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary;

(3) $26,693,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel: *Provided,* That the Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this title as ''the Secretary'') shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the implementation of all sections under title V of the FAA Reau-

thorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118–63) not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act;

(4) $23,002,000 shall be available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, of which $6,725,000 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) $20,355,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs;

(6) $3,191,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs;

(7) $14,677,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration;

(8) $5,942,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Affairs and Public Liaison: *Provided,* That funds made available for similar activities within the operating administrations may be transferred to this office: *Provided further,* That the preceding proviso shall not apply to the Federal Aviation Administration, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Develop-

ment Corporation, and the Office of Inspector General;

(9) $2,410,000 shall be available for the Office of the Executive Secretariat;

(10) $20,923,000 shall be available for the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response;

(11) $1,000,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Digital and Information Officer;

(12) $1,546,000 shall be available for the Office of Tribal Government Affairs;

(13) $62,917,400 shall be available, in addition to amounts otherwise provided under this heading, for shared services provided to the Office of the Secretary by the Working Capital Fund; and

(14) $14,500,000 shall be available for necessary expenses for information technology development, modernization, and enhancement, in addition to amounts otherwise made available for such purposes:

Provided further, That the Secretary is authorized to transfer funds appropriated under this heading among the purposes specified in the first proviso under this heading: *Provided further,* That such transfers combined shall not increase or decrease the amount appropriated for any pur-

pose specified in the first proviso under this heading by more than 4 percent: *Provided further,* That notice of any change in funding greater than 4 percent shall be submitted for approval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not later than 7 business days in advance of any such change: *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, $66,000,000, of which $44,500,000 shall remain available until expended: *Provided,* That of such amounts that are available until expended, $12,000,000 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 preceding proviso, not less than $10,000,000 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 innovative composite materials and technologies for bridge and other transportation applications, as well as conducting research and developing prototypes using very large-scale polymer-based additive manufacturing: *Provided further,* That of such amounts that are available until expended, $5,000,000 shall be for the Highly Automated Systems Safety Center of Excellence as authorized in section 105 of title I of division H of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94): *Provided further,* That of such amounts that are available until expended, $3,000,000 shall be for activities relating to complementary positioning, navigation, and timing technologies demonstrations as identified in the U.S. Department of Transportation Complementary PNT Action Plan (March 2024): *Provided further,* That of such amounts that are available until expended, $5,000,000 shall be for automated roadway asset inspection technologies: *Provided further,* That of such amounts that are available until expended, $5,000,000 shall be to research the integration of information from connected vehicles into the Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS): *Provided*

further, That of such amounts that are available until expended, $10,000,000 shall be for the drone infrastructure inspection grant program authorized in section 912 of Public Law 118–63: *Provided further,* That, notwithstanding subsection (g)(2) of such section 912, amounts made available under section 106(k) of title 49, United States Code, shall not be available to carry out such program: *Provided further,* That of amounts made available for the drone infrastructure inspection grant program, $1,000,000 shall be available for administrative expenses: *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: *Provided further,* That any reference in law, regulation, 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 Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out a local and regional project assistance grant program under section 6702 of title 49, United States Code, $500,000,000, 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 5 percent 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 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 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 oversight of grants and credit assistance made under the program 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 selection 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 authorized by 49 U.S.C. 116, $5,000,000, 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, including counsel, in the field of municipal and project finance to assist in the underwriting and servicing of Federal credit instruments and all or a portion of the costs to the Federal Government of servicing such credit instruments: *Provided 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, $10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *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, 2028.

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, $70,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, $7,647,000, to remain available until September 30,2028.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities, and making grants, $36,439,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* That of such amount, $6,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses of the Interagency 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, $2,939,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for congressionally directed spending in the table entitled ''Congressionally Directed Spending'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided fur-*

ther, That amounts made available in the preceding proviso for such purposes shall not diminish or prejudice any application or geographic region for other discretionary grant or loan awards made by the Department of Transportation.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for operating costs and capital outlays of the Working Capital Fund as authorized in section 327 of title 49, United States Code, not to exceed $827,039,000, 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 under this heading on operating expenses shall not apply to entities external to the Department of Transportation or for funds provided in Public Law 117–58: *Provided further,* That no funds made available by this Act to an agency of the Department 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 approved by such Committees: *Provided further,* That the Secretary may provide non-commodity information technology and procurement services in a consolidated or shared manner for operating administrations through the Working Capital Fund: *Provided further,* That the preceding proviso shall not apply to the Federal Aviation Administration, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and the Office of Inspector General: *Provided further,* That an operating administration may determine that certain non-commodity information technology and procurement services do not provide a direct benefit to the operating administration and shall not be required to obligate funds appropriated by this Act to the Office of the Secretary pursuant to section 188 of this Act: *Provided further,* That if the determination in the preceding proviso concludes that non-commodity information technology and procurement services do not provide a direct benefit to the operating administration, then those services shall remain within the operating administration: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall provide monthly briefings to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all activities relating to non-commodity information technology and procurement services as authorized

under this heading, including: (1) the amount of funding participating operating administrations provide the Working Capital Fund for programming and full time equivalent positions, including reimbursable and non-reimbursable details, to support non-commodity information technology and procurement services as authorized under this heading; and (2) the number of full time equivalent positions in the Office of the Chief Digital and Information Officer within the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration within the Office of the Secretary to support non-commodity information technology and procurement services as authorized under this heading: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall include funding for programming and full time equivalent positions to support non-commodity information technology and procurement services, as authorized under this heading, in the congressional budget justification for fiscal year 2028 for the Working Capital Fund, the Office of the Chief Digital and Information Officer within the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration within the Office of the Secretary, and each participating operating administration: *Provided further,* That unless otherwise specified under this heading, the Working Capital Fund shall only deliver services consisting of administration and commodity infor-

mation technology: *Provided further,* That the departmental consolidation of activities including human resources, governmental affairs, public affairs and public liaison, and civil rights in the Working Capital Fund are prohibited: *Provided further,* That amounts within the Working Capital Fund are not available to provide services not specifically authorized under this heading: *Provided further,* That the Government Accountability Office (GAO) shall conduct an independent review of the ongoing consolidation activities occurring within the Working Capital Fund and shall take into consideration whether a proposed consolidation of human resource activities into the Working Capital Fund will help agencies operate more efficiently: *Provided further,* That no later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department shall provide GAO with all necessary materials to carry out its review no later than 30 days after enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That the GAO shall provide a briefing on its initial scope and initial findings of the efficiencies that a proposed consolidation of human resource activities into the Working Capital Fund would provide to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act.

SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION AND OUTREACH

For necessary expenses for small and disadvantaged business utilization and outreach activities, $5,001,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,* That not less than 6 small business transportation resource centers shall be maintained and operated: *Provided further,* That notwithstanding section 332 of title 49, United States Code, such amounts may be used for business opportunities related to any mode of transportation: *Provided 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''.

STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM

For necessary expenses related to the strengthening mobility and revolutionizing transportation grant program, as authorized by section 25005 of division B of Public Law 117–58, $30,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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, $595,000,000, 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 2027, the requirements established under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 41731(a)(1)

of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to maintain eligibility under section 41731 of title 49, United States Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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 website 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 reim-

bursements 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 2027 collections, shall be available until expended in the Department's Working Capital Fund to provide contractual services in support of section 189 of this Act: *Provided,* That obligations in fiscal year 2027 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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives: *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 Secretary of Transportation or the Department of Transportation's operating administrations in this Act for the costs of award, administration, or oversight of financial assistance 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, as amended by section 425 of title IV of division L of Public Law 117–103, to remain available until expended, for the necessary expenses of award, administration, 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 programs 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;

(2) the university transportation centers program under section 5505 of title 49, United States Code; and

(3) the drone infrastructure inspection grant program as authorized by section 912 of title IX of Public Law 118–63.

SEC. 109. The Secretary of Transportation may transfer amounts awarded to a federally recognized Tribe under a funding agreement entered into under part 29 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, from the Department of Transportation's operating administrations to the Office of Tribal Government Affairs: *Provided,* That any amounts retroceded or reassumed under such part may be transferred back to the appropriate operating administration.

SEC. 109A. For amounts provided for this fiscal year and prior fiscal years, section 24112(c)(2)(B) of Public Law 117–58 shall be applied by substituting ''30 percent'' for ''40 percent'': *Provided,* That if the Secretary determines that there are insufficient merit-worthy applications for the amounts provided for fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2026 in division J of Public Law 117–58 for competitive grants as authorized in section 24112 of division B of Public Law 117–58 to meet the requirement in section 24112(c)(2)(B) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall

use the unutilized amounts to make other grants as authorized in section 24112 of division B of Public Law 117–58: *Provided further,* That amounts repurposed pursuant to this section shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5.

SEC. 109B. The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2027, from amounts made available for ''Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—National Infrastructure Investments'' in division J of Public Law 117–58 for local and regional project assistance under section 6702 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal year 2023 are hereby permanently rescinded, and an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this section is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2027, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2027, to remain available until September 30, 2032, and shall be available, without additional competition, for completing the funding of awards made pursuant to section 6702 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal year 2023 funding, in addition to other funds as may be available for such purposes: *Provided,* That the amounts rescinded pursuant to this section that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4112(a)

of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, and to section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2027 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives: *Provided further,* That the amount of additional new budget authority provided pursuant to this section is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to such section 4001(a) and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2027 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives.

SEC. 109C. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act shall be used to cancel or seek to renegotiate an existing contract under the essential air service program under subchapter II of chapter 417 of title 49, United States Code, before the standard period of rebidding occurring prior to a contract's expiration unless in response to an explicit written request from the EAS Community: *Provided,* That this section shall only apply to existing contracts under which the carrier is in compliance with the contract terms.

SEC. 109D. In addition to amounts otherwise made available for the Secretary, there is hereby appropriated $15,000,000, to remain available until expended, for expenses related to Department of Transportation's headquarters building space consolidation and related services.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 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, $14,355,687,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028, of which $13,705,687,000 to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund: *Provided,* That of the amounts made available under this heading—

(1) $51,065,000 shall be for Office of Aviation Safety Management activities;

(2) not less than $1,900,000,000 shall be available for Aviation Safety Oversight and Certification Organization activities;

(3) $9,325,000,000 shall be available for Air Traffic Organization activities;

(4) $1,509,443,000 shall be for Airspace Modernization Office activities;

(5) $34,946,000 shall be for Office of Advanced Aviation Technologies activities;

(6) $56,844,000 shall be available for Commercial Space Transportation activities: *Provided,* That amounts made available under this heading for the Office of Commercial Space Transportation are in addition to amounts made available under section 50924(b) of title 51, United States Code, for expenses of the Office of Commercial Space Transportation: *Provided further,* That such funds are solely used to supplement the work of the office within Commercial Space Transportation that is related to the timely review and approval of licenses and permits: *Provided further,* That the FAA shall report the total amount of fees collected pursuant to such section, by operator, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on a quarterly basis;

(7) $1,130,297,000 shall be available for Administration and Finance activities;

(8) $123,583,000 shall be available for Security and Intelligence Organization activities; and

(9) $174,509,000 shall be available for Policy and Legal Office activities:

Provided further, That of the amounts allocated under this heading—

(A) not less than $395,000,000 shall be for aircraft certification service;

(B) not less than $130,000,000 shall be for the Office of Aerospace Medicine, of which not less than $20,000,000 shall be used to recruit, select, and train additional medical examiners (AMEs) and human intervention motivation study (HIMS) aviation medical examiners, including those who are psychiatrists; to hire additional FAA staff, including psychiatrists, to provide oversight of HIMS AMEs and the FAA's special issuance medical certificate program; and to provide enhanced mental health training to aviation medical examiners: *Provided,* That not less than $1,500,000 provided under the previous proviso shall be used for a public information campaign or similar public education effort to destigmatize individuals in the aviation industry who

seek mental health care; broaden awareness of available supportive services and improve trust between the FAA and pilots and air traffic controllers;

(C) not less than $309,500,000 shall be used to fund direct operations of the current air traffic control towers in the contract tower program, including the contract tower cost share program, and any airport that is currently qualified or that will qualify for the program during the fiscal year; *Provided,* That of the amounts provided under this heading, $6,500,000 shall be for the acquisition, installation, and annual operating expenses of certified Airborne Position Reference Tools at air traffic control towers that are not equipped with Standard Terminal Automation Replacement Systems or other situational awareness tools;

(D) not less than $6,250,000 shall be for the pilot program to convert high activity air traffic control towers operating under the contract tower program to FAA staffed visual flight rules towers, as authorized under section 625 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, and to prioritize the contract towers as required under section 625(a)(2) of such Act;

(E) not less than $16,000,000 shall be for the Office of Spectrum Engineering;

(F) not less than $6,000,000 shall be for unmanned aircraft system test ranges;

(G) not less than $7,500,000 shall be for the internship program authorized under section 404 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118–63);

(H) not less than $1,000,000 shall be for the human intervention motivation study contract and the flight attendant drug and alcohol program contract;

(I) $5,000,000 shall be for the FAA's Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) to develop a certification plan inclusive of non-safety critical technologies as well as more critical aircraft systems;

(J) $7,000,000 shall be available for a pilot program under which the Administrator may make competitive grants to institutions of higher education that have been approved to participate in the Enhanced Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative (Enhanced AT-CTI), with the goal of increasing student participation in the Enhanced AT-CTI program: *Provided,* That the funds provided under the previous proviso shall be used to support the pro-

curement of training equipment, simulators, or related technologies that the Administrator determines meets FAA standards for air traffic controller training: *Provided further,* That eligible institutions shall submit applications in such form and manner as the Administrator may require, including evidence that the proposed equipment or simulators support FAA-validated air traffic training competencies;

(K) not less than $4,000,000 shall be available for the FAA to assess the capabilities of using the transponder landing systems (TLS) for commissioning in the NAS at space and weather constrained airports such as those in Hawaii and Oklahoma;

(L) not less than $10,000,000 shall be available for hiring new 2101 series positions in fiscal year 2027, including all initial training; and

(M) not less than $15,000,000 shall be available to establish and carry out a demonstration program at small and rural non-towered airports to evaluate commercially available technologies that integrate aircraft detection, real-time pilot and operator identity verification, operational authorization, and compliance verification capabilities: *Provided,* That in carrying out such demonstration program,

the Administrator shall collaborate with airport operators and technology providers to evaluate solutions that integrate existing aircraft surveillance and identification technologies, including Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast and unmanned aircraft systems Remote Identification with digital pilot credentials, operator authentication, airport-based sensing capabilities, and automated verification of applicable aviation requirements: *Provided further,* That such demonstration program shall evaluate the ability of such technologies to associate authenticated pilots and operators with specific aircraft and operations, verify applicable credentials and operational authorizations, identify incomplete or conflicting information, and maintain time-stamped records of aircraft activity and verification events to support aviation safety oversight, incident investigations, and regulatory compliance: *Provided further,* That the Administrator shall prioritize technologies that utilize existing FAA data systems, where authorized, and commercially available airport-based detection and local data-processing infrastructure, and that minimize additional workload on air traffic controllers and airport personnel:

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 30 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. 44506 note): *Provided further,* That not later than 30 days after the submission of the budget request, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress reports that describe a comprehensive strategy for staffing, hiring, and training of flight standards and aircraft certification staff, and airway transportation system specialists 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 30 days after the submission of the budget request that reports containing the information described in the preceding two provisos have not been transmitted 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 the preceding proviso shall not apply to section 50924 of title 51, United States Code: *Provided further,* That there may be credited to this appropriation, as offsetting collections, 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 operation of air navigation facilities, and for issuance, renewal or modification of certificates, including airman, aircraft, and repair station cer-

tificates, or for tests related thereto, or for processing major repair or alteration forms: *Provided further,* That not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report on all expenditures related to the contract tower program from the most recent fiscal year, including a breakout for administrative costs, contract support expenses, insurance, equipment procured and installed in contract towers, new starts, and aggregate payments for operating the contract towers: *Provided further,* That not later than 120 days after enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report on the FAA's ongoing efforts and future plans to equip contract towers with radar displays and other technology that the FAA believes are necessary to enhance aviation safety: *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 not less than $3,500,000 of amounts made available for staff offices shall be used to support the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Rulemaking and Regulatory Improvement as authorized under section 106(c) of title 49, United States Code: *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, $4,500,000,000, of which $650,000,000 is for personnel and related expenses and shall remain available until September 30, 2028, and $3,850,000,000 shall re-

main available until September 30, 2029: *Provided,* That the sums appropriated under this heading in this Act shall be made available for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for spending in the table entitled ''Allocation of FAA Facilities and Equipment Funding in This Act—Fiscal Year 2027'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided further,* 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 amounts made available under this heading to carry out section 630(b) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118–63) are in addition to amounts made available under section 50924(b) of title 51, United States Code, for such purpose: *Provided further,* That not later than 30 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 2028 through 2032, 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 the heading in this Act and in title VIII of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (division J of Public Law 117–58): *Provided further,* That, notwithstanding subsections (a)(5) and (a)(6) of such section 405, unless prior approval is received from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, not to exceed 5 percent of any funding level specified for projects and activities in the table incorporated by reference under this heading 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 5 percent.

RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

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, $375,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until September 30, 2029: *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 the sums appropriated under this heading shall be made available for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table entitled ''Research, Engineering, and Development'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided further,* That not to exceed 5 percent of any funding level specified in the table incorporated by reference under this heading included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act may be transferred to any other funding level specified under this heading included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided further,* That no transfer may increase or decrease any funding level 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 of the amounts made available under this heading, $60,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for aviation workforce development programs, as authorized under section 625 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, as amended (49 U.S.C. 40132 note): *Provided*

further, That of the amounts set aside under the preceding proviso—

(1) no less than $20,000,000 shall be awarded for aviation maintenance workforce grants as authorized under section 625 (a)(2) of such Act;

(2) no less than $30,000,000 shall be awarded for aviation manufacturing workforce grants as authorized under section 625 (a)(3) of such Act; and

(3) $10,000,000 shall be for not more than two community colleges that are sponsors of a general aviation airport identified in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems: *Provided,* That grants awarded under this paragraph for community colleges shall be awarded for an amount not less than $5,000,000 per award: *Provided further,* That the Secretary may award such grants under this subsection notwithstanding section 625(b)(2) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, as amended (49 U.S.C. 40132 note).

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, $4,000,000,000, 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 $4,000,000,000, in fiscal year 2027, notwithstanding 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 $160,000,000 shall be available for administration, $15,000,000 shall be available for the airport cooperative research program, $42,173,000 shall be available for the airport technology research program and of which, $6,000,000 shall be available for the airfield technology program authorized under section 1014 of Public Law 118–63, of which $3,000,000 is for concrete pavement research and $3,000,000 is for asphalt pavement research, and $15,000,000, 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 Federal Aviation Administration 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 of title 49, United States Code, subchapter 1 of chapter 475 of such title, and section 767 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Public Law 118–63), $684,526,000, to remain available through September 30, 2029: *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 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 of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $281,526,000 shall be made available for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for congressionally directed spending in the table entitled ''Congressionally Directed Spending'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided,* That amounts made available in the preceding proviso for such purposes shall not diminish or prejudice any application or geographic region for other discretionary grant or loan awards made by the Department of Transportation: *Provided further,* That funds made available under this section shall not be subject to or considered under section 47115(j)(3)(B), 47115(j)(3)(C), or 47115(j)(3)(D) of title 49, United States Code;

(2) up to $280,500,000 shall be made available to the Secretary to distribute as discretionary grants to airports that include, but are not limited to, projects that are eligible under section 47115(j)(3)(D) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided,* That of amounts made available under this heading, $75,000,000 shall be made available for the Secretary to distribute as discretionary grants for airports with scheduled commercial service in cal-

endar year 2024, that serve essential air service markets as reported in October 2024, reported and certified zero dollars total debt at end of year on the form FAA–5100–127 submitted before the date of enactment of this Act for fiscal year 2024, and were allocated an amount under the heading ''Grants-in-Aid for Airports'' in division B of Public Law 116–136 equal to or less than the amount designated for a regional airport under paragraph (4) under such heading: *Provided further,* That the funds made available under the preceding proviso shall be prioritized for airports participating in the FAA Contract Tower Program: *Provided further,* That nothing in the preceding provisos shall preclude the Federal Aviation Administration from selecting for funding otherwise eligible airport terminal projects, and the Administrator shall give priority to such projects at airports with demonstrated terminal infrastructure needs and limited access to other sources of capital: *Provided further,* That such funds shall not be subject to the standard Airports Capital Improvement Plan;

(3) $10,000,000 shall be made available for the pilot program for airport accessibility as authorized by section 47145 of title 49, United States Code;

(4) up to $100,000,000 shall be made available to the Secretary to distribute as discretionary grants under section 47115 of title 49, United States Code, for terminal development projects, including the development of Federal inspection service facilities, at primary airports that (1) had not fewer than 295,000 and fewer than 1,250,000 enplaned passengers during the most recent calendar year for which the Secretary has final passenger boarding data; and (2) are located in a State with a population density of fewer than 110 individuals per square mile, as determined by the most recent decennial census: *Provided,* That discretionary grants awarded using funds specified in this paragraph shall be for not less than $10,000,000: *Provided further,* That for the purpose of section 47119(f) of title 49, United States Code, a discretionary grant awarded using funds specified in this paragraph is not a distribution from the discretionary fund established under section 47115 of title 49, United States Code; and

(5) $12,500,000 shall be made available for the advanced air mobility pilot program authorized by section 101 of division Q of Public Law 117–14 328 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note), as amended: *Provided,* That

notwithstanding subsection (d) of such section, a grant awarded under such pilot program shall not exceed $1,500,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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 2027.

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, including related accommodation services, 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 Government agency pursuant to a government contract, subcontract, or agreement, including for traffic management purposes, 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 Federal Aviation Administration: *Provided,* That of the nine political and Presidential appointee positions in the Federal Aviation Administration, not less than one position shall be within each of the following offices: the Office of the Administrator, the Office of the Deputy Administrator, the Office of the General Counsel, the Office of

Government and Industry Affairs, the Office of Communications, the Office of Airports, and the Office for Policy and Strategic Engagement: *Provided further,* That no political or Presidential appointee position shall be in any other organizational units of the Federal Aviation Administration unless expressly identified in this section.

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 explains 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 or personnel unless the Administrator notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 90 full business days in advance.

SEC. 119A. None of the funds made available by or limited by this Act may be used to change weight restrictions 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 does so in compliance with section 405 of this Act.

SEC. 119D. Notwithstanding subsection (a)(7) of section 405, activities creating, reorganizing, or restructuring an organizational unit of the Federal Aviation Administration are not subject to the requirements of section 405 unless those activities would change the organization chart provided as an exhibit to section 1 of the President's Budget justification for fiscal year 2027 or conflict with direction provided by this Act or the explanatory statement accompanying this Act.

SEC. 119E. For an additional amount for ''Grants-in-aid for Airports'', up to $3,500,000 shall be available through September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses, including an independent verification regime, to provide reimbursement to airport sponsors that do not provide gateway operations and providers of general aviation ground support services, or other aviation tenants, located at those airports closed during a temporary flight restriction (TFR) for any residence of the President that is designated or identified to be secured by the United States Secret Service, and for direct and incremental financial losses incurred while such airports are closed solely due to the actions of the Federal Government: *Provided,* That such amounts shall be derived from balances remaining from amounts appropriated for such purposes in prior Acts: *Provided further,* That such amounts 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 no funds shall be obligated or distributed to airport sponsors that do not provide gateway operations and providers of general aviation ground support services until an independent audit is completed: *Provided further,* That losses incurred as a result of violations of law, or through fault or negligence, of such operators and service providers or of third parties (including airports) are not

eligible for reimbursements: *Provided further,* That obligation and expenditure of funds are conditional upon full release of the United States Government for all claims for financial losses resulting from such actions.

SEC. 119F. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall provide an initial briefing to House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all activities, plans, and progress being made on consolidation and realignment efforts, as defined in section 44501 of title 49, United States Code, of air traffic control facilities and services no later than 30 days after enactment of this Act and then every 60 days thereafter.

SEC. 119G. None of the funds in this or any other Act shall be used to plan, design, or implement the privatization or separation of the air traffic organization functions of the Federal Aviation Administration.

SEC. 119H. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act may be used for the construction of a new Air Traffic Control Training Academy except for the Federal Aviation Administration's existing Training Academy located at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

SEC. 119I. Notwithstanding section 40122(c) of title 49, United States Code, for this year and thereafter, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, in

consultation with the Federal Air Surgeon, may increase the annual rate of basic pay for positions in the Office of Aerospace Medicine requiring a medical degree up to the annual compensation paid under section 102 of title 3, United States Code.

SEC. 119J. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration is directed to provide a spend plan and a briefing within 30 days of enactment of this Act, and each month thereafter during fiscal year 2027, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all activities and efforts funded by this and prior Acts, title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58, and section 40003 of Public Law 119–21 for the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control modernization efforts: *Provided,* That the Administrator shall make available for each briefing the Federal Aviation Administration's Chief Financial Officer and the Assistant Administrator for Policy, International Affairs, and Environment, and the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Traffic Organization's Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technology Officer.

SEC. 119K. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to facilitate the transfer of air traffic systems or equipment identified in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of section 44502(e)(3) to the Administrator unless such systems or equipment was purchased by the

transferor airport on or after October 5, 2018, and was purchased with assistance from a government airport aid program, airport development aid program, or airport improvement project grant: *Provided,* That, except as otherwise provided in this section, none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to facilitate the transfer of air traffic systems or equipment identified in section 44502(e)(3) to the Administrator unless such systems or equipment were purchased by the transferor airport on or after October 1, 2024.

SEC. 119L. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall obtain the written concurrence of the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Administration within the Office of the Secretary, before taking any significant action relating to the establishment, modification, or implementation of policies governing human resources, personnel management, and any organizational changes.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Not to exceed $504,187,977 together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Ad-

ministration, shall be obligated for necessary expenses for administration and operation of the Federal Highway Administration: *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 $62,657,105,821 for fiscal year 2027: *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), unless 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, $63,396,105,821 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)

For the purposes as described under this heading, $1,804,840,000, of which $732,902,064 shall be appropriated from the general fund, and of which $1,071,937,936 shall be derived by transfer from the unobligated balances of amounts previously appropriated for apportionment in fiscal years 2022 through 2026 under paragraph (2) of the heading ''Federal Highway Administration—Highway Infrastructure Programs'' in title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58: *Provided,* That amounts derived by transfer as described in the matter preceding this proviso shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5: *Provided further,* That the funds made available under this heading shall be in addition to any funds provided for fiscal year 2027 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) activities eligible under the Tribal transportation program under section 202 of title 23, United States Code; (4) activities eligible under the Federal lands transportation program under section 203 of such title; (5) activities eligible under the Federal land ac-

cess program under section 204 of such title; (6) the Northern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.); (7) the Southwest Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.); (8) the Denali Commission; or (9) activities eligible under chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code, 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, the Southwest 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 amounts made available under this heading 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 or otherwise made available under this heading—

(1) $894,028,000, which shall be available until September 30, 2030, shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for congressionally directed spending in the table entitled ''Congressionally Directed Spending'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided,* That amounts made available in the preceding proviso for

such purposes shall not diminish or prejudice any application or geographic region for other discretionary grant or loan awards made by the Department of Transportation: *Provided further,* 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) $20,000,000 shall be to carry out the Tribal high priority projects program under section 1123 of MAP–21 (as amended by Public Law 117–58);

(3) $100,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be to carry out the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects program under section 117 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided,* That the funds made available

under this paragraph shall be for projects to provide public parking for commercial motor vehicles: *Provided further,* That such projects shall be within reasonable access to or in the right of way of an Interstate highway, the National Highway System, or the National Highway Freight Network: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall reserve not less than 50 percent of the amounts made available under this paragraph to make grants for projects that do not satisfy the minimum threshold under section 117(d)(1)(B) of such title: *Provided further,* That, of the amount reserved under the preceding proviso, not less than 30 percent shall be used for projects in rural areas: *Provided further,* That each grant made with funds reserved under the third proviso of this paragraph shall be in an amount that is at least $5,000,000: *Provided further,* That in addition to other applicable requirements, in making grants with funds reserved under the third proviso of this paragraph, the Secretary shall take into consideration the project selection considerations described in section 117(e)(3) of such title: *Provided further,* That, except as described in the preceding proviso, subsections (e) and (i) of section 117 of such title shall not apply to funds made available under this para-

graph: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall reserve not less than 25 percent of the amounts made available under this paragraph to make grants for projects located in rural areas: *Provided further,* That if qualified applications will not allow for the amount reserved under the preceding proviso to be fully utilized, the Secretary shall combine the unutilized amounts with the amounts reserved under the fourth proviso of this paragraph: *Provided further,* That the requirements in section 117(g) of such title shall not apply to a project assisted with a grant under this paragraph that does not meet the minimum threshold under section 117(d)(1)(B): *Provided further,* That, except as described in the following proviso, the Federal share of the cost of a project assisted with a grant under this paragraph may not exceed 60 percent: *Provided further,* That the Federal share of the cost of a project that does not meet the minimum threshold under section 117(d)(1)(B) of such title shall be 80 percent: *Provided further,* That an eligible applicant that receives a grant under this paragraph may partner with a private entity to fund the development, capacity expansion, or operation or maintenance of a facility: *Provided further,* That no fees may be charged by an

eligible applicant receiving a grant under this paragraph to a commercial motor vehicle driver to use parking constructed, expanded, opened, maintained, or improved with a grant under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That the funds made available under this paragraph shall not be used for the construction, or development phase activities that would enable the construction, of charging or fueling infrastructure for the propulsion of a vehicle, including a commercial motor vehicle: *Provided further,* That for purposes of this paragraph, (1) the term ''commercial motor vehicle'' has the meaning given the term in section 31132 of title 49, United States Code, and (2) the term ''rural area'' has the meaning given the term in section 117(i)(3) of title 23, United States Code;

(4) $5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030, shall be to carry out section 11502 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (23 U.S.C. 148 note): *Provided,* That, except 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;

(5) $40,000,000 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 Appalachian 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;

(6) $5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030, shall be transferred to the Southwest Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.) to make grants, in addition to amounts otherwise made available to the Southwest Border Regional Commission for such purpose, for authorized activities, including for administration of grants or cooperative agreements to support interjurisdictional planning activities advancing transportation infrastructure: *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;

(7) $5,000,000, to remain available until expended, 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 in-

frastructure 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: *Provided further,* That funds made available under this paragraph and under paragraph (8) under this heading in title I of division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75) shall not be used to cease or inhibit the operations of the Northern Border Regional Commission;

(8) $7,312,000 shall be transferred to the Denali Commission for activities eligible under section 307(d) 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(d) 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(d) 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;

(9) $24,000,000 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;

(10) $10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030, shall be for the national scenic byways program under section 162 of title 23, United States Code: *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;

(11) $600,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030, shall be for a competitive highway bridge program for eligible States: *Provided,* That any such State with more than 9 percent of total bridges classified as in poor condition, other than a State with a population of greater than 4,000,000 individuals and less than 20,000,000 individuals, shall receive not less than $40,000,000 of the funds made available in this paragraph for grant applications for projects eligible under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That if the Secretary determines that eligible applications from any eligible State meeting the criteria under the preceding proviso are insufficient to make awards of at least $40,000,000, the Secretary shall use the unutilized amounts to provide other grants to other eligible States under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That

no eligible State shall be awarded more than $60,000,000 in awards from funds made available under this paragraph for grant applications for projects eligible under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That for the purposes of funds made available under this paragraph, the term ''eligible State'' means a State that—

(A) has—

(i) a population density of less than 115 individuals per square mile;

(ii) a population of less than 1,100,000 individuals; or

(iii) a population of greater than 20,000,000 individuals and less than 25,000,000 individuals; and

(B) has—

(i) less than 26 percent of total bridges classified as in good condition; or

(ii) greater than or equal to 4.9 percent of total bridges classified as in poor condition:

Provided further, That the funds made available under this paragraph shall be used for highway bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects on public roads that demonstrate cost savings by bundling

multiple highway bridge projects and, except as otherwise provided in this heading, shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided further,* That the requirements of section 144(j)(5) of title 23, United States Code, shall not apply to funds made available under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall calculate population and population density figures based on the latest available data from the decennial census conducted under section 141(a) of title 13, United States Code: *Provided further,* That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall calculate the percentages of bridge counts (including the percentages of bridge counts classified as in poor and good condition) based on the national bridge inventory as of June 2024;

(12) $7,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for research leading to sustainable stormwater management technologies and techniques to reduce the impacts of 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone on salmon-bearing streams: *Provided,* That the Federal Highway Administration shall implement this research as specified under the paragraph entitled ''Stormwater Management'' in the explanatory state-

ment accompanying this Act: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall issue a notice of funding opportunity for the amounts made available under this paragraph no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That such notice of funding opportunity shall include amounts made available under paragraph (15) under this heading in title I of division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75) if such amounts remain available for awards;

(13) $27,500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for capital construction grants under the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program as authorized under section 11509(d) of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58): *Provided,* That funds made available under this paragraph shall only be available for projects in States in which the Department of Transportation previously awarded a competitive grant award and signed a grant agreement of not less than $145,000,000 under section 177 of title 23, United States Code, and any amount of such funds were subsequently rescinded by an Act of Congress: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall issue a notice of funding opportunity for amounts

made available under this paragraph not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act;

(14) $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for a pilot program for eligible States to install guardrail end terminals with demonstrated testing at speeds at or over 70 miles per hour: *Provided,* That such testing was conducted in accordance with industry standard practices: *Provided further,* That in order for an eligible State to participate in the pilot program, the guardrail end terminal must have been on the State's approved qualified products list as of January 1, 2026: *Provided further,* That each eligible State shall be awarded a grant for not more than $5,000,000: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall issue a notice of funding opportunity for such funds not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act and shall make a grant award to each eligible State not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That a reimbursement eligibility letter from Federal Highway Administration is not needed for the installation of a guardrail end terminal as part of the pilot program under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That each eligible State participating in the pilot program shall provide an evaluation of the pilot

program to the Federal Highway Administration that includes any information requested by the Federal Highway Administration: *Provided further,* 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 for funds made available under this paragraph, the Federal share shall be 100 percent: *Provided further,* That sections 2671 through 2680 of title 28, United States Code, shall not apply to any project funded under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That for the purposes of funds made available under this paragraph, the term ''eligible State'' means a State that has—

(A) a population density of at least 63.0 individuals per square mile, and not more than 68.0 individuals per square mile; or

(B) a population of greater than 25,000,000 individuals and less than 35,000,000 individuals:

Provided further, That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall calculate population and population density figures based on the latest avail-

able data from the decennial census conducted under section 141(a) of title 13, United States Code; and

(15) $50,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for a competitive grant program for highway bridges located in States with a population density of greater than 7.0 individuals per square mile and less than 12.0 individuals per square mile: *Provided,* That the funds made available under this paragraph shall be used for highway bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects: *Provided further,* That, for purposes of funds made available under this paragraph, the Secretary shall prioritize awards to highway bridges that have a total bridge length of at least 1,500 feet: *Provided further,* That for purposes of funds made available under this paragraph, the Secretary shall not consider project readiness rating in selecting projects for award under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That only a State or Federal land management agency shall be an eligible applicant for a grant under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That, except as otherwise provided in this heading, funds made available under this paragraph shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided further,* That the Federal share of the costs for which

an expenditure is made with funds made available under this paragraph shall be 80 percent: *Provided further,* That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall calculate bridge length based on the national bridge inventory as of August 2026: *Provided further,* That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall calculate population and population density figures based on the latest available data from the decennial census conducted under section 141(a) of title 13, United States Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 120. (a) For fiscal year 2027, 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 obligation 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 Account) 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 authorized 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 2027, 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 Federal Highway Administration.

(c) The authority under subsection (a) may be exercised only for those projects or activities that have obligated less than 10 percent of the amount made available for obligation as of October 1 of the current fiscal year, and shall be applied to projects within the same general geographic area within 25 miles for which the funding was designated, except that a State or territory may apply such authority to unexpended balances of funds from projects or activities the State or territory certifies have been closed and for which payments have been made under a final voucher.

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

SEC. 125. The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2027, from amounts made available for ''Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Highway Infrastructure Programs'' in division J of Public Law 117–58 for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects program under section 117 of title 23, United States Code, for fiscal year 2024

are hereby permanently rescinded, and an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this section is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2027, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2027, to remain available until September 30, 2032, and shall be available, without additional competition, for completing the funding of awards made pursuant to section 117 of title 23, United States Code, for fiscal year 2023 funding, in addition to other funds as may be available for such purposes: *Provided,* That the amounts rescinded pursuant to this section that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, and to section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2027 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives: *Provided further,* That the amount of additional new budget authority provided by this section is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to such section 4001(a)(1) and to legislation establishing

fiscal year 2027 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives.

SEC. 126. The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2027, from amounts made available for ''Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Highway Infrastructure Programs'' in division J of Public Law 117–58 for the bridge investment program under section 124 of title 23, United States Code, for fiscal year 2024 are hereby permanently rescinded, and an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this section is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2027, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2027, to remain available until September 30, 2032, and shall be available, without additional competition, for completing the funding of awards made pursuant to section 124 of title 23, United States Code, for fiscal year 2024 funding, in addition to other funds as may be available for such purposes: *Provided,* That the amounts rescinded pursuant to this section that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, and to section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as

an emergency requirement pursuant to 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2027 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives: *Provided further,* That the amount of additional new budget authority provided by this section is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to such section 4001(a)(1) and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2027 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

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), $390,000,000, 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 $390,000,000, for ''Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs'' for fiscal year 2027: *Provided further,* That of the amounts made available under this heading—

(1) not less than $63,098,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2029, shall be for development, modernization, enhancement, and continued operation and maintenance of information technology and information management; and

(2) $14,073,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2029, shall be for the research and technology program:

Provided further, That the activities funded in paragraphs (1) and (2) in the preceding proviso may be accomplished through direct expenditures, direct research activities, grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, intra-agency or interagency agreements, or other agreements with public organizations.

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, $536,600,000, 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 $536,600,000 in fiscal year 2027 for ''Motor Carrier Safety Grants'': *Provided further,* That of the amounts made available under this heading—

(1) $422,500,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2028, shall be for the motor carrier safety assistance program;

(2) $45,200,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2028, shall be for the commercial driver's license program implementation program;

(3) $62,400,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2028, shall be for the high priority program;

(4) $1,500,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2028, shall be for the commercial motor vehicle operators grant program; and

(5) $5,000,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2028, shall be for the commercial motor vehicle enforcement training and support grant program.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 130. 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 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. 131. The Secretary shall update the Department's regulations to ensure that non-compliance with section 391.11(b)(2) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, triggers an out-of-service order.

SEC. 132. None of the funds made available by this Act, or any other Act, shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than four political and Presidential appointees in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: *Provided,* That of the four political and Presidential appointee positions in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, these positions shall include Administrator, Deputy Administrator, Chief Counsel, and Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs.

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, and for other purposes, $247,850,000: *Provided,* That of such amounts under this heading, $211,850,000 shall be available for expenses under chapter 301 and part C of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, and shall remain available through September 30, 2028: *Provided further,* That of such amounts appropriated under this heading, $12,000,000 shall be available for continuing to carry out in-vehicle alcoholic detection device research under section 403(h) of title 23, United States Code, and shall remain available until expended: *Provided further,* That of such amounts

under this heading, $24,000,000 shall be available for State emergency medical services discretionary grants, in addition to amounts otherwise made available for such purpose in this or any other Act, to address emergency medical services workforce shortages, including in underserved, rural, and tribal areas, and health disparities related to accessing prehospital ground ambulance healthcare services, including critical care transport, and shall remain available through September 30, 2031: *Provided further,* That of the amounts available in the third proviso, up to $6,000,000 shall be available for grants to eligible States located in each of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Regions 1, 2, 6, and 10 identified as of September 30, 2025: *Provided further,* That no more than two eligible States in each of the Regions specified in the preceding proviso shall receive grants: *Provided further,* That for the purposes of funds made available in the third proviso, the term ''eligible State'' means a State that has—

(1) a population density of at least 20 individuals per square mile, and not more than 500 individuals per square mile; and

(2) a population of greater than 1,000,000 individuals and less than 25,000,000 individuals:

Provided further, That for purposes of the preceding proviso, the Secretary shall calculate population and population density figures based on the latest available data from the decennial census conducted under section 141(a) of title 13, United States Code: *Provided further,* That such grant funds made available under the third proviso shall be for governmental and non-governmental EMS organizations, consistent with the definition of emergency response providers at 6 U.S.C. 101(6): *Provided further,* That such grant funds shall be eligible for recruitment, education, training, certification, licensure, retention of emergency medical services personnel, including salaries and fringe benefits, and equipment: *Provided further,* That the Federal share of the cost of a project eligible for a grant under the third proviso shall be 100 percent: *Provided further,* That up to 5 percent of the amounts made available in the third proviso shall be available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for salaries and expenses, administration, and oversight of the grant program.

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 improving 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, $209,600,000, 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 2027, are in excess of $209,600,000: *Provided further,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $202,000,000 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) $7,600,000 shall be for the national driver register authorized under chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That within the $209,600,000 obligation limitation for operations and research, $57,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028, 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 improving consumer responses to safety recalls are in addition to any other funds provided for those purposes for fiscal year 2027 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, $849,654,625, 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 programs for which the total obligations in fiscal year 2027 are in excess of $849,654,625 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) $393,400,000 shall be for highway safety programs under section 402 of title 23, United States Code;

(2) $367,500,000 shall be for national priority safety programs under section 405 of title 23, United States Code;

(3) $44,300,000 shall be for the high visibility enforcement program under section 404 of title 23, United States Code; and

(4) $44,454,625 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)(10) 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)(10) of title 23, United States Code, within 5 days.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 140. 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. 141. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used to encourage illegal drug or alcohol use in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's impaired driving advertising campaigns.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Administration, not otherwise provided for, $273,400,000, of which $25,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for railroad research and development, $40,000,000, to remain available until expended: *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: *Provided further,* That of the amounts provided under this heading, not less than $2,500,000 shall be available pursuant to section 20108(j) of title 49, United States Code.

FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL

For necessary expenses related to Federal-State partnership for intercity passenger rail grants as authorized by section 24911 of title 49, United States Code, $75,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* 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

For necessary expenses related to consolidated rail infrastructure and safety improvements grants, as authorized by section 22907 of title 49, United States Code, $689,500,000, to remain available until expended, of which $300,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the unobligated balances of amounts previously appropriated under the heading ''Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants'' in division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58): *Provided,* That amounts derived by transfer as described in the matter preceding this proviso shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5: *Provided further,* That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act—

(1) $39,500,000 shall be available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for congressionally directed spending in the table entitled ''Congressionally Directed Spending'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided further,* That amounts made available in the preceding pro-

viso for such purposes shall not diminish or prejudice any application or geographic region for other discretionary grant or loan awards made by the Department of Transportation: *Provided further,* That requirements under subsections (g) and (l) of section 22907 of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to the funds made available under this paragraph: *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;

(2) $300,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary to distribute as discretionary grants under this heading in this Act;

(3) not less than $100,000,000 shall be for discretionary grants to eligible recipients under section 22907(b)(7) of title 49, United States Code; and

(4) $250,000,000 shall be available for high priority major station projects identified in the most recent Northeast Corridor Project Inventory required under section 24911(e) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further,* That requirements under subsections (e), (g), and (l) of section 22907

of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to the funds made available under this paragraph: *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), $850,000,000, 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 shall retain an additional $6,000,000 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

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for activities associated with the National Network as author-

ized by section 22101(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), $1,580,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which $680,000,000 shall be appropriated from the general fund, and of which $900,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the unobligated balances of amounts previously appropriated in paragraph (2) under the heading ''Federal Highway Administration—Highway Infrastructure Programs'' in title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58: *Provided,* That amounts derived by transfer as described in the matter preceding this proviso shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall retain an additional $6,000,000 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 development activities as authorized by section 22101(h) of Public Law 117–58.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

SEC. 150. 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 adminis-

tered 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. 151. 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 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a summary of all overtime payments incurred by Amtrak for 2026 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 2026 and for the 3 prior calendar years.

SEC. 152. None of the funds made available to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation under the headings ''Northeast Corridor Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation'' and ''National Network Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation'' may be used to reduce the total number of Amtrak Police Department uniformed officers patrolling on board passenger trains or at stations, facilities or rights-of-way below the staffing level on May 1, 2019.

SEC. 153. 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. 154. It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) long-distance passenger rail routes provide much-needed transportation access for 4,200,000 riders in 39 States and the District of Columbia 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).

SEC. 155. No later than 30 days after the submission of the President's budget request, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) shall submit a report to

Congress that includes an independent appropriations request: *Provided,* That if the President's budget includes a funding level for Amtrak below the appropriated level for fiscal year 2026, Amtrak may provide a report describing the operating and capital impacts of funding at such level instead of an appropriations request for such year.

SEC. 156. Of the unobligated balances of funds remaining from—

(1) ''Railroad Safety Grants'' account totaling $385,000 appropriated by Public Law 114–113 is hereby permanently rescinded;

(2) ''Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail'' account totaling $40,109,264 appropriated by the following public laws are hereby permanently rescinded:

(A) Public Law 115–141 a total of $3,700,854; and

(B) Public Law 116–6 a total of $36,408,410.

SEC. 157. None of the funds made available by this Act, any prior Acts, or title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58 for the purposes of train operations or existing services as of August 1, 2026, or for the uses established in 49 U.S.C. 24319(c)(2)(C)(i),(ii), (iii) and (v) shall be used by the National Railroad Passenger Corpora-

tion to design or implement a corporate restructuring plan that creates new legally separate subsidiaries, affiliates, business units, or entities to own, operate, or manage distinct functions of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

SEC. 158. The National Railroad Passenger Corporation shall develop and provide to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a legislative proposal to receive direct appropriations in lieu of future grant agreements within its Fiscal Year 2028 Legislative and Grant Request to Congress.

SEC. 159. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used to remove a corridor selected as of January 1, 2026, from the corridor identification and development program under section 25101 of title 49, United States Code, unless at the request of such corridor.

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, $14,642,000,000, 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 $14,642,000,000 in fiscal year 2027.

TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for passenger ferry grants under section 5307(h) of title 49, United States Code, bus testing facilities under section 5318 of such title, accelerating innovative mobility initiative grants under section 5312 of such title, congressionally directed spending for projects and activities eligible under chapter 53 of such title, ferry service for rural communities under section 71103 of division G of Public Law 117–58, and operating assistance to improve public safety in transit systems, $251,319,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*

vided, That of the sums provided under this heading in this Act—

(1) $35,000,000 shall be available for passenger ferry grants as authorized under section 5307(h) of such title;

(2) $500,000 shall be available for technical assistance and resources to Tribes through the national rural transportation assistance program authorized under section 5311(b)(3)(C) of such title;

(3) $1,500,000 shall be available for the operation and maintenance of the bus testing facilities selected under section 5318 of such title;

(4) $5,000,000 shall be available 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 to improve mobility and enhance the rider experience with a focus on innovative service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships, and integrated payment solutions in order to help disseminate proven innovation mobility practices throughout the public transportation industry;

(5) $10,000,000 shall be available to support technical assistance, research, demonstration, or deployment activities or projects to accelerate the

adoption of advanced technology buses in public transit as authorized under section 5312 of title 49, United States Code;

(6) $79,319,000 shall be available for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for congressionally directed spending in the table entitled ''Congressionally Directed Spending'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided,* That amounts made available in this paragraph for such purposes shall not diminish or prejudice any application or geographic region for other discretionary grant or loan awards made by the Department of Transportation: *Provided further,* 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;

(7) $100,000,000 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: *Provided further*, That for (1) amounts made available in this paragraph, (2) unobligated balances from amounts made available in paragraph (5) under this heading in division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75), (3) unobligated balances from amounts made available pursuant to section 1101(a)(12) of division A of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119–4) for ferry service for rural communities previously appropriated in paragraph (5) under this heading in division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42), and (4) unobligated balances from amounts made available in paragraph (5) under this heading in division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42), notwithstanding section 71103(e)(2), eligible service shall include passenger ferry service that receives funds apportioned under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided*

further, That entities that provide eligible service pursuant to the preceding two provisos may use amounts made available in this paragraph for public transportation capital projects to support any ferry service between two rural areas; and

(8) $20,000,000 shall be available for costs related to operating equipment and facilities for use in public transportation to improve public safety in transit systems: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall provide amounts made available in this paragraph as if such amounts were provided under section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, as applicable: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) of section 5307 of such title, amounts made available in this paragraph shall be available for the operating cost of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation eligible under section 5307 of such title: *Provided further*, That amounts made available in this paragraph shall be for eligible recipients under section 5307 of such title for such operating costs to improve public safety, reduce crime, and increase security in transit systems: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall allocate amounts made available in this paragraph to the 14 eligible recipients with the highest ridership

in fiscal year 2025: *Provided further*, That amounts shall be provided to eligible recipients proportionally based on ridership in fiscal year 2025: *Provided further*, That no eligible recipient may receive an allocation of more than 50 percent of the total amounts made available in this paragraph: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall allocate any excess funds above the 50 percent threshold in the preceding proviso to all other eligible recipients in this paragraph proportionally based on ridership in fiscal year 2025: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall allocate amounts made available in this paragraph to eligible recipients no later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act:

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, 2028: *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

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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 114–94), $1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading in this Act—

(1) $1,008,834,000 shall be available for projects authorized under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code;

(2) $200,000,000 shall be available for projects authorized under section 5309(e) of title 49, United States Code; and

(3) $276,166,000 shall be available for projects authorized under section 5309(h) of title 49, United States Code:

Provided further, That the amounts made available under this heading in this or any prior appropriations Act shall be available for the purposes, and in amounts, specified in the table entitled ''Allocation of FTA Capital Investment Grants Funding'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall make allocations for amounts made available under this heading in this or any prior appropriations Act in accordance with the table referred to in the second proviso under this heading in this Act no later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That not to exceed 10 percent of any funding level specified in the table referred to in the second proviso under this heading in this Act may be transferred to any other funding level specified in such table: *Provided further,* That no transfer of such funding levels may increase or decrease any funding level in the table referred to in the second proviso under this heading in this Act by more than 10 percent: *Provided further,* That the preceding two provisos shall not apply to projects with full funding grant agreements under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code, included in the table referred to in the second proviso under this heading in this Act: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall continue to administer the capital investment grants program in accordance with the proce-

dural 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 $100,000,000 in unobligated balances of amounts previously appropriated under this heading in Public Law 119–75 for projects authorized under section 3005(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act shall be treated as available for the purposes projects authorized under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further,* That up to $52,000,000 in unobligated balances of amounts previously appropriated pursuant to section 1101(a)(12) of division A of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119–4) for projects authorized under section 3005(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and amounts previously appropriated under this heading in division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) shall be treated as available for the purposes projects authorized under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further,* That funds allocated to any project pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5309 during fiscal years 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023, and 2024 shall remain allocated to that project through fiscal year 2028: *Provided further,* That funds previously made available in title I of division G of the Consolidated

Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 132 Stat. 13) under the heading ''Capital Investment Grants'' that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2022 are to remain available through fiscal year 2032 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2019 through 2022.

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 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, 2030, 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, 2026, 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. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act shall be used in awarding a contract or subcontract for the purposes of procuring rolling stock from an entity that, at any time on or after December 20, 2019, met the criteria described in section 5323(u) of title 49, United States Code, or to any entity resulting from a reorganization or restructuring of such entity, or to any successor, subsidiary, affiliate, joint venture, or co-owned enterprise of such an entity, without regard to whether such reorganized or restructured entity, successor, subsidiary, affiliate, joint venture, or co-owned enterprise meets the criteria under such section.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to have any bearing on contracts or subcontracts for the procurement of anything other

than rolling stock for public transportation, as defined under section 5302 of title 49, United States Code.

SEC. 166. The Federal Transit Administration shall maintain and operate not fewer than 10 regional offices.

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 carrying 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, $50,000,000, 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 avail-

able under this heading, not less than $25,000,000 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, $372,000,000, 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

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

For Tanker Security Fleet payments, as authorized under section 53406 of title 46, United States Code, $76,277,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* That of the unobligated balances from prior fiscal years made available under this heading, $18,277,000 are hereby permanently rescinded.

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses of operations and training activities authorized by law, $675,260,000, of which $250,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the unobli-

gated balances of amounts previously appropriated under the heading ''Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants'' in division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58): *Provided,* That amounts derived by transfer as described in the matter preceding this proviso shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5: *Provided further,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $129,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028, for the operations of the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

(2) $60,000,000 shall remain available until expended for facilities maintenance and repair, and equipment, at the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

(3) $400,000,000 shall remain available until expended for the capital improvement program at the United States Merchant Marine Academy;

(4) $2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028, for the maritime environmental and technical assistance program authorized under section 50307 of title 46, United States Code;

(5) $10,000,000 shall remain available until expended, for the United States marine highway program to make grants for the purposes authorized under section 55601 of title 46, United States Code; and

(6) $73,760,000 shall be available for MARAD headquarters operations:

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 the Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations an annual capital improvement program plan not later than 30 days after the submission of the budget request: *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, $186,600,000: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $7,800,000 shall remain available until expended for maintenance, repair, and for expenses related to training mariners, including costs associated with training vessel operations and vessel sharing pursuant to section 51504(g)(3) of title 46, United States Code;

(2) $150,000,000 shall remain available until expended for the national security multi-mission vessel program, of which—

(A) not less than $90,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses to design, plan, construct infrastructure, and purchase equipment necessary to berth such ships, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided,* That such funds may be used to reimburse State Maritime Academies for costs incurred prior to the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) up to $60,000,000 shall be for expenses related to the operation, integration, oversight, and management of national security

multi-mission vessel school ships, including insurance, maintenance, repair, and equipment costs;

(3) $4,800,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2031, for the student incentive program;

(4) $12,000,000 shall remain available until expended for training ship fuel assistance; and

(5) $12,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028, for direct payments for State Maritime Academies: *Provided,* That each institution eligible for such payments receives no more than $2,000,000.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SHIPYARDS

To make grants to qualified shipyards as authorized under section 54101 of title 46, United States Code, $110,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* That amounts made available under this heading shall only be available for a shipyard facility in one geographic location that does not have more than 1,200 employees.

SHIP DISPOSAL

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

MARITIME GUARANTEED LOAN (TITLE XI) PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, $4,500,000, 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, and section 3501(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026 (Public Law 119–60), $415,400,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading in this Act—

(1) $285,000,000 shall be for projects for coastal seaports, inland river ports, or Great Lakes ports: *Provided,* That for grants awarded under this paragraph in this Act, the minimum grant size shall be $1,000,000;

(2) not less than $35,000,000 shall be only for shore power projects authorized under section 54301(a)(3)(A)(ii)(IV): *Provided,* That amounts made available under this paragraph in this Act shall only be available for projects at strategic sea-

ports: *Provided further,* That in selecting awards for amounts made available under this paragraph in this Act, the Secretary shall first prioritize any applicants that operate as a port development authority established pursuant to a joint operating agreement between two or more port districts approved by the Federal Maritime Commission under chapter 403 of title 46, United States Code: *Provided further,* That for grants awarded under this paragraph in this Act, the minimum grant size shall be not less than $25,000,000;

(3) $5,000,000 shall be available to fund port infrastructure projects for which the initial grant agreement was executed between March 18, 2026 and April 21, 2026 for awards made from the port infrastructure development program under title I of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328): *Provided,* That sponsors of projects eligible for funds made available under this subsection 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: *Provided further,* That funds made avail-

able 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 54301(a)(7) of title 46, 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 54301(a)(8) of title 46, United States Code; *Provided further,* That the Maritime Administration shall provide the amounts allocated to projects under this section no later than 90 days after the date the sufficient written justifications required under this section have been submitted; and

(4) $90,400,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for congressionally directed spending in the table entitled ''Congressionally Di-

rected Spending'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided,* That amounts made available in this paragraph for such purposes shall not diminish or prejudice any applicant or geographic region for other discretionary grant or loan awards made by the Department of Transportation.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—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.

SEC. 171. Of the unobligated balances remaining from appropriations made available in section 171 in title I of division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,

2024 (Public Law 118–42), shall be available until expended, and shall be for expenses necessary to complete the designs of ten sealift vessels for the National Defense Reserve Fleet and enter into a vessel construction manager contract for construction of the vessels.

PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

For necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, $30,097,000, of which $4,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided,* That not less than $2,000,000 of the amounts made available under this heading shall be for pipeline safety information grants to communities as authorized under section 60130 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall issue a notice of funding opportunity for such funds not later than 120 days after enactment of this Act.

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 $8,570,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029, 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), $218,186,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, of which $30,000,000 shall be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; of which $180,786,000 shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Fund; of which $200,000 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; of which $200,000 shall be derived from the fees collected under section 60117, of title 49, United States Code, and deposited in the Pipeline Safety Design Review Account for facility design safety reviews; 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 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 to the House and Senate Com-

mittees on Appropriations and after such plan is approved by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further,* That of the amounts made available under this heading, not less than $5,000,000 is for the National Center of Excellence for Liquefied Natural Gas Safety authorized under section 111 of the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 (PIPES) Act.

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, 2029, 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 section 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 obligations provided under this heading, prior year recoveries

recognized in the current year shall be available to develop and deliver hazardous materials emergency response training for emergency responders, including response activities for the transportation of crude oil, ethanol, flammable liquids, and other hazardous commodities by rail, consistent with National Fire Protection Association standards, and to make such training available through an electronic format: *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, $113,000,000, of which not more than $3,000,000 shall be available until expended: *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: *Provided further,* That none of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall

be used to impede or prevent the Inspector General (or Acting Inspector General) of the Department of Transportation from exercising the independent authority over all personnel decisions, as authorized under section 406 of title 5, United States Code: *Provided further,* That funds made available under this heading shall be available to the Inspector General to utilize direct hire authority to recruit and appoint qualified applicants, without regard to any notice or preference requirements, directly to fill vacant positions in the competitive service.

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 Transpor-

tation 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 provision.

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 Department of Transportation: *Provided,* That none of the personnel covered by this provision may be assigned on temporary detail outside the Department of Transportation.

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 Administration's ''Federal-Aid Highways'' account and to the Federal Railroad Administration's ''Safety and Operations'' account, except for State rail safety inspectors participating 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, withdraw, terminate, or rescind (except at the request of the recipient) a loan, loan guarantee, line of credit, letter of intent, federally 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 discretionary 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 or is notified of such changes by the Department or its operating administrations: *Provided,* That the Secretary of Transportation shall provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with a comprehensive list of all such loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit, letters of intent, federally funded cooperative agreements, full funding grant agreements, and discretionary grants prior to the notification required under the preceding proviso: *Provided further,* That the Secretary gives concurrent notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations 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 reimbursable 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 authorized 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 preference not otherwise authorized by law, or to amend a rule, regulation, policy or other measure that forbids a recipient 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 ability 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 Secretaries of Homeland Security and Commerce to ensure that best practices for Industrial Control Systems Procurement are up-to-date and are considered for all systems procured with funds provided under this title.

SEC. 192. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used in contravention of the American Security Drone Act of 2023 (subtitle B of title XVIII of division A of Public Law 118–31).

SEC. 193. The Secretary shall issue a new notice of funding opportunity for six new university transportation centers, as authorized under section 5505 of title 49, United States Code: *Provided,* That in selecting such uni-

versity transportation center awards, the Secretary shall first prioritize any applicant that had their university transportation center designation cancelled in May 2025 by the Department of Transportation and such university transportation center designation remains cancelled on the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That such university transportation center awards shall be made available using any unobligated amounts remaining from the university transportation centers program, which have not been committed to any existing university transportation center grantees: *Provided further,* That any such unobligated amounts shall include funds made available in section 11101(c)(1)(E) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58) and funds made available under the heading ''Federal Highway Administration—Highway Infrastructure Programs'' in title VIII of division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58): *Provided further,* That amounts repurposed or transferred pursuant to this section shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5.

SEC. 194. None of the funds made available in this title in this or prior Acts may be used by the Department to use artificial intelligence to transcribe or record meet-

ings, phone calls, or video teleconferences with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 195. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to require a recipient of Federal funds to display signage containing the name of the President, Vice President, or any member of the President's Cabinet as a condition of the receipt of such funds.

SEC. 196. None of the funds made available under this Act, or any prior Act (including under section 40003(a) of Public Law 119–21), shall be used for any activity to plan or carry out the closure of an air route traffic control center, or a reduction in staff that would result in an air route traffic control center being unable to continue operating, if the air route traffic control center is operating in fiscal year 2026 and is in the State in which the geographic center of the coterminous United States (as identified by the United States Geological Survey) is located: *Provided,* That nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the consolidation or integration of an air route traffic control center located in such State into another air route traffic control center located in such State.

SEC. 197. None of the funds made available by this Act or any prior Act shall be used to require the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to implement a corporate

restructuring plan that creates new legally separate subsidiaries, affiliates, business units, or entities to own, operate, or manage distinct functions of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

SEC. 198. None of the funds made available by this Act, or any other Act (including under section 40003(a) of Public Law 119-21), may be used to negotiate, acquire, receive, hold, exercise, or support the acquisition of any shares, stock, equity, warrants, options, convertible debt, or any other form of corporate ownership or financial interest in a company or corporation that holds a contract, subcontract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other financial agreement with the Department of Transportation, including the Federal Aviation Administration.

This title may be cited as the ''Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2027''.

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, $18,800,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *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, $649,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $141,600,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer;

(2) $93,300,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel;

(3) $211,300,000 shall be available for the Office of Administration;

(4) $70,100,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer;

(5) $24,700,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer;

(6) $43,900,000 shall be available for the Office of Field Policy and Management;

(7) $3,600,000 shall be available for the Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity; and

(8) $60,500,000 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 notwithstanding 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 none of the funds made available by this or any prior Act may be used in contravention of section 3535(p) of title 42, United States Code.

PROGRAM OFFICES

For necessary salaries and expenses for Program Offices, $821,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $222,300,000 shall be available for the Office of Public and Indian Housing;

(2) $133,500,000 shall be available for the Office of Community Planning and Development, of which not less than $33,375,000 shall be available for the necessary salaries and expenses of administering and overseeing the implementation of economic development initiative grants funded in this, prior, or future Acts;

(3) $363,500,000 shall be available for the Office of Housing;

(4) $30,800,000 shall be available for the Office of Policy Development and Research;

(5) $62,600,000 shall be available for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and

(6) $9,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

For Department-wide and program-specific information technology systems and infrastructure, $368,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided,* That of the amount made available under this heading, not less than $7,000,000 shall be for the development, modernization, and enhancement of the disaster recovery grant reporting system and the HUD environmental review online system: *Provided further,* 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 explanatory statement accompanying this Act.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For activities and assistance for the provision of tenant-based rental assistance authorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (in this heading ''the Act''), not otherwise provided for, $36,101,000,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be available on October 1, 2026 (in addition to the $4,000,000,000 previously appropriated

under this heading that shall be available on October 1, 2026), and $4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be available on October 1, 2027: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $36,775,000,000 shall be available for renewals of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual contributions contracts (including renewals of enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act) and including renewal of other special purpose incremental vouchers: *Provided,* That notwithstanding any other provision of law, from amounts provided under this paragraph and any carryover, the Secretary for the calendar year 2027 funding cycle shall provide renewal funding for each public housing agency based on validated voucher management system (VMS) or successor system 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, or as necessary on a temporary basis and within available resources to facilitate the transition of residents assisted by emergency housing vouchers (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 58) to tenant-based rental assistance under the housing assistance payment contract under section 8(o) of the Act: *Provided further,* That any leasing or associated costs authorized for emergency housing vouchers in the preceding proviso above the public housing agency's authorized level of units under contract shall not be included in the calculation of the agency's renewal funding allocation for any subsequent fiscal year: *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 entire 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, 2027: *Provided further,* That the Secretary may extend the notification period only after the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are notified at least 10 business days in advance of the deadline: *Provided further,* That 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 pro rata adjustments under the preceding provisos: *Provided further,* That the Secretary may perform a statutory offset of public housing agencies' calendar year 2027 allocations based on the excess amounts of public housing agencies' net restricted assets accounts, including HUD-held programmatic reserves (in accordance with VMS or successor system data in cal-

endar year 2026 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 statutory offset: *Provided further,* That for amounts subject to the single fund budget authority provisions of their MTW agreements, excess amounts shall be offset only to the extent permitted by section 239 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113): *Provided further,* That for public housing agencies in the MTW demonstration subject to single fund budget authority provisions, the Secretary shall provide not less than 60 days to appeal such offsets and shall not offset amounts that have been committed to capital improvement, development, and other repositioning activities that are scheduled to close within 12 months of enactment of this Act, as evidenced in funding applications, project schedules, or other commitments to third parties implementing such activities, to the extent that reserve amounts excluded from offset under such section 239 are insufficient to cover such commitments: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall not offset any portion of a public housing agency's excess amounts if offsetting such portion would result in a public housing

agency being put in a shortfall position in calendar year 2027, as estimated by HUD prior to the offset's implementation, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall use any such offset amounts referred to in the preceding five 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 the Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for section 5A and section 8(o) of the Act or any regulation applicable to such statutes related to the administration of waiting lists, local preferences, portability, and public housing agency plan and public hearing requirements to facilitate or expedite the transition of residents assisted by emergency housing vouchers (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 58) to tenant-based rental assistance under the housing assistance payment contract under section 8(o) of the Act: *Provided further,* That up to $250,000,000 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 ex-

perienced 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 MTW 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;

(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.); and

(H) for costs associated with mainstream vouchers:

Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate amounts under the preceding proviso based on need, as determined by the Secretary;

(2) $300,000,000 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 section 23 projects to assistance under section 8, relocation 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, enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act, choice neighborhood vouchers, mandatory and voluntary conversions, and tenant protection assistance including replacement and relocation assistance or for project-based assistance to prevent the displacement 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 public 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 authority 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 received 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 provide replacement vouchers for units that were occupied within the previous 24 months that cease to be available as assisted housing, subject only to the availability of funds;

(3) $2,976,000,000 shall be available for administrative 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 allocate to public housing agencies that need additional funds to administer their section 8 programs, including fees associated with section 8 tenant protection rental assistance, the administration of dis-

aster related vouchers, HUD–VASH vouchers, and other special purpose incremental vouchers: *Provided,* That no less than $2,946,000,000 of the amount provided in this paragraph shall be allocated to public housing agencies for the calendar year 2027 funding cycle based on section 8(q) of the Act (and related appropriations 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) $15,000,000 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, 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 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;

(5) $35,000,000 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) $30,000,000 shall be available for new incremental voucher assistance for the Melania Trump Foster Youth to Independence Initiative to assist eligible youth who have attained at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age and who have left foster care, or will leave foster care within 180 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(H)), and are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless, notwithstanding section 8(x)(2) 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 competitive or 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 available 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 assistance in connection with such specified program or eligible youth, as applicable; and

(6) the Secretary shall separately track all special purpose vouchers funded under this heading and continue to provide timely updates on budget, utilization, success rate, spending and leasing trends for all vouchers by purpose on the voucher data dashboard on the publicly accessible website of the Department: *Provided,* That upon turnover, special purpose vouchers issued pursuant to section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013) funded under this or any other heading in this or prior Acts, shall be provided to non-elderly persons with disabilities.

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

Unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading, the heading ''Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing'' and the heading ''Project-Based Rental Assistance'', for fiscal year 2027 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 2027 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)), $8,451,554,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $4,917,554,000 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 2027 payments;

(2) $234,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to allocate pursuant to a need-based application process, notwithstanding section 203 of this title, not subject to such operating fund formula, and without regard to unit count, to public housing agencies that experience, or are at risk of, financial shortfalls, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided,* That the Secretary shall notify public housing agencies of their estimated shortfall eligibility no later than 60 days of the enactment of this Act;

(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 described 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 re-

questing 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 2027 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 2027: *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 remain available, after all applications received on or before September 30, 2028, for emergency capital needs have been processed, shall be allocated to public housing agencies for such safety and security measures;

(5) $55,000,000 shall be available for competitive grants to public housing agencies to evaluate and reduce residential health hazards in public housing, including lead-based paint (by carrying out the activities of risk assessments, abatement, and interim 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 $30,000,000 of the amounts provided under this paragraph shall be awarded for evaluating and reducing lead-based paint hazards, except that if such amount is undersubscribed any remaining amounts may be awarded to qualified applicants for other purposes under this paragraph: *Provided further,* That for purposes of environmental review, a grant under this paragraph shall be considered 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 regulations 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 public housing agencies in receivership, designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at risk, as determined by the Secretary, for costs associated with public housing asset improvement, in addition to other amounts for that purpose provided under any heading under this title:

Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may not delegate to any Department official other than the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing any authority under paragraph (2) of section 9(j) of the Act regarding the extension of the time periods under such section: *Provided further,* That for purposes 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: *Provided further,* That the Secretary may authorize a public housing agency with at least one property with a low physical inspection score to use operating

reserve funds or any amounts allocated to such agency pursuant to the operating fund formula from amounts made available in this and prior Acts for any eligible activities under section 9(d)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d)(1)) under such conditions or criteria as established by the Secretary, including that such use would not put such agency at risk of financial shortfall.

ASSISTED HOUSING INSPECTIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

For the Department's inspection and assessment programs, including travel, training, and program support contracts, $35,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

For activities and assistance related to self-sufficiency programs, to remain available until September 30, 2030, $240,000,000: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $185,000,000 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 sec-

tions 8 and 9 of such Act with public and private resources, and enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency: *Provided,* That the Secretary may use recaptured amounts made available under this paragraph in prior Acts to provide bonus awards to programs that are assigned a ranking of performance category 1 based on their publicly available family self-sufficiency achievement metrics (FAM) scores; and

(2) $55,000,000 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.): *Provided,* That amounts made available under this paragraph may be used to renew resident opportunity and self-sufficiency program grants to allow the public housing agency, or a new owner, to continue to serve (or restart service to) 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 (Public Law 112–55), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437f note).

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 for related activities and assistance, $1,354,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $1,111,000,000 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 In-

dian 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) $125,000,000 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 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) $10,000,000 shall be available for noncompetitive grants to recipients that received a Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing grant

in prior years, to be available under the same terms and conditions as funds specified under paragraph (5) under the heading ''Public and Indian Housing—Tenant-Based Rental Assistance'' in Public Law 118–42: *Provided,* 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;

(4) $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, may 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 $60,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028;

(5) $100,000,000 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 $10,000,000 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

(6) $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 designated 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 administration of performance tracking and reporting under section 407 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4167).

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For administrative expenses, including the management of the loan guarantee program as authorized by section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a), $400,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* That subject to section

502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a), amounts made available in this and prior Acts for the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by such section 184, that are unobligated, including recaptures and carryover, may be available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed $1,200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

For the Native Hawaiian housing block grant program, as authorized under title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.), $22,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031: *Provided,* That notwithstanding 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, 2028: *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.), $554,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030: *Provided,* That the Secretary shall renew or replace all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing that initially were funded under section 854(c)(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, $4,832,288,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030: *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) $50,000,000 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, including new housing construction: *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 select applicants that (A) have enacted or implemented (or caused another

entity to enact or implement) less restrictive zoning, land use, or permitting laws and regulations, that are reasonably expected to preserve or produce new housing units; and (B) can demonstrate an acute need for housing affordable to households with incomes below 100 percent of the area median income: *Provided further,* That grantees shall report to the Secretary on their activities and housing supply outcomes: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall analyze observable housing production, preservation, and cost trends in the participating jurisdictions or geographic areas: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall annually report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and make publicly available, a summary of the information collected in the preceding two provisos: *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 of the amounts made available under this paragraph, $5,000,000 shall be for grants to identify and reduce barriers to the use of mass timber building products: *Provided further,* That in administering such amounts the Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for

any provision of title I of the Act 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: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall issue a notice of funding opportunity not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act for funds made available in this Act and any other Act that remain unobligated and available for competition;

(3) $30,000,000 shall be available for activities authorized under section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 5301 note; 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 2024 based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(4) $1,452,288,000 shall be available for grants for the economic development initiative (EDI) for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for congressionally directed spending in the table entitled ''Congressionally Directed Spending'' included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided,* That amounts made available under this paragraph for such purposes shall not diminish or prejudice any application or geographic region for other discretionary grant or loan awards made by the Department of Housing and Urban Development: *Provided further,* 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 the Secretary

shall notify grantees of their award within 45 days of enactment of this 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 2027, 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 $300,000,000, 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 National Affordable Housing Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.), $1,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030: *Provided,* That the threshold reduction requirements in sections 216(10) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12746(10)) shall not apply to the amounts made available under this heading: *Provided further,* That notwithstanding section 231(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12771(b)), all unobligated balances remaining from amounts recaptured pursuant to such section that remain available until expended shall be combined with amounts made available under this heading and allocated in accordance with the formula under section 217(b)(1)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12747(b)(1)(A)): *Provided further,* That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocations within 60 days after enactment of this Act: *Provided further,* That, for any affordable housing projects or

activities receiving assistance made available in this or prior years under this heading, the heading ''Community Development Fund'', the heading ''Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program'', the heading ''Public Housing Fund'', the heading ''Native American Programs'', or Treasury Account Symbol 86–X–8560, the requirements under section 70914 Public Law 117–58 (41 U.S.C. 8301 note), and any implementing regulations or guidance for such, shall not apply for the duration of any such projects or activities.

SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

For the self-help and assisted homeownership opportunity 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, $70,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $13,000,000 shall be available for the self-help homeownership opportunity program as authorized under such section 11: *Provided,* That the Secretary shall issue a notice of funding opportunity for amounts made available under this paragraph not

later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) $50,000,000 shall be available for the second, third, and fourth capacity building entities specified in section 4(a) of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (111 Stat. 201; 42 U.S.C. 9816 note), of which not less than $5,000,000 shall be for rural capacity building activities: *Provided,* That the Secretary shall issue a notice of funding opportunity for amounts made available under this paragraph not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(3) $7,000,000 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, $4,688,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $315,000,000 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 of the amount made available under this paragraph, $290,000,000 shall be allocated under section 414 of such subtitle B: *Provided further,* That of the amount made available under this paragraph, an additional $25,000,000 shall be allocated to only States in such program that have two or fewer continuums of care, based on each State's proportion of the amounts allocated to such States under the previous proviso: *Provided further,* That for purposes of the allocations under the previous proviso, the match requirement in section 416(a)(2) of such subtitle B shall be applied by adding ''25 percent of'' after ''equal to'': *Provided further,* That the Department shall notify grantees of their formula allocation from amounts allocated (which may represent initial or final amounts allocated) for such program not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act;

(2) $4,256,000,000 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 shall 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 in allocating and awarding amounts made available under this paragraph, the Secretary shall select projects totaling not less than 60 percent of the annual renewal demand for each collaborative applicant based on rankings determined by the local continuum of care and consistent with 42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.: *Provided further,* That no State shall receive less than 95 percent of the total amount awarded across all continuums of care in the State in the preceding fiscal year, unless collaborative applicants do not submit enough eligible applications for the fiscal year: *Provided further,* That when a continuum of care determines that an existing recipient is no longer able to administer any grant or

award made under the continuum of care program or the youth homelessness demonstration program, the Secretary shall, at the request of the collaborative applicant, amend and transfer the grant or award to a different recipient that meets the requirements of subtitle C of such title IV within 60 days of receiving such request or such time as agreed to by the collaborative applicant: *Provided further,* That the Secretary may establish by notice an alternative 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 of the amounts made available for the continuum of care program under this paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances under this heading in prior Acts, not less than $290,000,000 shall be used to competitively or non-competitively renew or replace grants for youth homelessness demonstration projects under the continuum of care program, notwithstanding any conflict with the requirements of the continuum of care program: *Provided further,* That any continuum of care, in consultation with their youth action board, that determines it no longer has an identified need for funds to renew a youth homelessness demonstration project shall notify the Secretary, and the Secretary shall recapture such assistance from the continuum of care and competitively award it to any other continuum of care with the amounts provided under this heading under paragraph (4): *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall issue the notice of funding opportunity for the amounts made available in this paragraph not later than June 1, 2027 and shall award such amounts not later than December 1, 2027;

(3) $10,000,000 shall be available for the national homeless data analysis project: *Provided,* That

notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977 (31 U.S.C. 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 cooperative agreements with such entities as may be determined by the Secretary, including public and private organizations, agencies, and institutions; and

(4) $107,000,000 shall be available to implement 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, $25,000,000 shall be for youth homelessness system improvement grants to support communities, including but not limited to the communities assisted under the matter preceding this proviso, in establishing and implementing an evidence-based response system for youth homelessness, or for improving their existing system, including through the establishment of local youth advisory boards, collaboration with youth with lived ex-

perience of homelessness in project design and implementation, improving data collection, management, utilization and evaluation, cross-system partnerships with juvenile justice, child welfare, and education systems: *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: *Provided further,* That youth aged 24 and under seeking assistance under this heading shall not be required to provide third party documentation to establish their eligibility

under subsection (a) or (b) of section 103 of the McKinney-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 heading: *Provided further,* That recipients of funds provided under this heading in this Act or any prior Act may establish preferences for elderly individuals or families (except for programs provided to serve homeless youth), or disabled individuals or families as defined by section 401(10) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(10)), when implementing the programs: *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 heading to provide both transitional housing and rapid re-housing: *Provided further,* That for all matching funds requirements applicable to funds made available under this heading 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 Federal 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 continuum 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 rehabilitation projects with 10-year grant terms may be used for purposes under this heading, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated: *Provided further,* That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds transferred to or appropriated under this heading in fiscal year 2019 or prior years, except for rental assistance amounts that were recaptured and made available until expended, shall be available for the current purposes authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for which such funds originally 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, $19,318,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2026 (in addition to the $400,000,000 previously appropriated under this heading that became available October 1, 2026), and $400,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2027: *Provided,* That the amounts made available under this heading shall be available for expiring or terminating section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to section 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 $539,000,000 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(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); 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 pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be available in addition to the amount otherwise provided by this heading for uses authorized under this heading.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

For capital advances, including amendments to capital advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q), for project rental assistance for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 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), for supportive services

associated with the housing, and for administrative and other expenses associated with assistance under this heading, $1,049,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2030: *Provided,* That of the amount made available under this heading, up to $130,000,000 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 enter into 2-year agreements as appropriate with such funding that are subject to the availability of annual appropriations: *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, 2030: *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 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 of the total amount made available under this heading, up to $4,000,000 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(c) 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, 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, for supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act, and for administrative and other expenses associated with assistance funded under this heading, $301,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030: *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, 2030: *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 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, 2028, 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 funds provided under this heading in this Act or prior Acts shall also be used for a comprehensive range of activities for homeownership counseling and rental housing counseling, as such terms are defined in 24 CFR 5.100, including individual pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling for homebuyers and homeowners regardless of whether the

mortgage loan or prospective mortgage loan is made, insured, or guaranteed, or held by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or any other agency, and regardless of whether the household receives assistance from such Department or has applied for such assistance: *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 2027 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2027 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 2027 appropriation: *Provided further,* That, notwithstanding sections 602(a)(1), (c), and (e)(1) of such Act, the Secretary may use up to $7,000,000 of unobligated funds from prior year appropriations to enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements that support education and training activities to advance the purposes of such Act and support the adoption and implementation of model off-site construction standards: *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 provided 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, 2028: *Provided,* That during fiscal year 2027, 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, $230,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided further,* That to the extent guaranteed loan commitments exceed $200,000,000,000 on or before April 1, 2027, 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 2027 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, 2028: *Provided,* That during fiscal year 2027, 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 entities in connection with the sale of single family real properties 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 $600,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,* That $56,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028, shall be for necessary salaries 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, 2027, an additional $100 for necessary salaries and expenses shall be available until expended 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: *Provided further,* That receipts from Commitment and Multiclass fees collected pursuant to title III of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1716 et seq.) shall be credited as offsetting collections to this account.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of programs 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, $134,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,* That of the amounts made available under this heading, $40,000,000 shall be for technical assistance, of which $5,000,000 shall be for the distressed cities technical assistance program: *Provided further,* That of the amounts made available under this heading, $15,000,000 shall be for a pilot program to demonstrate the effectiveness of mass timber as a building material for housing: *Provided further,* That with respect to amounts made available under this heading, notwithstanding section 203 of this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies, State or local governments and their agencies, Indian tribes, tribally designated housing entities, or colleges or universities for research projects: *Provided fur-*

ther, That with respect to the preceding proviso, such partners to the cooperative agreements 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. 6101 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 the Department shall maintain on its publicly accessible website all completed research funded under this heading by this or any prior Act: *Provided further,* That the Department shall release and publish such research without regard to the findings within 6 months of submission of the final report.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616a), and this heading, $86,355,000, to re-

main available until September 30, 2028: *Provided,* That of the sums appropriated under this heading—

(1) $26,355,000 shall be for the fair housing assistance program under such title VIII: *Provided,* That the Secretary shall review grantee work and, in a reasonable manner and time, make reimbursements available of such amounts under this and the prior Act to each participating fair housing assistance program agency;

(2) $56,000,000 shall be for the fair housing initiatives program under such section 561, of which, not less than $10,400,000 shall be available for education and outreach programs, not less than $3,700,000 shall be available for fair housing organization initiatives, and not less than $40,500,000 shall be available for the private enforcement initiative, except that if any program or initiative is undersubscribed any remaining amounts may be awarded to qualified applicants of other programs or initiatives under this paragraph: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall issue each notice of funding opportunity for the fair housing initiatives program not later than 150 days after the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary, for each such notice, shall make all grant awards not

later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act and execute all grant agreements with recipients not later than 330 days after the date of enactment of this Act;

(3) $1,000,000 may be for 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; and

(4) $3,000,000 shall be for the national fair housing training academy: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary may also assess and collect fees to cover the costs of such academy, and may use such funds to develop online courses and provide such training:

Provided further, That none of the funds made available under this heading may be used to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan.

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, $295,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided,* That the amounts made available under this heading are provided as follows:

(1) $155,600,000 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 need;

(2) $140,000,000 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: *Provided,* That $30,000,000 of amounts made available under this paragraph 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, of which no less than $10,000,000 shall be available to meet such needs in communities with substantial rural populations: *Provided further,* That for funds made available for such grants in the preceding proviso or under this heading or the heading ''Housing for the Elderly'' in prior Acts, all eligible activities, except those that would alter the existing footprint of a structure or improvement in a floodplain or a wetland, are exempt from environmental review and not subject to the Federal laws and authorities cited in section 58.5 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations; and

(3) up to $2,000,000 in total of the amounts made available under paragraph (2) may be transferred 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 review, 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 studies program, or other demonstrations or programs under this heading or under prior appropriations Acts for such purposes under this heading, or under the heading ''Housing 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 acceptable 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, 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.

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, $144,500,000: *Provided,* That the Inspector General shall have independent authority over all personnel and acquisition 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 authority, 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 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for which settlement 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 2027 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 mortgage purchases are necessary to protect the financial interest of the United States Government.

SEC. 207. 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. 208. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to the conditions listed under this section, for fiscal years 2027 and 2028, 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. The Secretary, upon determination of good cause, including a determination that there will be no loss of assistance to currently assisted households, may authorize a different number of such units or a change in such configuration, or both, at the receiving project or projects in the event there is a transfer of use restrictions without an associated transfer of project-based assistance to the receiving project. The Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register for public comment containing the criteria

for determinations of good cause no less than 60 days before the effective date of such notice.

(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 Secretary 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 restructuring 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) assistance payments made under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(2)); and

(D) 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.

SEC. 209. 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).

SEC. 210. 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. 211. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2027, 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 receivership. After disposition of any multifamily property described in this section, the contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall be subject to the requirements under section 524 of MAHRAA.

SEC. 212. Public housing agencies that own and operate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be exempt 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. 213. With respect to the use of amounts provided in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, capital 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 relating to asset management that restricts or limits in any way the use of capital funds for central office costs pursuant 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 capital 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. 214. 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. 215. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2027, the Secretary may make a notice of funding opportunity, and a notice of any funding decision, for any program or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary that is to be competitively awarded available only on the Internet at the appropriate Government website or through other electronic media, as determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 216. 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. 217. 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 the Secretary shall provide notification to such Committees 5 business days in advance of any such transfers.

SEC. 218. (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 administrator. 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 designated by the Secretary, with priority given to the tenants of the property affected by the penalty;

(C) abate the section 8 contract, including partial 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 procedures, 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 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 (''MAHRAA''); and

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

(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 failing physical inspection scores, have substandard inspection scores of 60 to and including 69, or have received an unsatisfactory 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. 219. 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 2027.

SEC. 220. None of the funds made available by this Act and provided to the Department of Housing and

Urban Development may be used to make, withdraw, terminate, or rescind (except at the request of the recipient) 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 or is notified of such changes by the Department or its offices: *Provided*, That such notification shall list each grant award and project description by State and congressional district.

SEC. 221. 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 refinances 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. 222. 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. 223. 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, evaluation, 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 become 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 requirements in section 405 of this Act.

SEC. 224. None of the funds provided in this Act or any other Act may be used for awards, including performance, special act, or spot, for any employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to administrative discipline (including suspension from work), in this fiscal year, but this prohibition shall not be effective prior to the effective date of any such administrative discipline or after any final decision over-turning such discipline.

SEC. 225. With respect to grant amounts awarded under the heading ''Homeless Assistance Grants'' for fiscal years 2015 through 2027 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 toward meeting the recipient's matching requirements, provided the costs are eligible CoC costs that supplement the recipient's CoC program.

SEC. 226. (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. 227. 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. 228. 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 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. 229. For fiscal year 2027, 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 pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations, the Secretary may adjust for any such funding error in the next applicable formula allocation cycle by (a) offsetting each such recipient's formula allocation (if eligible for a formula allocation 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 allocated additional funds in the formula allocation cycle in which any such error occurred (if such recipient or recipients are eligible for a formula allocation in the next applicable formula allocation cycle) in an amount proportionate to such recipient's eligibility under the next applicable formula allocation cycle: *Provided,* That all offsets and reallocations from such available balances shall be recorded against funds available for the next applicable formula allocation cycle: *Provided further,* That the term ''next applicable formula allocation cycle'' means the first formula allocation 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. 230. 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'') to the heading ''Information Technology Fund'' for unforeseen information technology needs, including for additional development, modernization, and enhancement, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *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 this transfer authority shall not be used to allocate costs across offices for broader departmental information technology needs: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall provide notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no fewer than 10 business days in advance of any such transfer.

SEC. 231. The Secretary shall comply with all process requirements, including public notice and comment, when seeking to revise any annual contributions contract: *Provided,* That the Secretary shall provide public housing authorities not less than 60 days for public comment, and the Secretary shall consider and respond to submitted comments.

SEC. 232. None of the funds made available to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in this or prior Acts may be used to issue a solicitation or accept bids on any solicitation that is substantially equivalent to the draft solicitation entitled ''Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract Support Services (HAPSS)'' posted to www.Sam.gov on July 27, 2022.

SEC. 233. None of the amounts made available in this or prior Acts may be used to consider family self-sufficiency achievement metrics (FAM) in determining funding awards for programs receiving family self-sufficiency program coordinator funding provided in this or prior Acts except to provide bonus awards as expressly made available in this or prior Acts for self-sufficiency programs assigned a ranking of performance category 1 based on their publicly available FAM scores.

SEC. 234. 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.

SEC. 235. The Secretary shall fulfill their responsibilities to enforce the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.): *Provided,* That 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 interim final rule entitled ''Affirmatively Fur-

thering Fair Housing Revisions'' (90 Fed. Reg. 11020 (March 3, 2025)).

SEC. 236. The whistleblower protections in section 4712 of title 41, United States Code, shall apply to any contract, subcontract, grant, subgrant, or personal services contract that is modified for any reason even when the modification is not considered a major modification, regardless of when the agreement was executed.

SEC. 237. 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 Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (title II of division C of Public Law 112–55).

SEC. 238. The Secretary shall conduct all rulemaking in accordance with the policies of part 10 of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations and Executive Order 12866, as amended, including providing for public participation and not less than 60 days for the submission of written comments.

SEC. 239. The third proviso under the heading ''HOME Investment Partnerships Program'' in title II of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113) is amended by inserting ''or community development corporations'' after ''community land trusts'' each place it appears.

SEC. 240. 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 118–42, is further amended—

(1) in the first proviso, by inserting ''which factor shall be enhanced if the contract rents at the property are materially below the fair market rents,'' after ''operating cost factor established by the Secretary,'';

(2) after the twenty-sixth proviso by inserting the following new proviso:

‘‘ *Provided further,* That owners of properties with a project assistance contract under section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959 (as it existed before enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990), shall be eligible, subject to requirements established by the Secretary, including the subordination, restructuring, or both, of any direct loan documentation, including any note, mortgage, use agreement or other agreements, evidencing or securing a direct loan previously provided by the Secretary as necessary to facilitate the conversion of assistance while maintaining the affordability period and the designation of the property as serving handicapped families, and tenant consultation procedures, 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:’’;

(3) in the twenty-eighth proviso, as reordered above, by striking ‘‘operating cost factor established by the Secretary, which shall’’ and inserting ‘‘operating cost factor established by the Secretary, which factor shall be enhanced if the contract rents at the property are materially below the fair market rents: *Provided further,* That the long term project subsidy contracts established under the Second Component shall’’;

(4) in the thirty-first proviso, as reordered above, by inserting ''section 202(h)(4) of the Housing Act of 1959 (as it existed before enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990),'' after ''section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959,''; and

(5) in the thirty-sixth proviso, as reordered above, by inserting ''section 202(h)(4) of the Housing Act of 1959 (as it existed before enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990),'' after ''section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959,''.

SEC. 241. (a) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall complete a review of the implementation of the Build America, Buy America Act (title IV of division G of Public Law 117–58; 42 U.S.C. 8301 note) with respect to the activities assisted under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.).

(b) Not later than 90 days after the review described in subsection (a) is completed, the Secretary shall issue updated guidance to clarify the application of the Build America, Buy America Act (title IV of division G of Public Law 117–58; 42 U.S.C. 8301 note) with respect to the

activities assisted under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.).

(c) Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate a report that describes—

(1) the results of the review required under subsection (a); and

(2) the guidance issued as described in subsection (b).

SEC. 242. Unexpired funds made available in prior Acts under or transferred to the heading ''Working Capital Fund'' may be transferred to the ''Administrative Support Offices'' account to support shared services: *Provided,* That such transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further,* That funds transferred under the authority provided by this section shall be available for obligation through September 30, 2028.

SEC. 243. (a) Of the unobligated balances included under Treasury Appropriations Fund Symbol 86 X 4041, $15,332,452.51 is hereby permanently rescinded.

(b) Any unobligated balances from prior year appropriations included under Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 86–2025/2029–0483 are hereby permanently rescinded.

SEC. 244. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used by the Secretary to make methodological changes to the annual homelessness assessment report, point-in-time count data collection standards, or homeless management information systems data standards.

SEC. 245. For amounts made available for fiscal year 2027 under section 1338 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 4568), the Secretary shall notify grantees of their formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 246. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to close or relocate any field or regional office, unless such action is provided for in this Act or the explanatory statement accompanying this Act: *Provided,* That the Secretary shall maintain at least one adequately staffed and functional field office in each state, consistent with section 1735f–12 of title 12, United States

Code, with no fewer than one full-time employee per field office, except for short-term periods of normal staffing turnover.

SEC. 247. (a) Payments made regularly by a public housing agency to low-income families, as part of a research demonstration to determine the feasibility or impacts of direct rental assistance to households that do not receive income-based Federal rental assistance, shall be considered housing assistance and treated as equivalent to housing assistance payments regularly made under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (in this section ''the Act'') (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) for purposes of income determinations.

(b) AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.—

(1) For public housing agencies that are participating in the Moving to Work Demonstration and permitted to use Federal funds authorized under section 8 of the Act to provide direct rental assistance, the Secretary may waive section 8(o)(8) (inspection requirements) and section (10)(A) and (B) (rent reasonableness) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(8) and (10)(A) and (B)), as part of a research demonstration.

(2) The Secretary may permit other public housing agencies to use funding authorized under section 8 of the Act to provide direct rental assistance as part of a research demonstration and waive or specify alternative requirements (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, or the environment), including implementing regulations, for any provision of section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), if the Secretary determines that the research demonstration has a reasonable likelihood of producing valuable research.

(3) Waivers under this subsection that are authorized to be provided to participating public housing agencies in fiscal year 2027 or 2028, shall not exceed a duration of 60 months from the commencement of the research demonstration, and continue to apply to households who are enrolled to receive direct rental assistance during such waiver period.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) ''low-income families'' has the same meaning as in section 3(b)(2) and (3) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2) and (3));

(2) ''public housing agency'' has the same meaning as in section 3(b)(6) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6)); and

(3) ''direct rental assistance'' means funds made available by the public housing authority to families for use to pay for rent, utilities, security deposits, and other housing-related costs permitted under the research demonstration.

SEC. 248. The Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended in section 579 by striking ''October 1, 2027'' each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof ''October 1, 2029''.

SEC. 249. None of the funds made available in this or prior Acts may be used to carry out or implement section 102 of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 5301 note).

This title may be cited as the ''Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2027''.

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), $10,630,000: *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 46107 of title 46, United States Code, 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 therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code, $40,000,000, of which $2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028: *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. Chapter 4), $31,100,000: *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 2028, the Inspector General shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a budget request for fiscal year 2028 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, $180,000,000, of which not less than $31,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031, shall be for necessary expenses related to the relocation of the National Transportation Safety Board headquarters facilities including any related furniture, fixtures, equipment, and physical move and of which not to exceed $1,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses.

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), $158,000,000: *Provided,* That the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation shall notify network organizations of their full formula grant award by the latter of 60 days after enactment of this Act or March 1, 2027.

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, $45,799,000: *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 2027, to result in a final appropriation from

the general fund estimated at not more than $44,549,000: *Provided further,* That to the extent that amounts realized from such fees exceed $1,250,000, those amounts in excess of $1,250,000 shall be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections in fiscal year 2027, shall be used for necessary and authorized expenses under this heading, and shall remain available until expended.

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 this heading ''the Council'') in carrying out the functions pursuant to title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, $3,000,000: *Provided,* That the Council shall be staffed in accordance with section 11313(a)(5) of title 42, United States Code, and regional coordinators shall have the proven expertise and demonstrated experience needed to carry out the duties specified in such section: *Provided further,* That each meeting of the Council shall be open to the public, and the Council shall post a public notification of each Council

meeting not less than 30 days in advance of each meeting on its website and include the agenda for each meeting in such posting.

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. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act or in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act, none of the funds provided in this Act or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2027, 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 reprogramming of funds that—

(1) creates a new program;

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

(3) increases funds or personnel for any program, 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 activities in excess of $5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less;

(6) reduces existing programs, projects, or activities 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 House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the explanatory statement accompanying this Act, or the relevant operating plan properly submitted by each agency, whichever is more detailed.

(b) Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each agency funded by this Act shall submit an operating plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year: *Provided,* That the operating plan shall include—

(1) 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;

(2) a delineation in the table for (A) each appropriation and its respective prior year enacted level by object class and program, project, and activity as detailed in this Act, the explanatory statement accompanying this Act, or in the budget appendix for the respective appropriations, whichever is more detailed, (B) each item for which a dollar amount is specified and for all programs for which new budget (obligational) authority is provided, and (C) each discretionary grant and discretionary grant allocation;

(3) an organizational chart that includes current and estimated staffing numbers, by office, at

the customary level of detail unless otherwise directed by this Act or in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act; and

(4) an identification of items of special congressional interest.

(c) Each agency may reprogram amounts in excess of or contrary to the threshold limitations established in this section only after—

(1) providing written notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no less than 45 days in advance of such reprogramming of funds; and

(2) receiving prior written approval from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

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 2027 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2027 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2028, for each such account for the purposes authorized: *Provided,* That a request shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for approval prior to the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further,* That these requests shall be made

in compliance with reprogramming guidelines under section 405 of this Act.

SEC. 407. No funds in this Act may be used to support 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 purposes of this section, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private 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 district 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(e)(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 completed 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 position 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 section 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-Norway 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 Agreement and United States law.

SEC. 419. (a) No part of any appropriation contained in this Act or title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58 shall be used, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or film presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress, except in presentation to the Congress itself.

(b) No part of any appropriation contained in this Act or in title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58 shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation or appropriations proposed or pending before

the Congress, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships.

(c) Amounts repurposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5.

SEC. 420. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations:

(1) quarterly reports on the status of all funds, including the start-of-year unobligated and uncommitted balances, and the total obligations and recaptures for the fiscal year, by program, project, and activity;

(2) semiannual reports on staffing levels, hirings, and separations (including through the deferred resignation program and any other voluntary retirement programs), consistent with direction provided in this Act or in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act; and

(3) additional, updated budget or financial technical assistance, upon request.

SEC. 421. Each Department and agency funded in this Act shall maintain on its publicly accessible website:

(1) notices of funding opportunities (including any amendments) for all competitive grant programs issued in the most recent 10 years;

(2) grant awards for the most recent 10 years; and

(3) programmatic notices, guidance, and grant agreement templates for any grant program with disbursement activity within the previous 5 fiscal years.

SEC. 422. No later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter, the Departments and agencies funded under this Act shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on current staffing levels for all political and Presidential appointees in such Departments and agencies and categorized by which office within such Departments and agencies such employee is funded from, the office in which such employee carries out their daily work, such employee's title, and such employee's pay grade or the equivalent level based on the GS-scale.

SEC. 423. Except as otherwise provided in this Act or the explanatory statement accompanying this Act, the Departments and agencies funded in this Act shall not relocate an office or reduce personnel as a result of any nonvoluntary reduction-in-force, deferred resignation pro-

gram, use of administrative leave for purposes unrelated to misconduct, or other workforce restructuring, unless the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are notified 30 days before such changes are initiated.

SEC. 424. In the table of projects entitled ''Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending'' in the explanatory statement for division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75) described in section 4 in the matter preceding division A of such Act, the item relating to ''Supportive Housing for Adults with Disabilities'' is deemed to be amended by striking ''Our Place, Inc.'' and inserting ''Our Place NH''.

This Act may be cited as the ''Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2027''.