



NEWS UPDATE 12-16-2009

Update on National Housing Trust Fund – Legislative Action House Puts NHTF in Jobs Bill; Senate Still Needs to Act

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The House of Representatives is expected to take up the Jobs for Main Street Act, 2010 (H.R. 2847) today, a \$75 billion bill that includes \$1 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund and \$65 million for project-based vouchers to be distributed along with NHTF dollars. The Jobs for Main Street Act would be paid for with unused TARP funds. Please make sure your Representative knows that you want him or her to support this bill. (The DOD appropriations bill, which had been a potential NHTF vehicle, is moving separately).

→ Complete Article:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/12-16-09%20NHTF%20Update.htm>

Congress Passes FY 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Congress has passed the conference report for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (HR 3288), an omnibus spending package that provides FY 2010 funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Fund, among other agencies. The bill passed the House by a vote of 221-202 on December 10 and the Senate by a vote of 57-35 on December 13. President Obama is expected to sign the spending package before the current continuing resolution expires on December 18.

The bill provides about \$46 billion in discretionary funding for HUD, including \$18.2 billion for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and \$8.6 billion for the Section 8 project-based rental assistance program. The bill funds both HOPE VI (\$200 million) and the new [Choice Neighborhoods Initiative](#) (as a \$65 million set-aside within the HOPE VI account). Additionally, for the CDFI Fund, \$107 million is appropriated for CDFI Program Financial Institutions and Technical Assistance, and \$80 million for the newly established Capital Investment Fund. To view a detailed budget breakdown and comparison, see [Congress's FY 2010 Budget Chart](#).

Visit the Library of Congress website for [further information](#) on the Continuing Resolution.

If you are interested in a local collaborative Criminal Justice Alternative Program, please contact me regarding the Pierce County Criminal Justice Task Force... or the Domestic Minor Offender Work Group. connie@affordablehousingconsortium.org

Congress Approves Appropriations for Key Criminal Justice Programs

York—The House and Senate have passed an omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 3288) for the remainder of fiscal year 2010 that includes funding for the Department of Justice, Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill provides \$114 million to the Department of Justice for prisoner reentry, including \$14 million for reentry initiatives in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and \$100 million for Second Chance programs, including

\$37 million for reentry demonstration projects under Sec. 101 of the Second Chance Act

\$15 million for mentoring grants to nonprofit organizations under Sec. 211

\$10 million for reentry courts under Sec. 111

\$7.5 million for family-based substance abuse treatment under Sec. 113

\$2.5 million for grants to evaluate and improve education in prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities under Sec. 114

\$5 million for technology careers training demonstration grants under Sec. 115

\$13 million for reentry substance abuse and criminal justice collaboration under Sec. 201

\$10 million for reentry research under Sec. 245

The omnibus bill also provides \$108,493,000 to the Department of Labor for ex-offender activities under the Second Chance Act and the Workforce Investment Act, including \$15 million for a transitional jobs grant program. The bill also includes funding for the following programs:

\$12 million for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act

\$10 million for a justice reinvestment grant program, which will provide technical assistance, incentive grants, and other activities in support of comprehensive, evidence-based criminal justice reform and recidivism-reduction efforts by states

\$519 million for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

\$40 million for the Byrne Competitive Grant Program

\$45 million for drug courts

\$330 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

\$30 million for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)

\$1.7986 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant

\$202.2 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

\$454.63 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, including \$67.6

million for programs in CSAT's Criminal Justice portfolio

\$1.0598 billion for the National Institute on Drug Abuse

\$1.4894 billion for the National Institute of Mental Health

\$462.35 million for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

For more information on the Second Chance Act and its grantees, please visit the [National](#)

[Reentry Resource Center](#) website or the [Reentry Policy Council](#). For more information about the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act, click [here](#). For more information about Justice Reinvestment, click [here](#).

Outstanding announcement for Emergency Food and Shelter Programs

Pierce County local board of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program is accepting applications for 2009. Pierce County may receive up to \$551,000 funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county for 2010. Associated Ministries has released a press release. "If you provide such services, you should consider making an application." For more information: <http://affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/12-11-2009/EFSP%20funding%20announcement%20.doc>

BE THE DATE! Regional Community Land Trust Conference Portland OR - April 28-30, 2010

In an effort to make the first formal Northwest Regional CLT conference as effective and successful as possible the organizers are seeking your input. Please fill out this survey to help the conference meet your needs and exceed your expectations. Please forward this request to staff members, board members, homeowners, lender/real estate partners, or anyone else you think might be interested in attending the conference or from whom you think input would be valuable.

You can access the survey by clicking on the link below. **Please complete it by January 5th.**
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J6LFK6B>

You can also contact Erika Malone directly with any ideas regarding format or other ideas about the conference (or the survey): erikamalone@nwcltc.org

UPDATING CALENDAR: <http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/index.php/Calendar/>

