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Senate Appropriations Committee Markup

On Thursday, the Senate Full Appropriations Committee marked up its [FY15 Agriculture Appropriations bill](#).

Overall, the Senate bill is an improvement over the Administration's Budget Request, though it does not provide as much housing funding as the House bill. Instead, it generally provides a freeze at FY14 levels. As for Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance, the Senate rejected all of the Administration's proposals and funded the program at slightly more than the President's Request.

Given the House and Senate numbers, some of the programs hardest hit by USDA's Budget Request--including Section 502 Direct and Section 523 Mutual Self Help Housing--will likely receive no less than the current rate in this year's budget. On the other hand, the Conference Committee may decide to provide an increase in funding.

There is some good interest in advancing these bills. The House bill will be marked up in the Full Committee next week and on the floor in June. The Senate seems intent to move their bill as well.

Stay tuned.

USDA Rural Housing	FY14 Final	FY15 President	FY15 House	FY15 Senate
Section 502 Direct	900	360	1,042	900
Section 502 Guaranteed	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Section 504 Housing Repair Loans	26.28	26.28	26.37	26.28
Section 504 Housing Repair Grants	28.7	25	27	28.7
Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans	23.8	23.9	23.9	23.9
Section 515 Rural Rental Housing	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4
Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3
Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance	1,110	1,089	1,089	1,094
Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing	25	10	30	25
Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants	3.5	0	0	3.5
Section 538 Rental Housing Guaranteed	150	150	150	150
Multifamily Preservation & Revitalization	32.6	28	28	32.6
Voucher Demonstration	-12.6	-8	-8	-12.6
Section 306 Community Facility Loans	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Section 306 Community Facility Grants	28.75	21	27	13
Section 306 Community Facility Guarantee	59.5	0	73.22	75
Water-Wastewater Loans	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Water-Wastewater Grants	462	304	606	463
Water-Wastewater Guarantee	50	0	0	50

Solid Waste Grants	4	4	4	4
Small Systems Revolver	1	1	1	1
Rural Business Development Grants	24.3	30	30	26.5
Rural Development Loan Fund/ Intermediary Re-lending Program (IRP)	18.9	10	16.2	18.89
Rural Community Development Initiative	6	4*	5**	6**
Rural Microenterprise Investment	0	3.3	0	0

*specified purpose

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Thank you for your support,

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