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## House Appropriations Committee Markup

Yesterday, the House Full Appropriations Committee marked up its [FY15 Agriculture Appropriations bill](#). As we discussed previously, the bill rejected the Administration's proposals to cut Rural Development programs and restored funding for the programs hardest hit by the Budget Request, including Section 502 Direct, Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing, and Water/Wastewater grants.

Now that both the House and Senate bills have been passed by their respective Committees, they each are slated to go to the floor. We've heard that the House may move their bill as soon as June, and the Senate seems intent on moving as well.

While most of the Committee Mark Up focused on issues unrelated to Rural Housing, the Subcommittee Chairman, Rep. Aderholt (R-AL) made [his support for these programs](#) clear. "At times, we have questioned USDA's commitment to Rural Development programs when we see such cuts as those proposed for Rural Housing. However, there is strong support for them in the House of Representatives and I appreciate everyone who expressed support for the program."

It is important to note that Rep. Kingston (R-GA) offered an amendment to redirect \$155 million in Water/Sewer grant funds to Agriculture Research Services Building and Facilities program. The House, therefore, funds Water Sewer Grants at \$345 million, which is equal to the Senate rate and much higher than the amount proposed by the White House.

In response to the mark-up, NRHC published a [press release](#), applauding the bipartisan efforts in both the House and Senate to strengthen Rural Development programs. In the press release, Bob Rapoza noted that "this is the third consecutive year that Congress has rejected Administration proposals to gut Rural Development programs. The reason is simple: rural housing and community development programs have improved housing conditions in rural America, provided communities with clean drinking water and better waste disposal systems, created jobs, and helped spur the rural economy."

You may have seen USDA's [press release](#) today, celebrating Homeownership Month. Thanks to Congress, USDA will be in a position to celebrate it next year as well.

USDA Rural Housing (\$ in millions)	FY14 Final	FY15 Budget	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	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.3
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	452	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	26.6	0*	20	26.5
Rural Development Loan Fund/ Intermediary Re-lending Program (IRP)	18.9	10	16.2	18.89
Rural Community Development Initiative	6	0*	5	6
Rural Microenterprise Investment	0	3.3	0	0

\*White House proposes to combine Rural Business Development Grants, RCDI, and Cooperative Grants into new line item and fund at \$57.5M. Suballocations unknown at this time.

Thank you for your support,

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