

# NAHMA Grassroots Advocacy Alert: Urge Lawmakers to Provide Full Funding for Affordable Housing in FY 2017

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### Grassroots Action Alert

Dear NAHMA Member,

NAHMA is requesting your participation in a crucial effort to ensure adequate funding for affordable housing programs in 2017. Congress will soon begin preparing the appropriation bills for fiscal year (FY) 2017 for all federal programs, including affordable housing programs. We are asking for your assistance in urging lawmakers to provide funding to the Senate and House Subcommittees on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) and Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies that will adequately renew all rental assistance contracts and fully fund all affordable housing programs for FY 2017.

#### **Suggested Talking Points for your Grassroots Advocacy:**

- Full Funding for All HUD Affordable Housing Programs –
  - Fund 12-month Project-Based Rental Assistance renewals at least \$10.8 billion
  - Fund the renewal of Housing Choice Vouchers at \$21 billion
  - Housing for the Elderly (Section 202) at \$505 million
  - Supportive Housing for Person with Disabilities (Section 811) at \$154
  - HOME program by providing an FY 2017 appropriation of at least \$1.2 billion
- Fully Fund USDA, Rural Development Programs
  - Fund Section 521, Rural Rental Assistance, at \$1.4 billion to renew all rental assistance contracts for FY2017
  - Fund Section 515, Multifamily Mortgage program, at \$33 million
  - Fund Multifamily Revitalization Program and Rural Housing Vouchers, at \$37 million

For information on contacting your Congressional Representatives please visit:

- Senators: [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)
- U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

**Please note that participating in a NAHMA request for communication with your Congressional representatives will not cause you to be considered a Lobbyist under federal guidelines. The definition for Lobbyist under federal guidelines is as follows, and all three conditions must be met:**

Lobbyist: Any individual (1) who is either employed or retained by a client for financial or other compensation (2) whose services include more than one lobbying contact; and (3) whose “lobbying activities” constitute 20 percent or more of his or her services on behalf of that client during any three month period.

To learn more about federal guidelines in lobbying and the role of the AHMAs in the advocacy process, please read this report:

[NAHMA Grassroots Advocacy: AHMA 501\(c\)3 Organizations and Their Role in Advocacy](#)

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