

Notes To Financial Statements

September 30, 2013 and 2012

Note 1: Entity and Mission

HUD was created in 1965 to (1) provide housing subsidies for low and moderate income families, (2) provide grants to states and communities for community development activities, (3) provide direct loans and capital advances for construction and rehabilitation of housing projects for the elderly and persons with disabilities, and (4) promote and enforce fair housing and equal housing opportunity. In addition, HUD insures mortgages for single family and multifamily dwellings; insures loans for home improvements and manufactured homes; and facilitates financing for the purchase or refinancing of millions of American homes.

HUD's major programs are as follows:

The [Federal Housing Administration](#) (FHA) administers active mortgage insurance programs which are designed to make mortgage financing more accessible to the home-buying public and thereby to develop affordable housing. FHA insures private lenders against loss on mortgages which finance single family homes, multifamily projects, health care facilities, property improvements, and manufactured homes.

The [Government National Mortgage Association](#) (Ginnie Mae) guarantees the timely payment of principal and interest on Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) issued by approved private mortgage institutions and backed by pools of mortgages insured or guaranteed by FHA, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH).

The [Section 8 Rental Assistance](#) programs assist low- and very low-income families in obtaining decent and safe rental housing. HUD makes up the difference between what a low- and very low-income family can afford and the approved rent for an adequate housing unit funded by the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program.

The [Low Rent Public Housing Grants](#) program provides grants to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) for construction and rehabilitation of low-rent housing. This program is a continuation of the Low Rent Public Housing Loan program which pays principal and interest on long-term loans made to PHAs and TDHEs for construction and rehabilitation of low-rent housing.

The [Homeless Assistance Grants](#) program provides grants to localities to implement innovative approaches to address the diverse facets of homelessness.

The **Section 202/811** [Supportive Housing for the Elderly](#) and [Persons with Disabilities](#) programs provided 40-year loans to nonprofit organizations sponsoring rental housing for the elderly or disabled. During FY 1992, the program was converted to a grant program. The grant program provides capital for long-term supportive housing for the elderly (Section 202) and the disabled (Section 811).

The [Community Development Block Grant](#) (CDBG) programs provide funds for metropolitan cities, urban counties, and other communities to use for neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and improved community facilities and services. The United States Congress appropriated \$17.5 billion in FY 2008 and \$150 million in emergency supplemental appropriations in FY 2005 for the "Community

Development Fund” for emergency expenses to respond to various disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and IKE . Funds of \$1.5 billion were disbursed in FY 2013 and \$868 million in FY 2012. Any remaining un-obligated balances remain available until expended.

The [Home Investments Partnerships](#) program provides grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes to implement local housing strategies designed to increase home ownership and affordable housing opportunities for low- and very low-income families.

Other Programs not included above consist of other smaller programs which provide grant, subsidy funding, and direct loans to support other HUD objectives such as fair housing and equal opportunity, energy conservation, rehabilitation of housing units, removal of lead hazards, and for maintenance costs of PHAs and TDHEs housing projects. The programs provided 9 percent of HUD’s consolidated revenues and financing sources for FY 2013 and 12 percent of HUD’s consolidated revenues and financing sources for FY 2012.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Consolidation

The accompanying principal financial statements include all Treasury Account Fund Symbols (TAFSs) designated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which consist of principal program funds, revolving funds, general funds and deposit funds. All inter-fund accounts receivable, accounts payable, transfers in and transfers out within these TAFSs have been eliminated to prepare the consolidated balance sheet, statement of net cost, and statement of changes in net position. The SBR is prepared on a combined basis as required by [OMB Circular A-136, Financial Reporting Requirements](#).

The Department’s FY 2013 financial statements do not include the accounts and transactions of one transfer appropriation, the Appalachian Regional Commission. Some laws require departments (parent) to allocate budget authority to another department (child). Allocation means a delegation, authorized by law, by one department of its authority to obligate and outlay funds to another department. HUD, the child account, receives budget authority and then obligates and outlays sums of up to the amount included in the allocation. As required by OMB Circular A-136, financial activity is in the parent account which is also accountable for and maintains the responsibility for reporting while the child performs on behalf of the parent and controls how the funds are expended. Consequently, these balances are not included in HUD’s consolidated financial statements as specified by OMB Circular A-136.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Department’s FY 2013 financial statements include the accounts and transactions of FHA, Ginnie Mae, and its grant, subsidy and loan programs.

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the OMB Circular No. A-136, Financial Reporting Requirements, and in conformance with the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board’s (FASAB) Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS).

The financial statements are presented on the accrual and budgetary bases of accounting. Under the accrual method, HUD recognizes revenues when earned, and expenses when a liability is incurred, without regard to receipt or payment of cash. Generally, procedures for HUD’s major grant and subsidy programs require recipients to request periodic disbursement concurrent with incurring eligible costs. Budgetary accounting facilitates compliance with legal requirements on the use of Federal funds.

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The Department's disbursement policy permits grantees/recipients to request funds to meet immediate cash needs to reimburse themselves for eligible incurred expenses and eligible expenses expected to be received and paid within three days or as subsidies payable in accordance with the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990. Except for PIH programs, HUD's disbursement of funds for these purposes are not considered advance payments but are viewed as sound cash management between the Department and the grantees. In the event it is determined that the grantee/recipient did not disburse the funds within the three-day time frame, interest earned must be returned to HUD and deposited into one of Treasury's miscellaneous receipt accounts.

C. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the principal financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Amounts reported for net loans receivable and related foreclosed property and the loan guarantee liability represent the Department's best estimates based on pertinent information available.

To estimate the Allowance for Subsidy (AFS) associated with loans receivable and related foreclosed property and the Liability for Loan Guarantees (LLG), the Department uses cash flow model assumptions associated with the loan guarantees subject to the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (FCRA), as described in Note 7, to estimate the cash flows associated with future loan performance. To make reasonable projections of future loan performance, the Department develops assumptions based on historical data, current and forecasted program and economic assumptions.

Certain programs have higher risks due to increased chances of fraudulent activities perpetrated against the Department. The Department accounts for these risks through the assumptions used in the liabilities for loan guarantee estimates. HUD develops the assumptions based on historical performance and management's judgments about future loan performance.

The Department relies on estimates by PIH to determine the amount of funding needs for PHAs/IHAs under the PIH Housing Choice Voucher Program. Under the Department's cash management program, PIH evaluates the program needs of PHAs/IHAs to minimize excess cash balances maintained by these entities. The Department implemented a cash management policy in calendar year 2012 over the voucher program given its significant funding levels and the excess cash balances which PHAs/IHAs had accumulated over the years. The cash reserves, referred to as net restricted assets (NRA) are monitored by the Department and estimated by HUD on a recurring basis. The NRA balances are the basis for PIH prepayments recorded by the Department in its comparative financial statements for FY 2012 and FY 2013. HUD's FY 2012 financial statements were restated based on a cash flow model which anticipates funding levels and actual costs of implementing the program. The Department relies on expenditure data reported by PHAs/IHAs which are reported through the Voucher Management System.

D. Credit Reform Accounting

The primary purpose of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (FCRA), which became effective on October 1, 1991, is to more accurately measure the cost of Federal credit programs and to place the cost of such credit programs on a basis equivalent with other Federal spending. [*OMB Circular A-11*](#).

Preparation, Execution, and Submission of the Budget, Part 5, Federal Credit Programs defines loan guarantee as any guarantee, insurance or other pledge with respect to the payment of all or a part of the principal or interest on any debt obligation of a non-Federal borrower (Issuer) to a non-Federal lender (Investor). FHA practices Credit Reform accounting.

The FCRA establishes the use of the program, financing, and general fund receipt accounts for loan guarantees committed and direct loans obligated after September 30, 1991 (Credit Reform). It also establishes the liquidating account for activity relating to any loan guarantees committed and direct loans obligated before October 1, 1991 (pre-Credit Reform). These accounts are classified as either budgetary or non-budgetary in the Combined Statements of Budgetary Resources. The budgetary accounts include the program, capital reserve and liquidating accounts. The non-budgetary accounts consist of the credit reform financing accounts.

The program account is a budget account that receives and obligates appropriations to cover the subsidy cost of a direct loan or loan guarantee and disburses the subsidy cost to the financing account. The program account also receives appropriations for administrative expenses. The financing account is a non-budgetary account that records all of the cash flows resulting from Credit Reform direct loans or loan guarantees. It disburses loans, collects repayments and fees, makes claim payments, holds balances, borrows from U.S. Treasury, earns or pays interest, and receives the subsidy cost payment from the program account.

The general fund receipt account is a budget account used for the receipt of amounts paid from the financing account when there are negative subsidies from the original estimate or a downward re-estimate. In most cases, the receipt account is a general fund receipt account and amounts are not earmarked for the credit program. They are available for appropriations only in the sense that all general fund receipts are available for appropriations. Any assets in this account are non-entity assets and are offset by intragovernmental liabilities. At the beginning of the following fiscal year, the fund balance in the general fund receipt account is transferred to the U.S. Treasury General Fund. The FHA general fund receipt accounts of the General Insurance (GI) and Special Risk Insurance (SRI) funds are in this category.

In order to resolve the different requirements between the FCRA and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA), OMB instructed FHA to create the capital reserve account to retain the Mutual Mortgage Insurance/Cooperative Management Housing Insurance (MMI/CMHI) negative subsidy and subsequent downward re-estimates. Specifically, the NAHA required that FHA's MMI fund achieve a Capital Ratio of 2.0 percent by FY 2000. The Capital Ratio is defined as the ratio of economic net worth (current cash plus the present value of all future net cash flows) of the MMI fund to unamortized insurance in force (the unpaid balance of insured mortgages). Therefore, to ensure that the calculated capital ratio reflects the actual strength of the MMI fund, the resources of the capital reserve account, which are considered FHA assets, are included in the calculation of the MMI fund's economic net worth.

The liquidating account is a budget account that records all cash flows to and from FHA resulting from pre-Credit Reform direct loans or loan guarantees. Liquidating account collections in any year are available only for obligations incurred during that year or to repay debt. Unobligated balances remaining in the GI and SRI liquidating funds at year-end are transferred to the U.S. Treasury's General Fund. Consequently, in the event that resources in the GI/SRI liquidating account are otherwise insufficient to

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cover the payments for obligations or commitments, the FCRA provides the GI/SRI liquidating account with permanent indefinite authority to cover any resource shortages.

E. Operating Revenue and Financing Sources

HUD finances operations principally through appropriations, collection of premiums and fees on its FHA and Ginnie Mae programs, and interest income on its mortgage notes, loans, and investments portfolio.

Appropriations for Grant and Subsidy Programs

HUD receives both annual and multi-year appropriations and recognizes those appropriations as revenue when related program expenses are incurred. Accordingly, HUD recognizes grant-related revenue and related expenses as recipients perform under the contracts. HUD recognizes subsidy-related revenue and related expenses when the underlying assistance (e.g., provision of a Section 8 rental unit by a housing owner) is provided or upon disbursement of funds to PHAs.

Ginnie Mae Fees

Fees received for Ginnie Mae's guaranty of MBS are recognized as earned. Commitment fees represent income that Ginnie Mae earns for providing approved issuers with authority to pool mortgages into Ginnie Mae MBS. The authority Ginnie Mae provides issuers expires 12 months from issuance for single family issuers and 24 months from issuance for multifamily issuers. Ginnie Mae receives commitment fees as issuers request commitment authority and recognizes the commitment fees as earned as issuers use their commitment authority, with the balance deferred until earned or expired, whichever occurs first. Fees from expired commitment authority are not returned to issuers.

F. Appropriations and Moneys Received from Other HUD Programs

The National Housing Act of 1990, as amended, provides for appropriations from Congress to finance the operations of GI and SRI funds. For Credit Reform loan guarantees, appropriations to the GI and SRI funds are provided at the beginning of each fiscal year to cover estimated losses on insured loans during the year. For pre-Credit Reform loan guarantees, FHA has permanent indefinite appropriation authority to finance any shortages of resources needed for operations.

Monies received from other HUD programs, such as interest subsidies and rent supplements, are recorded as revenue for the liquidating accounts when services are rendered. Monies received for the financing accounts are recorded as additions to the Liability for Loan Guarantee or the Allowance for Subsidy when collected.

G. Investments

HUD limits its investments, principally comprised of investments by FHA's MMI/CMHI Fund and by Ginnie Mae, to non-marketable market-based Treasury interest-bearing obligations (i.e., investments not sold in public markets). The market value and interest rates established for such investments are the same as those for similar Treasury issues, which are publicly marketed.

HUD's investment decisions are limited to Treasury policy which: (1) only allows investment in Treasury notes, bills, and bonds; and (2) prohibits HUD from engaging in practices that result in "windfall" gains and profits, such as security trading and full scale restructuring of portfolios in order to take advantage of interest rate fluctuations.

FHA's normal policy is to hold investments in U.S. Government securities to maturity. However, in certain circumstances, FHA may have to liquidate its U.S. Government securities before maturity to finance claim payments.

HUD reports investments in U.S. Government securities at amortized cost. Premiums or discounts are amortized into interest income over the term of the investment. HUD intends to hold investments to maturity, unless needed for operations. No provision is made to record unrealized gains or losses on these securities because, in the majority of cases, they are held to maturity.

In connection with an Accelerated Claims Disposition Demonstration program (the 601 program), FHA transfers assigned mortgage notes to private sector entities in exchange for cash and equity interest. FHA uses the equity method of accounting to measure the value of its investments in these entities.

Multifamily Risk Sharing Debentures [Section 542(c)] is a program available to lenders where the lender shares the risk in a property by issuing debentures for the claim amount paid by FHA on defaulted insured loans.

H. Credit Program Receivables and Related Foreclosed Property

HUD finances mortgages and provides loans to support construction and rehabilitation of low rent housing, principally for the elderly and disabled under the Section 202/811 program. Prior to April 1996, mortgages were also assigned to HUD through FHA claims settlement (i.e., Mortgage Notes Assigned (MNAs)). Single family mortgages were assigned to FHA when the mortgagor defaulted due to certain "temporary hardship" conditions beyond the control of the mortgagor, and when, in management's judgment, it is likely that the mortgage could be brought current in the future. FHA's loans receivable include MNAs, also described as Secretary-held notes, Purchase Money Mortgages (PMM) and notes related to partial claims. Under the requirements of the FCRA, PMM notes are considered to be direct loans while MNA notes are considered to be defaulted guaranteed loans. The PMM loans are generated from the sales on credit of FHA's foreclosed properties to qualified non-profit organizations. The MNA notes are created when FHA pays the lenders for claims on defaulted guaranteed loans and takes assignment of the defaulted loans for direct collections. In addition, multifamily mortgages are assigned to FHA when lenders file mortgage insurance claims for defaulted notes.

Credit program receivables for direct loan programs and defaulted guaranteed loans assigned for direct collection are valued differently based on the direct loan obligation or loan guarantee commitment date. These valuations are in accordance with the FCRA and SFFAS No. 2, "Accounting for Direct Loans and Loan Guarantees," as amended by SFFAS No. 18. Those obligated or committed on or after October 1, 1991 (post-Credit Reform) are valued at the net present value of expected cash flows from the related receivables.

Credit program receivables resulting from obligations or commitments prior to October 1, 1991 (pre-Credit Reform) are recorded at the lower of cost or fair value (net realizable value). Fair value is estimated based on the prevailing market interest rates at the date of mortgage assignment. When fair value is less than cost, discounts are recorded and amortized to interest income over the remaining terms of the mortgages or upon sale of the mortgages. Interest is recognized as income when earned. However, when full collection of principal is considered doubtful, the accrual of interest income is suspended and receipts (both interest and principal) are recorded as collections of principal. Pre-Credit Reform loans are reported net of allowance for loss and any unamortized discount. The estimate for the allowance on credit

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program receivables is based on historical loss rates and recovery rates resulting from asset sales and property recovery rates, and net of cost of sales.

Foreclosed property acquired as a result of defaults of loans obligated or loan guarantees committed on or after October 1, 1991, is valued at the net present value of the projected cash flows associated with the property. Foreclosed property acquired as a result in defaulted loans obligated or loan guarantees committed prior to 1992 is valued at net realizable value. The estimate for the allowance for loss related to the net realizable value of foreclosed property is based on historical loss rates and recovery rates resulting from property sales, and net of cost of sales.

I. Borrowings

As further discussed in Note 11, several of HUD's programs have the authority to borrow funds from the U.S. Treasury for program operations. These borrowings, representing unpaid principal balances and future accrued interest is reported as debt in HUD's consolidated financial statements. The PIH Low Rent Public Housing Loan Program and the Housing for the Elderly or Handicapped fund were financed through borrowings from the Federal Financing Bank or the U.S. Treasury prior to the Department's conversion of these programs to grant programs. The Department also borrowed funds from the private sector to assist in the construction and rehabilitation of low rent housing projects under the PIH Low Rent Public Housing Loan Program. Repayments of these long-term borrowings have terms up to 40 years.

In accordance with Credit Reform accounting, FHA also borrows from the U.S. Treasury when cash is needed in its financing accounts. Usually, the need for cash arises when FHA has to transfer the negative credit subsidy amount related to new loan disbursements, and existing loan modifications from the financing accounts to the general fund receipts account (for cases in GI/SRI funds) or the liquidating account (for cases in MMI/CMHI funds). In some instances, borrowings are also needed to transfer the credit subsidy related to downward re-estimates from the GI/SRI financing account to the GI/SRI receipt account or when available cash is less than claim payments due.

J. Liability for Loan Guarantees

The net potential future losses related to FHA's central business of providing mortgage insurance are accounted for as Loan Guarantee Liability in the consolidated balance sheets. As required by SFFAS No. 2, the Loan Guarantee Liability includes the Credit Reform related Liabilities for Loan Guarantees (LLG) and the pre-Credit Reform Loan Loss Reserve (LLR).

The LLG is calculated as the net present value of anticipated cash outflows for defaults, such as claim payments, premium refunds, property costs to maintain foreclosed properties less anticipated cash inflows such as premium receipts, proceeds from asset sales and principal and interest on Secretary-held notes.

HUD records loss estimates for its single family LLR and multifamily LLR mortgage insurance programs operated through FHA. FHA records loss estimates for its single family programs to provide for anticipated losses incurred (e.g., claims on insured mortgages where defaults have taken place but claims have not yet been filed). Using the net cash flows (cash inflows less cash outflows), FHA computes an estimate based on conditional claim rates and loss experience data, and adjusts the estimates to incorporate management assumptions about current economic factors. FHA records loss estimates for its multifamily programs to provide for anticipated outflows less anticipated inflows. Using the net present value of claims less premiums, fees, and recoveries, FHA computes an estimate based on conditional claim rates, prepayment rates, and recovery assumptions based on historical experience.

Ginnie Mae also establishes loss reserves to the extent management believe issue defaults are probable and FHA, USDA, and PIH insurance or guarantees are insufficient to recoup Ginnie Mae expenditures.

K. Full Cost Reporting

Beginning in FY 1998, SFFAS No. 4, Managerial Cost Accounting Concepts and Standards for the Federal Government, required that full costing of program outputs be included in Federal agency financial statements. Full cost reporting includes direct, indirect, and inter-entity costs. For purposes of the consolidated department financial statements, HUD identified each responsible segment's share of the program costs or resources provided by HUD or other Federal agencies.

L. Accrued Unfunded Leave and Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) Liabilities

Annual leave and compensatory time are accrued as earned and the liability is reduced as leave is taken. The liability at year-end reflects cumulative leave earned but not taken, priced at current wage rates. Earned leave deferred to future periods is to be funded by future appropriations. To the extent that current or prior year appropriations are not available to fund annual leave earned but not taken, funding will be obtained from future financing sources. Sick leave and other types of leave are expensed as taken.

M. Retirement Plans

The majority of HUD's employees participate in either the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). FERS went into effect pursuant to Public Law 99-335 on January 1, 1987. Most employees hired after December 31, 1983, are automatically covered by FERS and Social Security. Employees hired before January 1, 1984, can elect to either join FERS and Social Security or remain in CSRS. HUD expenses its contributions to the retirement plans.

A primary feature of FERS is that it offers a savings plan whereby HUD automatically contributes one percent of pay and matches any employee contribution up to five percent of an individual's basic pay. Under CSRS, employees can contribute up to \$16,500 of their pay to the savings plan, but there is no corresponding matching by HUD. Although HUD funds a portion of the benefits under FERS relating to its employees and makes the necessary withholdings from them, it has no liability for future payments to employees under these plans, nor does it report CSRS or FERS assets, accumulated plan benefits, or unfunded liabilities applicable to its employees' retirement plans.

N. Separate Disclosure of the Homeless Assistance Grants Program

The Department restated its financial statements to include Community Planning and Development's Homeless Assistance Grants program as a separate responsibility center due to increased funding levels by the Department. The grants provide funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant and Continuum of Care programs. These programs, which award funds through formula and competitive processes, enable localities to shape and implement comprehensive, flexible, coordinated approaches to address the multiple issues of homelessness. Prior to FY 2012, the PIH Operating Subsidy program was shown as a separate entity but has been incorporated in the All Other program category reported by the Department. As of September 30, 2013, the total Fund Balance with Treasury in the Homeless Assistance Grants program was \$5 billion representing 43 percent of the \$11 billion reported in HUD's All Other programs prior to the restatement by HUD.