

History of Slashing HUD Budget Sources

Fact: 1978 to 1983: HUD budget authority shrank from \$83 billion to little more than \$18 billion (in 2004 constant dollars) and shelters opened throughout the United States.

Source: Federal Reserve Archive (FRASER) Budget of the United States Government 1978 (134): http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/docs/publications/usbudget/bus_1978.pdf; Federal Reserve Archive (FRASER) Budget of the United States Government 1983 (5-92): http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/docs/publications/usbudget/bus_1983.pdf; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI Inflation Calculators: http://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm.

Fact: 1995 – 2011: During this time, 290,588 existing units of public housing and 360,000 Section 8 units have been lost. With another 7,107 approved for demolition/disposition since March of this year. After this time 830,000 new Jail and prison cells have been created.

Source: Project Based Housing. <http://nlihc.org/issues/project-based>

Fact: 1996 – 2011: HUD funding for new public housing units - the safety net for the poorest

Source: Federal Reserve Archive (FRASER) Budget of the United States Government 2011 (88); <http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/docs/publications/usbudget/BUDGET-2011-BUD.pdf>

Fact: 2008: Homeowner tax breaks cost the US Treasury approximately \$144 billion, with 75% of this expenditure benefiting homeowners earning more than \$100,000 a year, while total funding in all federal low-income housing assistance programs was \$46 billion — a difference of \$98 billion.

Source: Bankrate.com: “8 tax breaks that cost Uncle Sam:” <http://www.bankrate.com/finance/taxes/8-tax-breaks-cost-uncle-sam-big-money-3.aspx>

Fact: HUD’s budget is \$37.4 billion, a decrease of \$3.7 billion from 2011 budget of \$41.1 billion. (In today’s dollars). Homelessness is on the rise.

Source: Whitehouse.gov: “Cuts, consolidations, and saving:” <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/ccs.pdf>

Fact: Tenant based Section 8 funding was level funded at \$18.9 billion. . . . Press release from committee states “tenants currently in housing will not lose housing.

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development Budget 2012 (128): <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/housing.pdf>

Fact: Public housing expected operating funds in 2012 are \$3.96 billion. This represents a decrease of \$760 million in just the past three years (2010 funds of \$4.7 billion and 2011 funds of \$4.6 billion).

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development Budget 2012 (127): <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/housing.pdf>

Fact: Section 202, funding for senior housing is \$374 million, a harsh decrease of \$461 million since only 2010(\$825 million)

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development Budget 2012 (128): <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/housing.pdf>

Fact: Section 811 funding for disabled people increased in 2012 to \$165 million from \$149 million in 2011.

Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development Budget 2012 (128): <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/budget/fy2013/assets/housing.pdf>

Fact: HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with Aids) was cut \$2 million in 2012 to \$332 million following a \$3 million cut in 2010.

Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition: *FY13 Budget Chart for Selected*: <http://nationalaidshousing.org/PDF/NLIHCFY13BudgetChart.pdf>

Fact: 2012: CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) were cut to \$2.9 billion in 2012, another consistent decrease from 2010 levels of \$3.9 billion and \$3.3 billion in 2011

Source: Governing.com: *CDBG Cuts Even Greater Than Expected in Some Places*: <http://www.governing.com/blogs/fedwatch/cdbg-cuts-even-greater-than-expected-in-some-communities.html>