



**Policy Brief..... Conference Report -- FY 2002 VA /  
HUD Appropriations**

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

*Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars*

	<b>FY '01 Enacted</b>	<b>FY '02 Request</b>	<b>FY '02 House Bill</b>	<b>FY '02 Senate Bill</b>	<b>FY '02 Conference</b>
Appropriations	79,158	83,363	84,134	84,043	83,934
Emergency Spending	3,300	0	1,300	2,000	1,500
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>82,458</b>	<b>83,363</b>	<b>85,434</b>	<b>86,043</b>	<b>85,434</b>
<i>Advance Approps</i>	<i>4,200</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,200</i>	<i>4,200</i>	<i>4,200</i>

**Excluding emergency spending, the Conference Report is:**

- **\$4.776 billion or 6.0% above last year;**
- **\$571 million or 0.7% above the President's request;**
- **\$200 million or 0.2% below the House passed bill; and**
- **\$109 million or 0.1% below the Senate passed bill.**

**Including emergency spending, the Conference Report is:**

- **\$2.976 billion or 3.6% above last year;**
- **\$2.071 billion or 2.5% above the President's request;**
- **equal to the House passed bill; and**
- **\$609 million or 0.7% below the Senate passed bill.**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The Conference Committee increased the rescission of previously appropriated Section 8 Housing funds by \$314 million over the House proposed rescission and \$585 million over the Senate proposed rescission. **Since this rescission scores as an offset against other spending, increasing the rescission allowed the Conferees to increase spending in other areas without increasing overall spending.**

**If it were not for this increased offset, the Conference Report would be higher than both the House and Senate passed bills.**

## **LANGUAGE OF NOTE:**

**Public Housing Community Service Requirements:** The Conference Report prohibits funds from being used to enforce the community service requirement in current law for residents of public housing projects. Current law requires 8 hours of service per month or enrollment in an economic self-sufficiency program.

**Minority Emergency Preparedness Demonstration Program:** The Conference Report requires FEMA to create a minority emergency preparedness demonstration program to research and promote the capacity of minority communities to provide data, information, and awareness education. The program will be carried out by non-profit groups and is authorized at \$1.5 million for FY 2002 and such sums for each fiscal year through FY 2007.

**Arsenic Standards:** The bill retains language proposed by Democrats in the House to prohibit the use of funds to delay the implementation of new arsenic standards for water. This is now moot, since the EPA Administrator has proceeded with the old Clinton regulations.

**Pesticide Fees:** The Conference Report prohibits the use of funds by the EPA to implement a pesticide registration fee as previously promulgated.

**Downpayment Assistance Initiative:** The bill provides \$50 million for President Bush's downpayment assistance initiative, subject to enactment of authorizing legislation.

**Mortgage Insurance Expansion:** The Conference Report raises the limit on the size of mortgages that may be insured under the mortgage insurance program by 25%.

**Review of Mortgagee Performance:** Requires an annual review of defaults under the single-family mortgage insurance program for mortgages originated from each mortgagee. Permits the Secretary to terminate the ability of mortgagee's to originate single-family mortgages if the mortgagee presents an unacceptable risk to insurance funds.

**Make Permanent Program for Grants for Homeownership Counseling Organizations:** The Conference Report repeals a provision of current law terminating this grant program.

## **PROGRAM TERMINATIONS:**

The bill eliminates separate funding for:

- Drug Elimination grants for Low-Income Housing (The President proposed eliminating this separate program)

## **EARMARKS:**

Earmarks under the Community Development Block Grant Program alone take up over 35 pages in the Conference Report. Funded projects range from civic centers, to zoos and parks, to private museums and buildings, to festivals. Many of these earmarks will appear in "pork" lists generated by outside groups.

# FUNDING SUMMARIES:

*Dollars in Thousands*

	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Request	FY 2002 House	FY 2002 Senate	FY 2002 Conference	Conf Vs Last Yr	Conf Vs Request
<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>	22,426	23,377	24,046	23,830	23,826	6.24%	1.92%
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	28,476	30,581	29,980	31,014	30,148	5.87%	-1.42%
<b>Independent Agencies</b>	31,919	29,405	31,408	31,198	31,459	-1.44%	6.99%

*Dollars in Thousands*

	Enacted	FY 2002 Request	FY 2002 House	FY 2002 Senate	FY 2002 Conference	Conf Vs Last Yr	Conf Vs Request
<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>							
Veterans Benefit Administration (non-mandatory).....	163,237	164,452	165,452	165,452	165,452	1.36%	0.61%
VA Medical Care.....	19,381,587	20,304,742	20,382,587	20,704,742	20,656,164	6.58%	1.73%
Medical and Prosthetic Research.....	351,000	360,237	371,000	390,000	371,000	5.70%	2.99%
VA General Operating Expenses.....	1,050,000	1,194,831	1,195,728	1,194,831	1,195,728	13.88%	0.08%
Grants for State Extended Care Facilities.....	100,000	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.00%	100.00%
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>							
Housing Certificate Fund (direct appropriation).....	9,740,907	15,717,392	11,494,242	11,458,769	11,440,975	17.45%	-27.21%
Housing Certificate Fund (advance appropriation).....	4,200,000	0	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	0.00%	
Drug Elimination Grants for Low -Income Housing.....	310,000	0	0	300,000	0	-100.00%	
HOPE VI.....	575,000	573,735	573,735	573,735	573,735	-0.22%	0.00%
Housing for People With AIDS.....	258,000	277,432	277,432	277,432	277,432	7.53%	0.00%
Rural Housing & Economic Development.....	25,000	0	0	25,000	25,000	0.00%	
Community Development Block Grants.....	5,123,678	4,801,993	4,811,993	5,012,993	5,000,000	-2.41%	4.12%
Brownfields.....	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.00%	0.00%
HUD Salaries and Expenses.....	543,267	556,067	546,067	546,032	556,067	2.36%	0.00%
<b>Independent Agencies</b>							
Community Development Financial Institutions.....	118,000	67,948	80,000	100,000	80,000	-32.20%	17.74%
AmeriCorps.....	428,500	411,480	0	415,480	401,980	-6.19%	-2.31%
EPA Science and Technology.....	697,000	640,538	680,410	665,672	698,089	0.16%	8.98%
EPA Environmental Programs and Management.....	2,087,990	1,972,960	2,004,599	2,061,996	2,054,511	-1.60%	4.13%
Superfund.....	1,170,000	1,268,135	1,170,000	1,274,646	1,170,000	0.00%	-7.74%
State and Tribal Assistance Grants.....	3,628,740	3,288,725	3,436,899	3,603,016	3,733,276	2.88%	13.52%
Council on Environmental Quality.....	2,900	2,974	2,974	2,974	2,974	2.55%	0.00%
FEMA (non-emergency).....	1,139,800	2,212,945	3,557,352	3,277,945	3,057,854	168.28%	38.18%
FEMA (emergency).....	3,300,000	0	1,300,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	-54.55%	
NASA.....	14,285,300	14,511,400	14,951,400	14,561,400	14,793,200	3.56%	1.94%
National Science Foundation.....	4,426,122	4,472,520	4,840,160	4,672,520	4,788,940	8.20%	7.07%
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.....	90,000	95,000	105,000	100,000	105,000	16.67%	10.53%