On February 15, the United States Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed an omnibus spending deal that ended the partial government shutdown and provided funding for the remainder of the 2019 fiscal year for 9 federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD distributes federal dollars to local governments through a combination of formula and competitive grant programs. This brief details the potential impact of that spending deal on the funding available to your community.

Overall, the HUD budget increased to $44.2B for fiscal year 2019, a modest increase of 4% from the previous year. The budget agreement significantly exceeded the initial White House request of $20.0B.

For those grant programs of relevance to local governments, funding mostly remained flat. The funding levels exceed the initial White House request among all of these programs.

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These grant programs and their current funding levels are as follows:

**Community Development Block Grants** are formula grants made to entitlement communities and county governments for community development purposes. CDBG remained flat at $3.3B.

The **HOME Investment Partnership Program** is a formula program made to entitlement communities and county governments for affordable housing purposes. HOME decreased by 8% to $1.3B. Despite this decrease, HOME funding remains substantially higher than its level in FY 2016, when funding stood at $9.5B.

**Homelessness Assistance Grants** include Emergency Shelter Grants, which are formula grants made to entitlement communities and county governments to address homelessness, as well as funding for Continuum of Care providers. These grants increased by 4% to $2.6B.
The **Choice Neighborhoods Program** is a competitive grant program awarded to local governments, public housing authorities, and not-for-profits to revitalize communities with high percentages of HUD-assisted households. This program has funded activities in Chicago, Chicago Heights, and Rockford. Funding remained flat.

The **Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Department** funds competitive grants to local governments and public health agencies to mitigate lead-based paint hazards as well as other environmental hazards within the home. Funding increased by 21% to $279M. Caucus staff will monitor any new grant opportunities that may emerge because of this increase.

**Resources**

This memo focused only on the HUD programs most relevant to local governments. However, numerous resources exist to help you track the impact of federal appropriations across the spectrum of housing programs, which include assistance for households and for affordable housing development.

**Enterprise Community Partners** maintains a resource page that details current funding levels and updates on budget developments:

The **National Low Income Housing Coalition** also maintains a resource page focused on funding for affordable housing:

Finally, the Caucus maintains a **Housing and Community Development Resource Guide** that details this spectrum of programs at the federal and state levels: