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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

FFY 2007 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) in the U.S. Department of Justice is scheduled to notify eligible applicants of FFY 2007 payments under the SCAAP program this week. The County's Washington advocates have received preliminary indication that the County's FFY 2007 payment will be \$15,126,597, which is approximately \$3.36 million more than the County's FFY 2006 level (including a \$1.22 million supplemental payment). The FFY 2007 payments are based on a total amount of \$377 million.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Continuing Resolution

On November 13, 2007, the President signed a new Continuing Resolution (CR), which will extend funding for government programs through December 14. The new CR was added to the conference agreement on the FFY 2008 Defense Appropriations bill (H.R. 3222), which Congress approved last week.

FFY 2008 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3043)

On November 13, the President vetoed H.R. 3043, the FFY 2008 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill, citing excessive funding levels in the legislation, which increased spending by \$6.2 billion over FFY 2007 levels. The Congressional leadership initially planned to combine H.R. 3043 with the FFY 2008 Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill (H.R. 2642), which included additional funding supported by the

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President for services for veterans, with the hope that the President would sign the combined measure. However, Republicans in the Senate were able to raise a point of order against the combined bill, which split the bills and resulted in H.R. 3043 being sent to the White House as a stand-alone measure. The House has scheduled a vote to override the veto later this week.

FFY 2008 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3074)

On November 14, the House approved the conference agreement on H.R. 3074, the FFY 2008 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill, by a 270 to 147 vote. The Senate is also expected to approve the conference agreement this week. The legislation provides \$105.6 billion for transportation and housing programs, which is \$3.0 billion more than the President requested. The President has indicated that he intends to veto this legislation based on the amount of funding in the bill.

H.R. 3074 rejects many of the President's proposed cuts to housing and community development programs, including a proposed reduction of more than \$800 million in Community Development Block Grant funding. The conference agreement also provides \$75 million for a new program to provide rental assistance for military veterans. The attached chart lists funding for programs of County interest.

The conference agreement also includes County-supported language from the Senate version of the bill that exempts the County from the Federal requirement to have a Section 8 or public housing tenant on the County's Public Housing Authority governing body. Instead, the County will be required to establish an advisory board with not less than six residents of public housing or Section 8 housing to provide comments on issues relating to public housing and Section 8. The County currently has a Housing Commission comprised of two Section 8 participants and two public housing residents, which would require expansion of Commission membership if this legislation is enacted.

The conference agreement also repeals statutory language dating from 1985 that prevents the use of Federal funds to construct subway tunnels for the Los Angeles Metro Rail project in areas deemed to have a potential risk of containing methane gas. The House and Senate versions of H.R. 3074 also repealed this prohibition.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachment

c: All Department Heads
Legislative Strategist

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2008 FUNDING LEVELS FOR
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) PROGRAMS
OF COUNTY INTEREST
(in millions)**

| PROGRAMS | Enacted 2007 | President 2008 | House¹ 2008 | Senate² 2008 | Conference |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Development Block Grant (Formula Grant) | \$ 3,711 | \$ 2,775 | \$ 3,929 | \$ 3,708 | 3,790 |
| Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (Vouchers) | 14,436 | 14,445 | 14,745 | 14,936 | 14,950 |
| Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance (Contracts) | 5,976 | 5,813 | 6,480 | 5,813 | 6,382 |
| Section 8 Administrative Fees | 1,281 | 1,351 | 1,351 | 1,351 | 1,351 |
| Public Housing Operating Fund | 3,864 | 4,000 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,200 |
| Public Housing Capital Fund | 2,439 | 2,024 | 2,439 | 2,500 | 2,439 |
| Homeless Assistance Grants | 1,442 | 1,586 | 1,561 | 1,586 | 1,586 |
| HOME Investment Partnerships (Formula Grant) | 1,680 | 1,917 | 1,701 | 1,792 | 1,767 |
| Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) | 286 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Veterans' Supportive Housing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 75 |

Footnotes

¹ In H.R. 3074, the FFY 2008 Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill, as passed by the House on July 24, 2007.

² In S. 1789, the FFY 2008 Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill, as passed by the Senate on September 12, 2007.