

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Policy Development and Research

Research and Technology

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Enacted/ Requested	Carryover	Supplemental/ Rescission	Transfers	Total Resources	Obligations	Net Outlays
2025 Appropriation	139,000	92,800	-	-	231,800	123,792	120,008
2026 Appropriation	122,500	99,884	(150)	-	222,234	137,000	131,000
2027 President's Budget	63,000	85,234	(20,000)	-	128,234	127,000	115,000
Change from 2026	(59,500)	(14,650)	(19,850)	-	(94,000)	(10,000)	(16,000)

a/ 2025 Carryover includes \$652.5 thousand in 2024 Core R&T funds recaptured in 2025.

b/ The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119-75) permanently rescinded approximately \$150 thousand in legacy funding.

c/ The 2027 President's Budget proposes to cancel \$20 million in unobligated 2025 Eviction Prevention grant funds.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Research and Technology (R&T) account, administered by the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R), supports the mission of the Department through nationwide surveys, policy analysis, research, demonstrations, and program evaluations, as authorized and amended in Title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970. PD&R's work enables the President, Secretary, other agencies, and the Congress to make informed decisions on budget and legislative proposals and to strengthen housing and community development programs and policy.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2027 President's Budget requests \$63 million for the Research and Technology account, which is \$59.5 million less than the 2026 Enacted level. This includes:

- \$58.0 million for **Core R&T** surveys and data purchases.
- \$5.0 million for **other Core R&T and Research, Evaluations, and Demonstrations (RED) and Implementation Support**.

The President's Budget also reflects a cancellation of \$20 million in Eviction Protection Grant Program balances.

JUSTIFICATION

The requested funding level for R&T provides support for critical functions that support innovation and evidence-based policymaking at HUD and improves outcomes for HUD's program partners: Core R&T, RED and program implementation support. The primary stakeholders for the R&T account are HUD program offices, HUD grantees, local, State, and Federal policymakers, researchers, and recipients of HUD programs.

Core Research and Technology

Core R&T accounts for the largest share of R&T resources and is comprised of three components: Housing Data Infrastructure; Knowledge Management, Dissemination, and Outreach; and Technical Expertise and Innovation. The 2027 Budget will allow PD&R to fund critical surveys, housing technology research, housing finance research, data purchases, and innovation events, and to maintain knowledge management activities.

Housing Data Infrastructure

The largest component of Core R&T is support for the surveys that constitute the backbone of the Nation's housing data infrastructure. Reliable and well-structured housing survey datasets inform policymakers about homeowner and rental units, HUD-assisted and unassisted populations, and the nature of affordable housing problems. The largest of these data sources is the American Housing Survey (AHS), which covers the Nation's housing stock, housing finance, and characteristics of markets, neighborhoods, and occupants, and supports national, regional, and metropolitan area estimates. PD&R has been working with the Census Bureau to transition the AHS from a biennial survey to a continuously collected survey with annual data releases. The first release of AHS data in its annual format is expected in September 2027. The benefits of the continuous survey are more frequent national estimates as well as lower cost and higher quality due to having a consistent workforce and not having to hire and train, followed by laying off staff, between survey periods.

Other surveys funded under Core R&T provide important data necessary to monitor housing needs, housing finance topics, and local housing market conditions. These surveys include the Survey of Construction (SOC), the Survey of Market Absorption of Apartments (SOMA), the Manufactured Homes Survey (MHS), and the Rental Housing Finance Survey (RHFS).

The 2027 request for housing data infrastructure reflects reduced cost assumptions for AHS and other surveys, which HUD and the Census Bureau plan to achieve primarily by reducing sample sizes while maintaining data quality.

Housing data infrastructure also includes the acquisition of private sector data, and other data such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and U.S. Postal Service data on active and vacant addresses that are used in PD&R research and for numerous policy-relevant purposes. PD&R also partners with other Federal Agencies to link and analyze complementary administrative and survey data, such as matching HUD assisted and/or FHA data to Medicare and Medicaid data, data from the National Center for Health Statistics, and data at the Census Bureau such as Decennial Census, American Community Survey, and IRS records — activities that greatly enhance the value of these public investments.

Knowledge Management, Dissemination, and Outreach

Knowledge management in PD&R ensures that knowledge is created, organized, and shared with HUD and Administration officials, program staff, grantees, researchers and policy analysts, policymakers, and the public. Along with formal research reports and the academic journal *Cityscape*, several shorter-format periodicals such as *PD&R Edge* and *Evidence Matters* make data and research freely accessible to broad audiences. U.S. Housing Market Conditions reports—including the Comprehensive Housing Market Analyses produced by PD&R economists—provide in-depth looks at economic, demographic, and housing inventory trends of specific housing markets to guide builders, lenders, and others. PD&R stakeholders have access to more than 10,000 full abstracts of research reports, articles, books, and data sources on www.huduser.gov. During 2025, users downloaded an average of 1,100,000 files per month from the HUD User website, and the website averaged almost 44 million monthly hits.

In accordance with P.L. 115-336, the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act, PD&R continues to improve its delivery and the design of the HUD User website, which gives PD&R stakeholders access to new and historical research studies, HUD periodicals, case studies, HUD datasets, data applications, and mapping systems, among other resources. Knowledge management also includes operation of the HUD Exchange website, which supports HUD recipients and stakeholder organizations with effective housing and community development program implementation, through a learning management system including 5,000 training courses, resources

libraries comprised of 9,000 pieces of guidance, and 24 web-applications. HUD Exchange fielded 5 million user sessions in 2025, facilitating 17.5 million views, 1.25 million downloads, and 56,000 training completions.

Funding Knowledge Management, Dissemination and Outreach is contingent on HUD finding additional savings in Core R&T.

Technical Expertise and Innovation

Core R&T also supports housing technology research, including research on factory-built housing; housing finance research; innovative housing design research; and research partnerships and grants. Recent housing innovation subjects have included research to support wider adoption of 3D printed homes, factory installation of HVAC systems in manufactured housing, and a research roadmap to support greater factory-built construction of homes. The Research Partnerships program provides matching funds for external researchers who propose research on topics that address the Department's learning priorities and that use innovative methods.

Research, Evaluation, Demonstrations, and Implementation Support

Research, Evaluation, and Demonstrations (RED) funding will allow PD&R to continue existing program evaluations and conduct new evaluations, demonstrations, and policy-focused research that advance Administration priorities, including the President's Executive Orders on Removing Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Home Construction, Promoting Access to Mortgage Credit, and Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets.

PD&R's discretionary research and evaluation are guided by HUD's Evidence Plan, which PD&R develops in consultation with internal and external stakeholders to identify the highest priority needs for research and data to inform evidence-based policymaking. Research priorities include housing affordability, family structure and economic mobility, housing cost drivers, housing market deregulation, community responses to homelessness, advanced building methods, and Opportunity Zones.

In addition, funding for program Implementation Support will equip HUD's partners and customers with the knowledge, skills, tools, capacity, and systems needed to successfully implement HUD programs and be effective stewards of Federal funding. Program implementation support serves a critical role in helping the Department to advance policy priorities that increase housing affordability, encourage self-sufficiency among assisted households, and improve public housing agency performance. PD&R provides implementation support for HUD partners through three complementary mechanisms: 1) development and distribution of tools, templates, and supports to guide HUD partners in addressing program and policy priorities; 2) targeted/risk-based direct assistance to support effective program management and stewardship of Federal funds; and 3) support for peer collaboration and learning among HUD partners on how to most efficiently and effectively address their affordable housing needs.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES BY PROGRAM

(Dollars in Thousands)

Budget Activity	2025 Budget Authority	2024 Carryover Into 2025	2025 Total Resources	2025 Obligations	2026 Appropriation	2025 Carryover Into 2026	2026 Total Resources	2027 President's Budget
Eviction Protection Grants	20,000	40,000	60,000	35,768	7,500	21,732	29,232	-
Research and Technology Activities	119,000	52,800	171,800	88,024	115,000	78,152	193,002	63,000
Total	139,000	92,800	231,800	123,792	122,500	99,884	222,234	63,000

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

The 2027 President's Budget includes the following general provisions:

- Unobligated Research Awards: This provision gives HUD the ability to re-obligate research funds left unexpended at the conclusion of an agreement. (Sec. 215)
- Cancellations: This proposal cancels certain balances. (Sec. 229)

APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE

The 2027 President's Budget includes the appropriations language listed below.

For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of programs of research and studies relating to housing and urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying out the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968, and for program implementation support, \$63,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That with respect to amounts made available under this heading, notwithstanding section 203 of this title, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies, State or local governments and their agencies, Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing entities, or colleges or universities for research projects: Provided further, That with respect to the preceding proviso, such partners to the cooperative agreements shall contribute at least a 50 percent match toward the cost of the project: Provided further, That for non-competitive agreements entered into in accordance with the preceding two provisos, the Secretary shall comply with section 2(b) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282; 31 U.S.C. 6101 note) in lieu of compliance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545(a)(4)(C)) with respect to documentation of award decisions.