

## **Emergency and Transitional Housing Funding Restored**

### **HUD Budget with Mostly Cuts Signed into Law**

Congress has approved the fiscal year 2012 federal budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and a few other agencies, including the Department of Agriculture. The budget was signed into law by President Obama on November 18 along with a continuing resolution to fund other parts of the government.

According to the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#), the FY12 budget provides \$37.3 billion in new spending authority for HUD—\$3.8 billion (9.2%) below last year's budget less than any HUD budget since 2003 in inflation-adjusted terms.

Among the hardest hit were funding for public housing capital repairs, the production of new affordable housing under HOME and the housing programs for the elderly and people with disabilities.

A few of the less negative results included:

Funding for the renewal of Housing Choice Vouchers was slightly increased during final negotiations, although the budget still does not provide enough resources to guarantee renewal of all vouchers if reserve funds prove inadequate.

Homeless Assistance Grants are level-funded at the FY11 level of \$1.9 billion. This should allow for renewal of all existing projects and for a small amount of money to be available for the new Emergency Solutions Grant Program, which is focused on homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing activities.

Housing Counseling program is partially restored to \$45 million after all funding for counseling was cut in FY11. Funding in FY10 was \$87.5 million. [Click here to read the budget charts from the National Low Income Housing Coalition.](#)