

FY 2020 Programmatic and Language Appropriations Request

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Requesting Organization: National Rural Housing Coalition

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All Requests:

Agriculture	Rural Development	Mutual and Self Help Housing
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1. For Defense requests, please include line number (e.g., RDTE, A line 30):
2. This is request ___ of ___ submitted to this office.
3. This is request ___ of ___ in this bill.
4. Are you making this request to other offices
If yes, please list other offices receiving this request.

Programmatic Funding Requests:

1. Amount requested:	\$40 million
2. Amount included in the President's most recent budget:	0
3. Requested amount increase/decrease over the President's most recent budget:	+\$40 million
4. Referencing President's Budget for (use most recent available):	Mutual and Self-Help Housing
5. FY19 appropriated amount:	\$30 million
6. Requested amount increase/decrease in relation to FY19 appropriations:	+\$10 million

Justification for request:

Under the Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing program, small groups of 6 to 12 families come together on nights and weekends to build their own homes, under the supervision and with technical assistance from nonprofit self-help grantee organizations. In doing so, Self-Help Housing families reduce construction costs, gain equity in their homes, and build lasting communities.

Report or Bill Language Requests:

7. The language being requested should be included in the: Bill
8. Language being requested: For grants and contracts pursuant to section 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.1490c), \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended.
9. Justification for request:

This is exactly the type of program that Congress and the administration should champion: Self-Help Housing encourages self-reliance and hard work, helps families build wealth, stimulates local economies, and is in high demand with over 30,000 families currently on wait lists for the program. In fact, in 2015, the program celebrated its 50th Anniversary, and the 50,000th family completed construction of their Self-Help home.

Demand for affordable, decent rural housing for very low- and low-income families continues to outpace supply. More than 30,000 families are currently on Self-Help Housing waiting lists.

10. Has this language been included in previous Fiscal Years? If so, please provide reference information below.

Fiscal Year	Bill Number	Title	Division	Section	Page Number
FY 19	H.J. Res. 31	III	Rural Development	Rural Housing	50
FY 18	HR 1625	III	Rural Development	Rural Housing	21
FY 17	HR 244	III	Rural Development	Rural Housing	20