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## Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities FY 2015 Appropriations

HUD's Section 811 program is an essential source of funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) for non-elderly adults with significant disabilities. The President's budget proposes a total of \$160 million for Section 811 in FY 2015, including \$135 million needed to renew existing Project-Based Rental Assistance Contracts. Only \$25 million is proposed for development of new PSH units under the new and highly cost-effective **Section 811 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PRA)** option authorized by Congress in the bipartisan Frank Melville Support Housing Investment Act of 2010.

**CCD's Housing Task Force recommends that Congress provide \$100 million for new PSH units under the Section 811 PRA program – for a total appropriation of \$235 million – to address the critical need for community-based, affordable PSH for persons with significant disabilities and build on HUD's successful implementation of the new PRA model.**

### HUD Section 811 PRA Program – A Record of Enormous Innovation and Success

In FY 2012, Congress appropriated \$85 million for the first year of the Section 811 PRA program – which HUD boosted to \$98 million with unobligated Section 811 funding. Thirty-five states applied, demonstrating the extraordinary demand for new PSH for people living in costly institutional settings and people experiencing chronic homelessness. HUD awarded grants to 13 states to create 3,530 new PRA units – triple the average number funded in two years under the "old" Section 811 program.

HUD recently combined funding provided under FY 2013 and FY 2014 Continuing Resolutions into a single Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) totaling \$120 million (approximately \$100 million from FY 2013 and \$20 million from FY 2014). HUD expects to make between 12 and 18 awards to states to fund as many as 4,000 new PSH units.

### FY 2015 Appropriation Needed for Integrated PSH

According to a recent HUD Worst Case Needs report, American Community Survey data indicate that over 800,000 people with disabilities live in Group Quarters – which includes segregated Adult Care/Board and Care type facilities – rather than in integrated community-based PSH which can be created by Section 811 PRA funding.

**To help address these urgent needs, Congress should provide program funding for FY 2015 of at least \$235 million to create as many as 3,500 Section 811 PRA units.**

#### Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program

	FY 2012	FY 2013/ 2014	FY 2015 Proposed
<b>Funding</b>	\$98 M*	\$120 M**	\$25 M
<b>New Units</b>	3,530	4,000	894

\*Final NOFA funding includes an \$85 million appropriation plus approximately \$13 million in reallocation of prior years' unobligated funds.

\*\* Combined 2013 and 2014 final NOFA funding includes approximately \$100 million in FY 2013 funding and \$20 million in FY 2014 funding.

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