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Dear Colleagues,

As Chairman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee, I've heard from many of you in recent weeks about the pressures facing your communities and local stakeholders as they respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Homeless services providers, public housing authorities, and other housing providers are on the frontlines ensuring that vulnerable populations are protected. States and local governments need to replenish dwindling funds to provide additional public services. Transportation systems—including cash-strapped transit agencies—must also continue to provide service so that our health care workers and first responders can get to work. Across the country, the need for more resources to mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus are abundantly clear and growing by the day.

After intense negotiations, the Senate has released an emergency appropriations proposal based on bipartisan, bicameral negotiations. While the package doesn't include everything we had hoped for—as reflected in our comprehensive House relief package—it makes \$48.5 billion in critical investments for transportation and housing programs that will help our communities address this crisis in the weeks and months to come.

Below, you can find a detailed breakdown of funding within the THUD subcommittee's jurisdiction. I hope you and your staffs will find this helpful as you review the legislation.

Sincerely,

DAVID PRICE

Chairman

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

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Title XII – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Department of Transportation (DOT)

DOT Operations – \$31.3 million in budgetary resources to support activities by the Office of the Secretary, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Maritime Administration to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Funding would support increased needs for telework and information technology, inspection equipment, and preparing and equipping the National Defense Reserve Fleet, Ready Reserve Fleet, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and State Maritime Academies.

Aviation and Airport Worker Relief – To keep airport workers safe and employed, \$10 billion in grants to airports and \$56 million in grants to maintain a minimal level of scheduled air service to small communities. Hub airports that receive funding must continue to employ 90 percent of their workers as of the day of the bill’s enactment until the end of the calendar year.

Essential Air Service

\$56 million, grantees are air carriers, these are additional costs for existing contracts

Grants in aid to Airports

\$10 billion total, grantees are airports, awarded via formula, 100% Federal share

1. \$500 million to waive the local cost share for funds provided in FY 2020
2. \$7.4 billion
 - a. 50% awarded via formula based on share of enplanements
 - b. 50% awarded via formula based on share of debt service
3. \$2 billion awarded based on double the AIP apportionment in FY 2020
4. \$100 million awarded to general aviation airports (these airports are not funded in 2.)

Amtrak – \$1.018 billion to support Amtrak’s ability to operate passenger rail service on Northeast Corridor, state-supported, and long-distance routes, and to protect Amtrak workers. This includes \$239 million to assist States in making FAST Act required payments to Amtrak for state-supported routes.

Northeast Corridor Grants

\$492 million, grantee is Amtrak, awarded via grant agreement

National Network

\$526 million, grantee is Amtrak, awarded via grant agreement
\$239 million to cover the cost of State-supported routes



Transit – \$25 billion for grants to transit agencies nationwide for operating expenses of those agencies to ensure continued operation of transit services. Also eliminates any requirement that that transit agencies use their own funds to receive federal assistance and maintains key worker protections.

Transit Infrastructure Grants

\$25 billion, grantees are transit agencies, awarded via formula, 100% Federal share. Formula is based on the FY 2020 allocations for:

- a. Urbanized Area Formula Grants (5307)
- b. Nonurbanized Area Formula Grants (5311)
- c. State of Good Repair (5337)
- d. High Density and Growing States (5340)

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Management and Administration – \$50 million to support activities by the Administrative Support Offices and Program Offices to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Funding would also support program administration and oversight for the \$12.4 billion in emergency assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments and housing authorities through this Act.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance – \$1.25 billion to allow public housing agencies (PHAs) to respond to coronavirus and the ability to keep over 2.2 million families stably housed even when facing a loss of income. Allows PHAs the flexibility necessary for the safe and effective administration of these funds while maintaining fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environmental protections.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

\$1.25 billion, grantees are housing authorities.

1. \$850 million for Administrative fees, awarded via 2020 formula (Admin fees can be used for housing payments and cleaning)
2. \$400 million for PHA shortfall prevention, awarded via application

Public Housing Operating Fund – \$685 million for PHAs to carry out coronavirus response for the operation and management of almost 1 million public housing units. Allows PHAs the flexibility necessary for the safe and effective administration of these funds while maintaining fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environmental protections.

Public Housing Operating Fund

\$685 million, grantees are housing authorities, awarded via 2020 formula. Allows funds to be used for PH Capital Fund.

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Native American Programs – \$300 million to help Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities prevent, respond to, and prepare for coronavirus. This includes not less than \$200 million in formula funding through the Native American Housing Block Grants program and up to \$100 million in imminent threat grants through the Indian Community Development Block Grant program.

Native American Programs

\$300 million total:

1. \$200 million for Native American Housing Block Grants, grantees are Tribally designated housing entities, awarded via 2020 formula
2. \$100 million for Indian CDBG, grantees are Tribal governments, awarded via application

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS – \$65 million to maintain operations, rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions to mitigate the impact of coronavirus on low-income persons with HIV/AIDS.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

\$65 million total:

1. \$50 million for formula grants, grantees are housing providers, awarded via 2020 formula
2. \$10 million for one-time shortfall prevention, grantees are housing providers, awarded via application

Community Development Block Grant – \$5 billion for coronavirus response and to mitigate the impacts in our communities. The legislation also waives the public services cap to allow communities to respond to the impacts of the pandemic by providing an increased share of funding for health services, education programs, crime prevention and public safety, and services for the homeless and seniors.

Community Development Block Grant

\$5 billion total, grantees are States and units of local government, awarded via formula

1. \$2 billion, grantees are States, entitlement cities (pop. 50,000+) and urban counties (pop. 250,000+), via the 2020 CDBG formula, within 30 days
 - a. 70% (\$1.4B) goes to entitlement cities and urban counties
 - b. 30% (\$0.6B) goes to States to use in areas of the State that aren't in (a).
2. \$1 billion, grantees are States to use in any area of that State (both (a) and (b) above), via a new formula based on need, within 45 days
3. \$2 billion, grantees are States, entitlement cities and urban counties, allocated on a rolling basis based on needs and COVID-19 impact (to address "Hotspots")

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Homeless Assistance Grants – \$4 billion for Emergency Solutions Grants to address the impact of coronavirus among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and diversion activities to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic.

Homeless Assistance Grants

\$4 billion total, grantees are States and units of local government, awarded via formula

1. \$2 billion, awarded via 2020 formula within 30 days
2. \$2 billion, awarded via new formula based on need and COVID-19 impact, allocated on a rolling basis

Project-Based Rental Assistance – \$1 billion to ensure there is no loss of housing for low-income individuals and families living in project-based rental assistance properties who may experience economic hardship as a result of coronavirus, and to ensure housing providers can take the necessary actions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the pandemic.

Project-Based Rental Assistance

\$1 billion, grantees are property owners or sponsors, awarded via contract modification or grant

Housing for the Elderly – \$50 million to maintain operations at properties providing affordable housing for low-income seniors and to ensure housing providers can take the necessary actions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. To ensure access to supportive services for this vulnerable population, this includes up to \$10 million for service coordinators and the continuation of existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted housing projects.

Housing for the Elderly

\$50 million, grantees are property owners or sponsors, awarded via contract modification or grant

Housing for Persons with Disabilities – \$15 million to maintain operations at properties providing affordable housing for low-income persons with disabilities, and to ensure housing providers can take the necessary actions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Housing for Persons with Disabilities

\$15 million, grantees are property owners or sponsors, awarded via contract modification or grant

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity – \$2.5 million to address fair housing issues resulting from coronavirus. This includes \$1.5 million for the Fair Housing Assistance Program and \$1 million for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program.

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Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

\$2.5 million, total

1. \$1.5 million, grantees are States, awarded via application
2. \$1 million, grantees are fair housing organizations, awarded via application

DOT and HUD Oversight

Inspectors General – \$10 million total for the DOT and HUD Inspectors General to conduct audits and investigations to ensure transparency and efficiency within the agencies as they prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

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