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I. Agency Sponsored Programs Highlights and Ideas for Further Development.

*** Severely Distressed Public Housing Program (formerly Urban Revitalization Demonstration Program, HOPE VI):**

The Urban Revitalization Demonstration program, developed by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) in 1992 with national service in mind, is a competitive grant program for no more than 15 cities with grants of no more than \$50 million each. Grants are given to cities with severely distressed public housing for the rehabilitation and renovation of these public housing projects. Grant recipients must include a community service component that engages residents living in the housing projects in programs which address the project's unmet needs. Service programs could include drug abatement, crime prevention, tutoring/mentoring services, day care for children and elderly individuals, housing rehabilitation, or community health services. Participants in community service programs are eligible for a stipend that is drawn from the grant to the PHA. The Commission of National and Community Service administers the service-related component of the grant (see attachment).

\$300 million was appropriated for FY 1993 under the HOPE VI program. For 1994, the Department is proposing a separate appropriation of \$483 million for the program.

*** Community Partnerships Against Crime (formerly Drug Elimination Grants):**

The Drug Elimination Grant program provided funds (\$167 million in FY 93) to Public Housing Authorities for drug elimination activities. The proposed Community Partnerships Against Crime (COMPAC) will provide \$255 million in grants (if funded at the budget request for FY 1994) for the development of a broader, comprehensive program. COMPAC will encompass a wide variety of crime reduction, security enhancements and other efforts to eliminate violent crime, substance abuse and gang-related activities in Public and

Indian housing. In addition, \$10 million will be available for assessment and evaluation, technical assistance, and training and information dissemination.

Public housing youth will specifically be targeted as a resource in solving community problems. This approach will place more emphasis on training, education, recreation, career planning, employment, substance abuse education and prevention. Since the inception of the Drug Elimination program in fiscal year 1989, a total of 1,278 Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities (PHAs/IHAs) have been awarded grants. PHAs/IHAs in all ten HUD Regions report a reduction in criminal activity since receiving the funds.

A community service component could be developed to encourage national service participants to act as security guards, work with resident groups in drug and crime prevention patrols or provide career planning, substance abuse counseling, etc.

*** HOME Program:**

The HOME program provides grants to participating jurisdictions to increase the affordability of housing and homeownership for low-income families. Eligible participating jurisdictions include states, metropolitan cities and urban counties. Indian tribes and Insular Areas are also eligible recipients. Funds can be used for tenant-based rental assistance, acquisition, rehabilitation of affordable rental and ownership housing and for construction of housing.

In addition to the \$1 billion appropriated for FY 1993, another \$60 million is available in 1993 from the 1992 Supplemental Appropriations Act for housing assistance to disaster victims located in states impacted by Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki and Typhoon Omar. The 1994 Budget request seeks \$1.6 billion.

The Community Housing Partnership (CHP) provides at least 15% of HOME funds to community housing development organizations and is an excellent vehicle for the national service program. Community housing development organizations have produced thousands of low income units around the country and have been a driving force in neighborhood and community revitalization projects. These organizations are often understaffed and in need of additional resources. Participation in such a community service program could provide opportunities to learn about housing development, finance, and rehabilitation.

*** McKinney Act Homeless Programs:**

Homeless programs provide many opportunities to link with the national service program because many providers currently rely on volunteers and therefore have established systems and programs to manage and train individuals. In addition, almost 90% of our grantees are nonprofits and therefore are eager for help.

Community service participants could participate in several McKinney Homeless programs, including the Emergency Shelter Grant program, the Shelter Plus Care program, and the Single Room Occupancy program. Each of these programs provide grants to local service providers.

National Service participants could work in shelters, build or renovate shelters and Single Room Occupancy buildings, manage life skills programs for homeless recipients, and work as caseworkers for homeless families.

*** Federal Housing Administration:**

The FHA Department estimates that the HUD Field Offices could quickly absorb community service participants in housing finance loan review, maintenance and rehabilitation activities and other activities related to the single and multi-family housing programs. The field offices are significantly understaffed and could create small training programs for community service participants to learn about real estate and housing finance through activities such as underwriting and loan review.

Single-family programs

There are several programs that offer opportunities to national service participants to perform various monitoring functions. For example, there is a need for inspection of acquired properties for general maintenance, lawn care and security. Monitors could also help homeless providers and HUD ensure that properties leased for homeless use are put to proper use and the residents are provided supportive services, such as job training and drug abuse counseling. With minimal technical training, participants could monitor closing agents to see that procedures are properly followed and HUD is advised of serious violations or problems.

Students or graduates with minimal training could perform site reviews of lenders' Quality Control plans, especially newly approved mortgagees. Participants with an accounting background could assist Headquarters staff in reviewing

financial statements of applicants for FHA Mortgagee Approval or annual recertification of their approved status.

Multifamily Programs

National service participants could seek employment in individual multifamily projects screening applicants, developing tenant programs, dealing with drug and youth problems. Opportunities for employment would also exist for community public relations representatives to explain HUD programs in seminars and town meetings. National service participants with interests in social work or psychology could either assist current social service coordinators in elderly or family projects, or assist those projects that do not currently have this service and want to provide it. Finally, participants could serve as coordinators for summer youth programs in multifamily projects.

HUD - The Honorable Henry Cisneros Agency Sponsored Year-Round Programs

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AGENCY MISSION: Responsible for programs concerned with the Nation's housing needs, fair housing opportunities, and improvement and development of the Nation's communities. Department programs include Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance programs, rental assistance for lower income families, Government National Mortgage Association, fair housing, community and neighborhood development and preservation, and home buyer protection.

Name of Program and Contact Person	Program Description	Program Time Line	FY' 1993 Service Funding Level	Number of Participants	Age of Participants	Stipend Amount	Post Service Benefit Amount	Cooperative Programs with Private or Public External Entities
Severely Distressed Public Housing Program [Formerly Urban Revitalization Demonstration (HOPE VI)] (Public Housing Division)	Under the Department of Veterans Affairs, HUD, and Independent Agencies Act of 1993, grants will be available to revitalize severely distressed or obsolete public housing developments in up to 15 sites chosen from 40 of the most populated American cities. The programs will focus on housing rehabilitation, crime prevention, victim assistance, drug abatement, after school programs, day care for children and elderly people. The program <u>requires</u> that 20% of each grant be used to support community service initiatives in the housing developments. The Commission on National and Community Service is responsible for administering the service component, establishing guidelines, providing technical assistance, reviewing and approving grant applications, and ensuring the successful implementation of service programs to address unmet needs.	First grant applications due April 5, 1993	\$300 million for planning and implementation grants FY1994 proposing \$483 million		Varies: Grant recipients must involve residents living in public housing projects in programs	Participants in community service program are eligible for stipend Amount?		Various independent agencies

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COMPAC – Community Partnership Against Crime (formerly Drug Elimination Grants) (Public Housing Division)	Provides funds to Public Housing Authorities for drug elimination activities. Focuses on crime reduction, security enforcements, substance abuse, and gang-related activities in public and Indian housing. Public housing youth will specifically be targeted as a resource in solving community problems. This approach will place more emphasis on training, education, recreation, career planning, employment, substance abuse education and prevention.		\$167 million Proposed \$255 million in FY 1994 \$10 million used for assessment and evaluation, technical assistance, and training and information dissemination	Since FY 1987, more than 1,278 public housing/ Indian housing authorities have been awarded grants				

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HOME	Provides grants to city and state governments to increase the affordability of housing and homeownership for low-income families. Funds can be used for tenant-based rental assistance, acquisition, rehabilitation of affordable rental and ownership housing, and for construction of housing.		\$1 billion has been appropriated for FY 1993. Another \$60 million is available in 1993 for the 1992 Supplemental Appropriations Act for housing assistance to disaster victims located in states impacted by hurricane Andrew and Nikiand Typhoon Omar. The FY 1994 budget request seeks \$1.6 billion.					
The Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation of Single Room Occupancy Program (McKinney Act Homeless Program)	Provides funds for moderate rehabilitation of SROs for occupancy by homeless individuals. The amounts made available under the program are allocated on the basis of a national competition to the eligible applicants that best demonstrate need and ability to carry out the program, which have included Public Housing Authorities and Indian Housing Authorities. Private nonprofits organizations are now eligible to participate.		FY 1993: \$105 million Proposed for FY 1994: \$107.8 million					

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Headquarters' Adopt-a-School Program	Pursuant to the Partners in Education initiative developed during the Reagan administration, HUD Headquarters established a Partnership with Jefferson Junior High School HUD provides tutors for students and collects grocery receipts towards the purchase of equipment.			32 student volunteer				