Public Law 94-378
94th Congress

An Act

Making appropriations for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent executive agencies, boards, bureaus, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and for other purposes.

Aug. 9, 1976
[H.R. 14233]

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 Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent executive agencies, boards, bureaus, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and for other purposes, namely:

Department of Housing and Urban Development—Independent Agencies Appropriation Act, 1977.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Housing Programs

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ASSISTED HOUSING

The additional amount of contracts for annual contributions, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by section 5 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437c), entered into after September 30, 1976, shall not exceed $675,000,000 including not more than $35,000,000 for the modernization of existing low-income housing projects, which amounts shall be in addition to balances of authorization heretofore made available for such contracts: *Provided*, That the total new budget authority obligated under such contracts entered into after September 30, 1976, shall not exceed $14,870,400,000, which amount shall not include budget authority obligated under balances of authorization heretofore made available: *Provided further*, That of the total herein provided, excluding funds for modernization, not more than $120,000,000 shall be used only for contracts for annual contributions to assist in financing the development or acquisition of low-income housing projects to be owned by public housing agencies other than under section 8 of the above Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount set forth in the second proviso, not more than $85,000,000 shall be used only for projects on which construction or substantial rehabilitation is commenced after the effective date of this Act except in the case of amendments to existing contracts: *Provided further*, That of the amount set forth in the second proviso, not less than 15 per centum shall be used only with respect to new construction in non-metropolitan areas.

42 USC 1437f.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED

The limitation on the aggregate loans that may be made under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, from the fund authorized by subsection (a)(4) of such section, is hereby established for the fiscal year 1977 at $750,000,000 in accordance with paragraph (C) of such subsection, which funds shall be available only to qualified nonprofit sponsors for the purpose of providing 100 per centum loans for the development of housing for the elderly or handicapped, with

12 USC 1701q.

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any cash equity or other financial commitments imposed as a condition of loan approval to be returned to the sponsor if sustaining occupancy is achieved in a reasonable period of time: *Provided*, That the full amount shall be available for permanent financing (including construction financing) for housing projects for the elderly or handicapped: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may borrow from the Secretary of the Treasury in such amounts as are necessary to provide the loans authorized herein.

HOUSING PAYMENTS

For the payment of annual contributions, not otherwise provided for, in accordance with section 5 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437c); for payments authorized by title IV of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1749 et seq.); for rent supplement payments authorized by section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701s); for payments as authorized by sections 235 and 236, of the National Housing Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1715z, 1715z-1); and for payments as authorized by section 802 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (88 Stat. 633), $2,975,000,000: *Provided*, That excess rental charges credited to the Secretary in accordance with section 236(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended, shall be available, in addition to amounts appropriated herein, for the payments on contracts entered into pursuant to the authorities enumerated above.

42 USC 1440.

PAYMENTS FOR OPERATION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROJECTS

For annual contributions to public housing agencies for the payment of operating subsidies for low-income housing projects as authorized by section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g), $575,600,000: *Provided*, That the aggregate amount of contracts for annual contributions entered into for such payments shall not exceed $575,600,000.

MOBILE HOME STANDARDS PROGRAM

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, to carry out the National Mobile Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401-5426), $1,000,000.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION FUND

For payment to cover losses, not otherwise provided for, sustained by the Special Risk Insurance Fund and the General Insurance Fund, $135,000,000, to remain available until expended, as authorized by the National Housing Act, as amended.

12 USC 1701.

HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not otherwise provided for, of providing counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners—both current and prospective—with respect to property maintenance, financial management, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions and meeting the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership, including provisions for training and for support of voluntary agencies and services as author-

ized by section 106(a)(1)(iii) and section 106(a)(2) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, $3,000,000. 12 USC 1701x.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

PAYMENT OF PARTICIPATION SALES INSUFFICIENCIES

For the payment of such insufficiencies as may be required by the Government National Mortgage Association, as trustee, on account of outstanding beneficial interests or participations in assets of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (including the Government National Mortgage Association) authorized by the Independent Offices and Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriation Act, 1968, to be issued pursuant to section 302 (c) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act, as amended, $21,265,000. 81 Stat. 341. 12 USC 1717.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

For contracts with and payments to States and units of general local government and for related expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for carrying out a community development grant program as authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, 88 Stat. 633), $3,148,000,000 of which $200,000,000 shall be used for the purposes stated in section 103(a)(2) of said Act except that not more than $100,000,000 of the amount so provided may be used for the purposes of section 106 (d)(1), to remain available until September 30, 1979. 42 USC 5301. 42 USC 5303. 42 USC 5306.

For grants to units of general local government for urgent community development needs pursuant to section 103(b) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, $100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1979.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GRANTS

For comprehensive planning grants as authorized by section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, as amended (40 U.S.C. 461), $62,500,000, to remain available until expended.

REHABILITATION LOAN FUND

For the revolving fund established pursuant to section 312 of the Housing Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1452b), $50,000,000, which amount shall be augmented by any previously appropriated funds which would otherwise become unavailable after August 22, 1976: *Provided*, That the aggregate amount of commitments for loans made from the fund for the fiscal year 1977 shall not exceed the total of loan repayments and other income available during such period, less operating costs, plus the aggregate amount provided herein.

FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

FLOOD INSURANCE

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for in carrying out the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. Chap. 50), $75,000,000. 42 USC 4001 note.

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, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying out the functions of the Secretary under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968, $55,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1978.

49 USC 1608 note.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

For necessary administrative and nonadministrative expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed $2,500 for official reception and representation expenses, $419,000,000, of which $223,630,000 shall be provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing Administration.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

DISASTER RELIEF

For expenses necessary to carry out the functions of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, as amended, the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, and Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1973, authorizing assistance to States and local governments, $100,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed 3 per centum of the foregoing amount shall be available for administrative expenses.

42 USC 4401 note.
42 USC 5121 note.
50 USC app. 2271 note.

TITLE II

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchase and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments, outside of the United States and its territories and possessions; not to exceed $70,000 for expenses of travel; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (two for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries when required by law of such countries; $5,824,000: *Provided*, That where station allowance has been authorized by the Department of the Army for officers of the Army serving the Army at certain foreign stations, the same allowance shall be authorized for officers of the Armed Forces assigned to the Commission while serving at the same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby

36 USC 121b.

made available for the payment of such allowance: *Provided further*, That when traveling on business of the Commission, officers of the Armed Forces serving as members or as secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commission: *Provided further*, That the Commission shall reimburse other Government agencies, including the Armed Forces, for salary, pay, and allowances of personnel assigned to it.

36 USC 122.

36 USC 122a.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, including rent in the District of Columbia and hire of passenger motor vehicles, services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS-18, and not to exceed $500 for official reception and representation, $39,000,000: *Provided*, That funds provided by this appropriation for laboratories shall be available only for the acquisition or conversion of existing laboratories.

5 USC 5332 note.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, of maintenance, operation, and improvement of the cemetery at the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and Arlington National Cemetery, $6,161,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That reimbursement shall be made to the applicable military appropriation for the pay and allowances of any military personnel performing services primarily for the purposes of this appropriation.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

AGENCY AND REGIONAL MANAGEMENT

For agency and regional management expenses, including official reception and representation expenses (not to exceed $2,500); hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS-18; purchase of reprints; library memberships in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; $73,000,000.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For research and development activities, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate of GS-18; purchase of reprints; library memberships in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; $259,900,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 1978.

ABATEMENT AND CONTROL

For abatement and control activities, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–18; purchase of reprints; library memberships in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; to remain available for obligation until September 30, 1978, $376,844,000 and for liquidation of obligations incurred in carrying out section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, $49,182,000, to remain available until expended.

5 USC 5332 note.

33 USC 1288.

ENFORCEMENT

For enforcement activities, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–18; purchase of reprints; library memberships in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; $56,561,000.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment of facilities of or used by the Environmental Protection Agency, $2,100,000, to remain available until expended.

CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

For liquidation of obligations incurred pursuant to authority contained in section 203 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, $3,800,000,000, to remain available until expended.

33 USC 1283.

For an additional amount for liquidation of obligations, "Construction grants", for the period July 1, through September 30, 1976, $200,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For payment of reimbursement claims pursuant to section 206(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, $200,000,000, to remain available until expended.

33 USC 1286.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS (SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM)

For payments in foreign currencies which the Treasury Department determines to be excess to the normal requirements of the United States, for necessary expenses of the Environmental Protection Agency in the conduct of scientific activities overseas in connection with environmental pollution, as authorized by law, $5,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available in addition to other appropriations to such Agency, for payments in the foregoing currencies.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Transfer of funds.

Not to exceed 7 per centum of any appropriation made available to the Environmental Protection Agency by this Act (except appropria-

tions for "Construction Grants") may be transferred to any other such appropriation.

No part of any budget authority made available to the Environmental Protection Agency by this Act or for the fiscal year 1976 and the period ending September 30, 1976, shall be used for any grant to cover in excess of 75 per centum of the total cost of the purposes to be carried out by such grant made pursuant to the authority contained in section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500). 33 USC 1288.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For expenses necessary for the Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Environmental Quality, in carrying out their functions under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) and the National Environmental Improvement Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-224), including official reception and representation expenses (not to exceed $1,000), hire of passenger vehicles, and support of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality, $2,800,000. 42 USC 4321 note. 42 USC 4371 note.

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Office of Science and Technology Policy, including hire of passenger motor vehicles and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, $2,300,000.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER

For necessary expenses of the Consumer Information Center, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, $1,073,000.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Consumer Affairs, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, $1,581,000.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, including research, development, operations, services, minor construction, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and modification of real and personal property; tracking and data relay satellite services as authorized by law; and purchase, hire, maintenance, and operation of other than administrative aircraft, necessary for the conduct and support of aeronautical and space research and development activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, $2,761,425,000, to remain available until expended.

CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES

For construction, rehabilitation and modification of facilities, minor construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, and for facility planning and design not otherwise provided, for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for the acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law, $118,090,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 1979: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of funds appropriated under this head by this appropriation Act, when any activity has been initiated by the incurrence of obligations therefor, the amount available for such activity shall remain available until expended, except that this provision shall not apply to the amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization for rehabilitation and modification of facilities, minor construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, and facility planning and design.

RESEARCH AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

For necessary expenses of research in Government laboratories, management of programs and other activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902); awards; hire, maintenance and operation of administrative aircraft; purchase (not to exceed nineteen for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and maintenance and repair of real and personal property, and not in excess of $25,000 per project for construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, and not in excess of $50,000 per project for rehabilitation and modification of facilities; $813,000,000: *Provided*, That contracts may be entered into under this appropriation for maintenance and operation of facilities, and for other services, to be provided during the next fiscal year: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $35,000 of the foregoing amount shall be available for scientific consultations or extraordinary expense, to be expended upon the approval or authority of the Administrator and his determination shall be final and conclusive.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

For expenses necessary to carry out the purposes of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), title IX of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 (42 U.S.C. 1876–1879), and the Act to establish a National Medal of Science (42 U.S.C. 1880–1881); services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; maintenance and operation of aircraft and purchase of flight services for research support; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed $5,000 for official reception and representation expenses; not to exceed $43,500,000 for program development and management; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902); rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; $710,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1978: *Provided*, That receipts for scientific support services and materials furnished by the National Research Centers may be credited to this appropriation: *Provided further*, That if an institution of higher edu-

Funds to campus disrupters, prohibition.

cation receiving funds hereunder determines after affording notice and opportunity for hearing to an individual attending, or employed by, such institution, that such individual has, after the date of enactment of this Act, willfully refused to obey a lawful regulation or order of such institution and that such refusal was of a serious nature and contributed to the disruption of the administration of such institution, then the institution shall deny any further payment to, or for the benefit of, such individual: *Provided further*, That of the foregoing amounts, funds available to meet minima authorized by any other Act shall be available only to the extent such funds are not in excess of amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That unless otherwise specified by this appropriation, the ratio of amounts made available under this Act for a program or minima to the amounts specified for a program or minima in any other Act, for the activity for which the limitation applies, shall not exceed the ratio that the total funds appropriated in this Act bear to the total funds authorized in such Act, for the activity for which the limitation applies.

SCIENCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

For expenses necessary to carry out science education programs and activities pursuant to the purposes of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), including award of graduate fellowships, services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, and including $3,000,000 for pre-college science teacher training seminars and $1,000,000 for advanced teacher workshops, $59,000,000: *Provided further*, That of the foregoing amounts, funds available to meet minima authorized by any other Act shall be available only to the extent such funds are not in excess of amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That unless otherwise specified by this appropriation, the ratio of amounts made available under this Act for a program or minima to the amounts specified for a program or minima in any other Act, for the activity for which the limitation applies, shall not exceed the ratio that the total funds appropriated in this Act bear to the total funds authorized in such Act, for the activity for which the limitation applies.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES (SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM)

For payments in foreign currencies which the Treasury Department determines to be excess to the normal requirements of the United States, for scientific activities, as authorized by law, $4,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 1978: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available in addition to other appropriations to the National Science Foundation, for payments in the foregoing currencies.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Selective Service System, including expenses of attendance at meetings and of training for uniformed personnel assigned to the Selective Service System, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 4101–4118) for civilian employees; and not to exceed $1,000 for official reception and representation expenses; $6,800,000: *Provided*, That during the current fiscal year, the President may

31 USC 665.

exempt this appropriation from the provisions of subsection (c) of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, whenever he deems such action to be necessary in the interest of national defense: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for or in connection with the induction of any person into the Armed Forces of the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL FINANCING FUND, ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

31 USC 1501 note.

For necessary expenses in carrying out the administration of Public Law 94-143, $1,250,000.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

For the payment of compensation, pensions, gratuities, and allowances, including burial awards, plot allowances, burial flags, headstones and grave markers, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, and other benefits as authorized by law; and for payment of amounts of compromises or settlements under 28 U.S.C. 2677 of tort claims potentially subject to the offset provisions of 38 U.S.C. 351, and for payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of article IV of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, $8,153,400,000, to remain available until expended.

50 USC app., note prec. 540.

TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES

The unexpended balances remaining in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Fund on September 30, 1976, shall be transferred to the "Compensation and pensions" account.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. chapters 21, 31, and 33-39), $4,873,000,000, to remain available until expended, and on June 1, 1977, the foregoing amount shall be reduced by $60,000,000 and funds under this appropriation shall be available for payment only at the end or after the end of a month in which entitlement for payment is earned, but advance payments may be provided when requested.

38 USC 801 *et seq.*, 1501 *et seq.*, 1601 *et seq.*, 1651 *et seq.*, 1701 *et seq.*, 1770 *et seq.*, 1801 *et seq.*, 1901 *et seq.*

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen's indemnities, and service-disabled veterans insurance, $7,000,000, to remain available until expended.

MEDICAL CARE

For expenses necessary for the maintenance and operation of hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliary facilities; for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration, including care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration, and furnishing recreational facilities, supplies and

equipment; funeral, burial and other expenses incidental thereto for beneficiaries receiving care in Veterans Administration facilities; repairing, altering, improving or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and purchase of materials; uniforms or allowance therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902); and aid to State homes as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 641); $4,218,032,000, plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That allotments and transfers may be made from this appropriation to the Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Army, Navy, and Air Force of the Department of Defense, for disbursements by them under the various headings of their applicable appropriations, of such amounts as are necessary for the care and treatment of beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

For expenses necessary for carrying out programs of medical and prosthetic research and development, as authorized by law, to remain available until expended, $101,633,000, plus reimbursements.

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for administration of the medical, hospital, domiciliary, construction and supply, research, employee education and training activities, as authorized by law, and for carrying out the provisions of section 5055, title 38, United States Code, relating to pilot programs and grants for exchange of medical information, $39,941,000, plus reimbursements.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans Administration, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by law; not to exceed $2,500 for official reception and representation expenses; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law, purchase of ten passenger motor vehicles, for use in cemeterial operations, and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; $508,383,000.

CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITAL AND DOMICILIARY FACILITIES
TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES

The unexpended balances in this account are transferred to the accounts under the heads "Construction, major projects" and "Construction, minor projects" as appropriate.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Veterans Administration, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 1004, 1006, 5001, 5002 and 5004 of title 38, United States Code, including planning, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is $1,000,000 or more, $405,681,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That $5,800,000 shall be available

for construction of a research and education facility at Dallas, Texas; $10,000,000 for construction of facilities on government-owned land for a TARGET data processing center; $534,000 for design of nursing home care facilities at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; $500,000 for design of a new blind rehabilitation center and eye, ear, nose and throat clinic at Birmingham, Alabama; $3,500,000 for the design of a clinical and ambulatory care addition and renovation of existing areas at the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Veterans Administration Hospital; and $460,000 for the design of a new clinical building at the Mountain Home, Tennessee, Veterans Administration Hospital: *Provided further*, That none of these funds shall be used for any project which has not been considered and approved by the Congress in the budgetary process.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Veterans Administration, including planning, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 1004, 1006, 5001, 5002 and 5004 of title 38, United States Code, where the estimated cost of a project is less than $1,000,000, and for necessary expenses of the Office of Construction, $92,001,000, to remain available until expended.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

For grants to assist the several States to construct State nursing home facilities and to remodel, modify or alter existing hospital and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care to veterans, as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 644 and 5031-5037), $10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1979.

ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH MANPOWER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

For pilot programs for assistance in the establishment of new State medical schools, grants to affiliated medical schools, assistance to public and nonprofit institutions of higher learning, hospitals and other health manpower institutions affiliated with the Veterans Administration to increase the production of professional and other health personnel, and for expansion of Veterans Administration hospital education and training capacity as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 82, $35,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1983.

38 USC 5070 *et seq.*

GRANTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

For payment to the Republic of the Philippines of grants as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 631-634), $2,100,000, of which $50,000 for hospital equipment, plant, and facilities rehabilitation grants shall remain available until expended.

LOAN GUARANTY REVOLVING FUND

During the current fiscal year, the Loan guaranty revolving fund shall be available for expenses, but not to exceed $550,000,000, for property acquisitions, payment of participation sales insufficiencies, and other loan guaranty and insurance operations under chapter 37, title 38, United States Code, except administrative expenses, as authorized by section 1824 of such title: *Provided*, That the unobligated balances including retained earnings of the Direct loan revolving fund

38 USC 1801 *et seq.*

shall be available, during the current fiscal year, for transfer to the Loan guaranty revolving fund in such amounts as may be necessary to provide for the timely payment of obligations of such fund and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs shall not be required to pay interest on amounts so transferred after the time of such transfer.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Transfer of funds.

Not to exceed 5 per centum of any appropriation for the current fiscal year for "Compensation and pensions", "Readjustment benefits", and "Veterans insurance and indemnities" may be transferred to any other of the mentioned appropriations, but not to exceed 10 per centum of the appropriations so augmented.

Appropriations available to the Veterans Administration for the current fiscal year for salaries and expenses shall be available for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

No part of the appropriations in this Act for the Veterans Administration (except the appropriations for "Construction, major projects" and "Construction, minor projects") shall be available for the purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any new hospital or home.

No part of the foregoing appropriations shall be available for hospitalization or examination of any persons except beneficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits to veterans, unless reimbursement of cost is made to the appropriation at such rates as may be fixed by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

TITLE III

CORPORATIONS

The following corporations and agencies, respectively, are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for such corporation or agency except as hereinafter provided.

31 USC 849.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND NONADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD

Not to exceed a total of $17,100,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which may procure services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, and contracts for such services with one organization may be renewed annually, and uniforms or allowances therefor in accordance with law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902), and said amount shall be derived from funds available to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, including those in the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, revolving fund and receipts of the Board for the current fiscal year and prior fiscal years, and the Board may utilize and may make payment for services and facilities of the Federal home loan banks, the Federal Reserve banks, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the Federal Home Loan

Mortgage Corporation, and other agencies of the Government (including payment for office space): *Provided*, That all necessary expenses in connection with the conservatorship or liquidation of institutions insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, liquidation or handling of assets of or derived from such insured institutions, payment of insurance, and action for or toward the avoidance, termination, or minimizing of losses in the case of such insured institutions, or activities relating to section 5A(f) or 6(i) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, section 5(d) of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, section 12(i) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or section 406(c), 407, or 408 of the National Housing Act and all necessary expenses (including services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the handling, including the purchase, sale, and exchange, of securities on behalf of Federal home loan banks, and the sale, issuance, and retirement of, or payment of interest on, debentures or bonds, under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, as amended, shall be considered as non-administrative expenses for the purposes hereof: *Provided further*, That members and alternates of the Federal Savings and Loan Advisory Council shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Board as approved by the Board for transportation expenses incurred in attendance at meetings of or concerned with the work of such Council and may be paid in lieu of subsistence per diem not to exceed the dollar amount set forth in 5 U.S.C. 5703(d)(1): *Provided further*, That expenses of any functions of supervision (except of Federal home loan banks) vested in or exercisable by the Board shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses: *Provided further*, That not to exceed $1,000 shall be available for official reception and representation expenses: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, except for the limitation in amount hereinbefore specified, the administrative expenses and other obligations of the Board shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act of July 22, 1932, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1421–1449): *Provided further*, That the nonadministrative expenses (except such part as the Board determines not to be field expense, which part shall be treated as if expenses of supervision and examination were not as such excluded from administrative expense, and except those included in the first proviso hereof) for the supervision and examination of Federal and State chartered institutions (other than special examinations determined by the Board to be necessary) shall not exceed $23,620,000.

12 USC 1425a, 1426.
12 USC 1464.
15 USC 78*l*.
12 USC 1729–1730a.
12 USC 1421.
12 USC 1428a note.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN INSURANCE CORPORATION

Not to exceed $875,000 shall be available for administrative expenses, which shall be on an accrual basis and shall be exclusive of interest paid, depreciation, properly capitalized expenditures, expenses in connection with liquidation of insured institutions or activities relating to section 406(c), 407, or 408 of the National Housing Act, liquidation or handling of assets of or derived from insured institutions, payment of insurance, and action for or toward the avoidance, termination, or minimizing of losses in the case of insured institutions, legal fees and expenses and payments for expenses of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board determined by said Board to be properly allocable to said Corporation, and said Corporation may utilize and may make payments for services and facilities of the Fed-

12 USC 1729–1730a.

eral home loan banks, the Federal Reserve banks, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and other agencies of the Government: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, except for the limitation in amount hereinbefore specified, the administrative expenses and other obligations of said Corporation shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with title IV of the Act of June 27, 1934, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1724–1730b).

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Travel expenses.

SEC. 401. Where appropriations in titles I and II of this Act are expendable for travel expenses of employees and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures for such travel expenses may not exceed ten per centum above the amounts set forth therefor in the budget estimates submitted for the appropriations: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to travel performed by uncompensated officials of local boards and appeal boards of the Selective Service System; to travel performed directly in connection with care and treatment of medical beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration; or to payments to interagency motor pools where separately set forth in the budget schedules: *Provided further*, That the limitations may be increased by the Secretary when necessary to allow for travel performed by employees of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as a result of increased Federal Housing Administration inspection and appraisal workload.

Uniforms.

SEC. 402. Appropriations and funds available for the administrative expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Selective Service System shall be available in the current fiscal year for purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902); hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

Legal and banking services. 31 USC 841 note. 12 USC 1749a.

SEC. 403. 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 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. 1811–1831).

Research projects.

SEC. 404. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used for payment, through grants or contracts, to recipients that do not share in the cost of conducting research resulting from proposals for projects not specifically solicited by the Government: *Provided*, That the extent of cost sharing by the recipient shall reflect the mutuality of interest of the grantee or contractor and the Government in the research.

Fiscal year limitation.

SEC. 405. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 406. No part of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to administer or promulgate, directly or indirectly, any program to tax, limit or otherwise regulate parking that is not specifically required pursuant to subsequent legislation.

SEC. 407. None of the funds provided by this Act shall be used to deny or fail to act upon, on the basis of noise contours set forth in an Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Map, an otherwise acceptable application for Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance in connection with contruction in an area zoned for residential use in Merced County, California.

SEC. 408. No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended—

(1) pursuant to a certification of an officer or employee of the United States unless—

(A) such certification is accompanied by, or is part of, a voucher or abstract which describes the payee or payees and the items or services for which such expenditure is being made, or

(B) the expenditure of funds pursuant to such certification, and without such a voucher or abstract, is specifically authorized by law; and

Audit.

(2) unless such expenditure is subject to audit by the General Accounting Office or is specifically exempt by law from such an audit.

Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Housing and Urban Development—Independent Agencies Appropriation Act, 1977".

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