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To authorize appropriations for assistance for the National Urban League, the Raza Development Fund, the Housing Partnership Network, and the National Community Renaissance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Ms. WATERS (for herself and Mr. HINOJOSA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Housing Assistance
5 Authorization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON USE OF AUTHORIZED AMOUNTS.**

7 None of the amounts authorized by this Act may be
8 used to lobby, or retain a lobbyist, for the purpose of influ-

1 encing a Federal, State, or local governmental entity or
2 officer.

3 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE.**

4 (a) USE.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
5 velopment may make a grant to the National Urban
6 League for the purpose of providing technical and finan-
7 cial assistance to local non-profit organizations to under-
8 take community development and affordable housing
9 projects and programs serving low- and moderate-income
10 households, particularly through organizations located in
11 neighborhoods with substantial populations of African
12 American income-disadvantaged households. Assistance
13 provided by the Secretary under this section may be used
14 by National Urban League to—

15 (1) provide technical and financial assistance
16 for site acquisition and development, construction fi-
17 nancing, and short- and long-term financing for
18 housing, community facilities, and economic develop-
19 ment;

20 (2) leverage capital from private entities, in-
21 cluding private financial institutions, insurance com-
22 panies, and private philanthropic organizations;

23 (3) provide technical assistance, training, sup-
24 port, and advice to develop the management, finan-
25 cial, and administrative capabilities of housing devel-

1 opment organizations serving low-income households,
2 including African American households; and

3 (4) conduct such other activities as may be de-
4 termined by the Secretary and the National Urban
5 League.

6 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated for grants under this sec-
8 tion—

9 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

10 (2) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009
11 and 2010.

12 **SEC. 4. ASSISTANCE FOR RAZA DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

13 (a) **USE.**—The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
14 velopment may make a grant to the Raza Development
15 Fund for the purpose of providing technical and financial
16 assistance to local non-profit organizations to undertake
17 community development and affordable housing projects
18 and programs serving low- and moderate-income house-
19 holds, particularly through organizations located in neigh-
20 borhoods with substantial populations of income-disadvan-
21 taged households of Hispanic origin. Assistance provided
22 by the Secretary under this section may be used by the
23 Raza Development Fund to—

24 (1) provide technical and financial assistance
25 for site acquisition and development, construction fi-

1 for the purpose of creating, sustaining, and improving ac-
2 cess to affordable housing and community facilities that
3 benefit very low-, low-, and moderate-income households
4 and communities. Assistance provided by the Secretary
5 under this section may be used by the Network to—

6 (1) make investments, loans, and grants to its
7 member nonprofits that demonstrate expertise in
8 using such funds to leverage additional private cap-
9 ital to build, operate, finance, and sustain affordable
10 housing and related community development facili-
11 ties;

12 (2) make investments in entities sponsored by
13 the Network with the intent to leverage additional
14 private capital for the purpose of furthering the pro-
15 duction capacity, sustainability, or efficiency of its
16 members;

17 (3) pay for the necessary and reasonable ex-
18 penses of the Network to administer and oversee
19 such investments, including the cost of underwriting,
20 managing the assets of the Network, and reporting
21 to the Secretary and other capital providers, pro-
22 vided however, that such expenses do not exceed 6
23 percent of any amounts made available pursuant to
24 subsection (b); and

1 (4) conduct such other activities as may be de-
2 termined by the Secretary and the Network.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated for grants under this sec-
5 tion—

6 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

7 (2) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009
8 and 2010.

9 **SEC. 6. ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE.**
10 **SANCE.**

11 (a) USE.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
12 velopment may make a grant to the National Community
13 Renaissance Program (hereafter in this section referred
14 to as “National Core”) to undertake affordable housing
15 projects that benefit very low-, low- and moderate-income
16 households. Assistance provided by the Secretary under
17 this section may be used by National CORE—

18 (1) for site acquisition, rehabilitation, and pres-
19 ervation of affordable multifamily housing units, in-
20 cluding development, construction financing, and
21 short- and long-term financing for housing, commu-
22 nity facilities, and economic development;

23 (2) to leverage capital from private entities, in-
24 cluding private financial institutions, insurance com-
25 panies, and private philanthropic organizations in

1 amounts not less than \$3 for every \$1 authorized in
2 this section; and

3 (3) conduct such other activities as may be de-
4 termined by the Secretary and National CORE.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated for grants under this
7 section—

8 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

9 (2) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009
10 and 2010.

11 **SEC. 7. AUDITS AND REPORTS.**

12 (a) AUDIT.—In any year in which an entity or organi-
13 zation described under either section 3, 4, or 5 receives
14 funds under this Act, the Comptroller General of the
15 United States shall—

16 (1) audit the financial transactions and activi-
17 ties of such entity or organization only with respect
18 to such funds so received; and

19 (2) submit a report detailing such audit to the
20 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
21 Representatives and the Committee on Banking,
22 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

23 (b) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the
24 United States shall conduct a study and submit a report
25 to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing,
2 and Urban Affairs of the Senate on the use of any funds
3 appropriated to an entity or organization described under
4 either section 3, 4, or 5 over the past 10 years.

5 **SEC. 8. PERSONS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED**
6 **STATES.**

7 None of the funds made available under this Act may
8 be used to provide direct housing assistance to any person
9 not lawfully present in the United States.

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