

In the Senate of the United States,

November 1, 2023.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 4366) entitled “An Act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Consolidated Appropria-*
3 *tions Act, 2024”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO ACT.***

5 *Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference*
6 *to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall*
7 *be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-*
8 *sion.*

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES TO REPORT.**

2 (a) *Any reference to a “report accompanying this Act”*
3 *contained in division A shall be treated as a reference to*
4 *Senate Report 118–43. The effect of such Report shall be*
5 *limited to division A and shall apply for purposes of deter-*
6 *mining the allocation of funds provided by, and the imple-*
7 *mentation of, division A.*

8 (b) *Any reference to a “report accompanying this Act”*
9 *contained in division B shall be treated as a reference to*
10 *Senate Report 118–44. The effect of such Report shall be*
11 *limited to division B and shall apply for purposes of deter-*
12 *mining the allocation of funds provided by, and the imple-*
13 *mentation of, division B.*

14 (c) *Any reference to a “report accompanying this Act”*
15 *contained in division C shall be treated as a reference to*
16 *Senate Report 118–70. The effect of such Report shall be*
17 *limited to division C and shall apply for purposes of deter-*
18 *mining the allocation of funds provided by, and the imple-*
19 *mentation of, division C.*

20 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REGARDING TELEWORK.**

21 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “em-*
22 *ployee”, “locality pay area”, “locality rate”, and “official*
23 *worksites” have the meanings given those terms in section*
24 *531.602 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.*

25 (b) *REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30*
26 *days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*

1 *for each agency funded under division A, division B, or*
2 *division C of this Act shall submit to Congress a report*
3 *containing—*

4 (1) *the number of employees of the agency or de-*
5 *partment who, based upon information technology*
6 *login information, office swipe-ins, and other measur-*
7 *able and observable factors, perform the majority of*
8 *their working hours in a locality pay area with a*
9 *lower locality rate than the locality rate for the local-*
10 *ity pay area in which the official worksite of the em-*
11 *ployee is located, but continue to receive the higher lo-*
12 *cality rate associated with the official worksite of the*
13 *employee;*

14 (2) *the cost savings that would be achieved by*
15 *adjusting the locality rate for employees described in*
16 *paragraph (1) to be the locality rate for the locality*
17 *pay area in which the employees perform the major-*
18 *ity of their working hours;*

19 (3) *the actions the agency or department has*
20 *taken to audit and adjust the locality rates for em-*
21 *ployees with a telework agreement to account for the*
22 *location from which the employees perform the major-*
23 *ity of their working hours;*

1 (4) *as of the date of enactment of this Act, the*
2 *actions the agency or department has taken to ensure*
3 *oversight and quality control of remote work;*

4 (5) *any additional steps the agency or depart-*
5 *ment is considering taking to improve oversight and*
6 *quality control of remote work;*

7 (6) *the typical daily onsite attendance in the of-*
8 *ice buildings of the agency or department, as a pro-*
9 *portion of the total workforce of the agency or depart-*
10 *ment;*

11 (7) *any guidance, initiatives, or other incentives*
12 *in effect to entice the employees of the agency or de-*
13 *partment to return to working from the office build-*
14 *ings of the agency or department;*

15 (8) *a description of the instances in which the*
16 *agency or department has exercised the authority*
17 *under paragraph (2) of section 531.605(d) of title 5,*
18 *Code of Federal Regulations to waive the twice-in-a-*
19 *pay-period standard under paragraph (1) of such sec-*
20 *tion;*

21 (9) *the number of exceptions to the exercises of*
22 *authority described in paragraph (8) that have been*
23 *revoked during each month beginning on or after July*
24 *1, 2021;*

1 (10) as of the date of enactment of this Act, the
2 number of employees for whom an exception described
3 in paragraph (8) remains in effect;

4 (11) a discussion of the monetary and environ-
5 mental cost of maintaining underutilized space for
6 the agency or department, in terms of energy use and
7 carbon emissions;

8 (12) any steps the agency or department is tak-
9 ing or planning to take on or before the date that is
10 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act to re-
11 duce underutilization of building and office space;
12 and

13 (13) the impacts of telework on the delivery of
14 services and response times, including any increase or
15 decrease in backlogs relative to the backlog as of
16 March 1, 2020.

17 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PROVIDING**
18 **GRANTS, FUNDING, OR ANY FINANCIAL BEN-**
19 **EFIT TO CHINESE ENTITIES.**

20 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—None of the funds appropriated or
21 otherwise made available by this Act may be used to provide
22 grants, funding, or any financial benefit to any entity, in-
23 cluding any corporation, that—

24 (1) is organized under the laws of, is
25 headquartered in, or has its principal place of busi-

1 *ness in the People’s Republic of China, including any*
2 *Special Administrative Region; or*

3 *(2) is subject to the control (as defined in section*
4 *800.208 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (as*
5 *in effect on the date of enactment of this Act)) of an*
6 *entity described in paragraph (1).*

7 *(b) DEFINITION OF CORPORATION.—In this section,*
8 *the term “corporation”—*

9 *(1) means an entity with the business structure*
10 *of a corporation, a company, a limited liability com-*
11 *pany, a limited partnership, a business trust, a busi-*
12 *ness association, or another similar entity; and*

13 *(2) includes any subsidiary or branch of an enti-*
14 *ty described in paragraph (1).*

1 ***DIVISION A—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION,***
2 ***VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED***
3 ***AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024***

4 *The following sums are appropriated, out of any*
5 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for*
6 *military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,*
7 *and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September*
8 *30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:*

9 ***TITLE I***

10 ***DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE***

11 ***MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY***

12 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
13 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, military in-*
14 *stallations, facilities, and real property for the Army as*
15 *currently authorized by law, including personnel in the*
16 *Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-*
17 *essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-*
18 *struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-*
19 *tions of the Commander in Chief, \$1,876,875,000, to remain*
20 *available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That, of this*
21 *amount, not to exceed \$349,245,000 shall be available for*
22 *study, planning, design, architect and engineer services,*
23 *and host nation support, as authorized by law, unless the*
24 *Secretary of the Army determines that additional obliga-*
25 *tions are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Com-*

1 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the*
2 *determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further,*
3 *That of the amount made available under this heading,*
4 *\$376,320,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and*
5 *in the amounts, specified in the report accompanying this*
6 *Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such*
7 *purposes.*

8 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS*

9 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
10 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-*
11 *stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and*
12 *Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including*
13 *personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command*
14 *and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this*
15 *appropriation, \$6,046,309,000, to remain available until*
16 *September 30, 2028: Provided, That, of this amount, not*
17 *to exceed \$708,822,000 shall be available for study, plan-*
18 *ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as author-*
19 *ized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines*
20 *that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes*
21 *and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both*
22 *Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons*
23 *therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made avail-*
24 *able under this heading, \$282,880,000 shall be for the*
25 *projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the*

1 *report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts oth-*
2 *erwise available for such purposes.*

3 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE*

4 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
5 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, military in-*
6 *stallations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force*
7 *as currently authorized by law, \$2,802,924,000, to remain*
8 *available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That, of this*
9 *amount, not to exceed \$562,074,000 shall be available for*
10 *study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-*
11 *ices, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the Air*
12 *Force determines that additional obligations are necessary*
13 *for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appro-*
14 *priations of both Houses of Congress of the determination*
15 *and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
16 *amount made available under this heading, \$197,610,000*
17 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
18 *specified in the report accompanying this Act, in addition*
19 *to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.*

20 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE*

21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

22 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
23 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-*
24 *tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-*
25 *cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military*

1 departments), as currently authorized by law,
2 \$3,132,782,000, to remain available until September 30,
3 2028: Provided, That such amounts of this appropriation
4 as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be
5 transferred to such appropriations of the Department of De-
6 fense available for military construction or family housing
7 as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with and to
8 be available for the same purposes, and for the same time
9 period, as the appropriation or fund to which transferred:
10 Provided further, That, of the amount, not to exceed
11 \$318,545,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,
12 and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,
13 unless the Secretary of Defense determines that additional
14 obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the
15 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
16 of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided fur-
17 ther, That of the amount made available under this head-
18 ing, \$36,100,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
19 in the amounts, specified in the report accompanying this
20 Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
21 purposes.

22 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD*

23 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
24 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
25 *ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-*

1 tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,
2 United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
3 tion Acts, \$598,572,000, to remain available until Sep-
4 tember 30, 2028: Provided, That, of the amount, not to ex-
5 ceed \$71,146,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-
6 sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by
7 law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard deter-
8 mines that additional obligations are necessary for such
9 purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of
10 both Houses of Congress of the determination and the rea-
11 sons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made
12 available under this heading, \$251,386,000 shall be for the
13 projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the
14 report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts oth-
15 erwise available for such purposes.

16 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD*

17 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
18 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
19 *ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions*
20 *therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United*
21 *States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts,*
22 *\$304,426,000, to remain available until September 30,*
23 *2028: Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed*
24 *\$67,854,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,*
25 *and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,*

1 *unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines*
2 *that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes*
3 *and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both*
4 *Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons*
5 *therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made avail-*
6 *able under this heading, \$125,704,000 shall be for the*
7 *projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the*
8 *report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts oth-*
9 *erwise available for such purposes.*

10 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE*

11 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
12 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
13 *ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter*
14 *1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-*
15 *struction Authorization Acts, \$151,076,000, to remain*
16 *available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That, of the*
17 *amount, not to exceed \$27,389,000 shall be available for*
18 *study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-*
19 *ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army*
20 *Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-*
21 *essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Ap-*
22 *propriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-*
23 *tion and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
24 *amount made available under this heading, \$44,000,000*
25 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*

1 *specified in the report accompanying this Act, in addition*
2 *to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.*

3 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE*

4 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
5 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
6 *ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and Ma-*
7 *rine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United*
8 *States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts,*
9 *\$51,291,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028:*
10 *Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed \$6,495,000*
11 *shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect*
12 *and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Sec-*
13 *retary of the Navy determines that additional obligations*
14 *are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees*
15 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-*
16 *mination and the reasons therefor.*

17 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE*

18 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
19 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
20 *ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by*
21 *chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military*
22 *Construction Authorization Acts, \$309,572,000, to remain*
23 *available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That, of the*
24 *amount, not to exceed \$14,646,000 shall be available for*
25 *study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-*

1 *ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air Force*
2 *Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-*
3 *essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Ap-*
4 *propriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-*
5 *tion and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
6 *amount made available under this heading, \$18,000,000*
7 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
8 *specified in the report accompanying this Act, in addition*
9 *to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.*

10 *NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION*

11 *SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM*

12 *For the United States share of the cost of the North*
13 *Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-*
14 *gram for the acquisition and construction of military facili-*
15 *ties and installations (including international military*
16 *headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective de-*
17 *fense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized by*
18 *section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Military*
19 *Construction Authorization Acts, \$293,434,000, to remain*
20 *available until expended.*

21 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT*

22 *For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Clo-*
23 *sure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the Defense*
24 *Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687*
25 *note), \$439,174,000, to remain available until expended.*

1 *alternative means of acquiring and improving military*
2 *family housing and supporting facilities.*

3 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE*

4 *MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT*

5 *FUND*

6 *For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-*
7 *panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$496,000, to remain*
8 *available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-*
9 *tatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,*
10 *United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-*
11 *ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and*
12 *supporting facilities.*

13 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

14 *SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this*
15 *title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-*
16 *fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates ex-*
17 *ceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States, ex-*
18 *cept Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of the*
19 *Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons therefor.*

20 *SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for con-*
21 *struction shall be available for hire of passenger motor vehi-*
22 *cles.*

23 *SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-*
24 *struction may be used for advances to the Federal Highway*
25 *Administration, Department of Transportation, for the con-*

1 *struction of access roads as authorized by section 210 of*
2 *title 23, United States Code, when projects authorized there-*
3 *in are certified as important to the national defense by the*
4 *Secretary of Defense.*

5 *SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this*
6 *title may be used to begin construction of new bases in the*
7 *United States for which specific appropriations have not*
8 *been made.*

9 *SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this*
10 *title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements*
11 *in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by the*
12 *Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engineer-*
13 *ing Command, except: (1) where there is a determination*
14 *of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated by*
15 *the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney Gen-*
16 *eral; (3) where the estimated value is less than \$25,000; or*
17 *(4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary of Defense to*
18 *be in the public interest.*

19 *SEC. 106. None of the funds made available in this*
20 *title shall be used to: (1) acquire land; (2) provide for site*
21 *preparation; or (3) install utilities for any family housing,*
22 *except housing for which funds have been made available*
23 *in annual Acts making appropriations for military con-*
24 *struction.*

1 *SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this*
2 *title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relo-*
3 *cate any activity from one base or installation to another,*
4 *without prior notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
5 *tions of both Houses of Congress.*

6 *SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this*
7 *title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-*
8 *struction project or activity for which American steel pro-*
9 *ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied the*
10 *opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.*

11 *SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-*
12 *ment of Defense for military construction or family housing*
13 *during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real prop-*
14 *erty taxes in any foreign nation.*

15 *SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this*
16 *title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas*
17 *without prior notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
18 *tions of both Houses of Congress.*

19 *SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this*
20 *title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts*
21 *estimated by the Government to exceed \$500,000 for projects*
22 *to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlantic Treaty*
23 *Organization member country, or in countries bordering the*
24 *Arabian Gulf, unless such contracts are awarded to United*

1 *States firms or United States firms in joint venture with*
2 *host nation firms.*

3 *SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this*
4 *title for military construction in the United States terri-*
5 *ories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein*
6 *Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be*
7 *used to award any contract estimated by the Government*
8 *to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: Provided, That*
9 *this section shall not be applicable to contract awards for*
10 *which the lowest responsive and responsible bid of a United*
11 *States contractor exceeds the lowest responsive and respon-*
12 *sible bid of a foreign contractor by greater than 20 percent:*
13 *Provided further, That this section shall not apply to con-*
14 *tract awards for military construction on Kwajalein Atoll*
15 *for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid is sub-*
16 *mitted by a Marshallese contractor.*

17 *SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the*
18 *appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, includ-*
19 *ing the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and scope*
20 *of any proposed military exercise involving United States*
21 *personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts ex-*
22 *pended for construction, either temporary or permanent,*
23 *are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.*

24 *SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of*
25 *Defense for construction in prior years shall be available*

1 *Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
2 *of Congress, such additional amounts as may be determined*
3 *by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to: (1) the*
4 *Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund*
5 *from amounts appropriated for construction in “Family*
6 *Housing” accounts, to be merged with and to be available*
7 *for the same purposes and for the same period of time as*
8 *amounts appropriated directly to the Fund; or (2) the De-*
9 *partment of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Im-*
10 *provement Fund from amounts appropriated for construc-*
11 *tion of military unaccompanied housing in “Military Con-*
12 *struction” accounts, to be merged with and to be available*
13 *for the same purposes and for the same period of time as*
14 *amounts appropriated directly to the Fund: Provided, That*
15 *appropriations made available to the Funds shall be avail-*
16 *able to cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the*
17 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan*
18 *guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant*
19 *to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title*
20 *10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means of*
21 *acquiring and improving military family housing, military*
22 *unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.*

23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

24 *SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority*
25 *available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be*

1 transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure
2 Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the
3 Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of
4 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated with
5 the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under 42
6 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall be
7 merged with and be available for the same purposes and
8 for the same time period as the fund to which transferred.

9 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
10 funds made available in this title for operation and mainte-
11 nance of family housing shall be the exclusive source of
12 funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing
13 units, including general or flag officer quarters: Provided,
14 That not more than \$35,000 per unit may be spent annu-
15 ally for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag
16 officer quarters without 30 days prior notification, or 14
17 days for a notification provided in an electronic medium
18 pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States
19 Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
20 of Congress, except that an after-the-fact notification shall
21 be submitted if the limitation is exceeded solely due to costs
22 associated with environmental remediation that could not
23 be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submis-
24 sion: Provided further, That the Under Secretary of Defense
25 (Comptroller) is to report annually to the Committees on

1 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress all operation*
2 *and maintenance expenditures for each individual general*
3 *or flag officer quarters for the prior fiscal year.*

4 *SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-*
5 *provement Account established by subsection (h) of section*
6 *2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appropriated and*
7 *shall be available until expended for the purposes specified*
8 *in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until transferred pur-*
9 *suant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

11 *SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-*
12 *tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense*
13 *for military construction and family housing operation and*
14 *maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,*
15 *upon a determination that such appropriations will not be*
16 *necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making*
17 *authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-*
18 *tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-*
19 *propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations*
20 *may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-*
21 *rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged*
22 *with and to be available for the same time period and for*
23 *the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-*
24 *ferred.*

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made
3 available in an account funded under the headings in this
4 title may be transferred among projects and activities with-
5 in the account in accordance with the reprogramming
6 guidelines for military construction and family housing
7 construction contained in Department of Defense Financial
8 Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chapter 7,
9 of March 2011, as in effect on the date of enactment of this
10 Act.

11 SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this
12 title may be obligated or expended for planning and design
13 and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-
14 tery.

15 SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts
16 and in the amounts specified, to remain available until
17 September 30, 2028:

18 “Military Construction, Army”, \$38,514,000;

19 “Military Construction, Navy and Marine
20 Corps”, \$351,100,000;

21 “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$66,000,000;

22 “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”,
23 \$117,100,000;

24 “Military Construction, Army National Guard”,
25 \$89,500,000;

1 *“Military Construction, Air National Guard”,*
2 *\$5,200,000; and*

3 *“Military Construction, Army Reserve”,*
4 *\$23,000,000:*

5 *Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry*
6 *out construction and cost to complete projects identified in*
7 *the respective military department’s unfunded priority list*
8 *for fiscal year 2024 submitted to Congress: Provided fur-*
9 *ther, That such projects are subject to authorization prior*
10 *to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out con-*
11 *struction: Provided further, That not later than 60 days*
12 *after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military*
13 *department concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the*
14 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
15 *an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.*

16 *SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-*
17 *ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “Depart-*
18 *ment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and Marine*
19 *Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Construction,*
20 *Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Military Con-*
21 *struction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to the author-*
22 *ization of appropriations in a National Defense Authoriza-*
23 *tion Act specified for fiscal year 2024 in the funding table*
24 *in section 4601 of that Act shall be immediately available*

1 *and allotted to contract for the full scope of authorized*
2 *projects.*

3 *SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,*
4 *funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-*
5 *gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-*
6 *gated before October 1, 2025 for fiscal year 2017, 2018, and*
7 *2019 military construction projects for which project au-*
8 *thorization has not lapsed or for which authorization is ex-*
9 *tended for fiscal year 2024 by a National Defense Author-*
10 *ization Act: Provided, That no amounts may be obligated*
11 *pursuant to this section from amounts that were designated*
12 *by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to*
13 *a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced*
14 *Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

15 *SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term “con-*
16 *gressional defense committees” means the Committees on*
17 *Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the*
18 *Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construction and*
19 *Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the*
20 *Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction*
21 *and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations*
22 *of the House of Representatives.*

23 *SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts*
24 *and in the amounts specified for planning and design and*
25 *unspecified minor construction, for improving military in-*

1 *stallation resilience, to remain available until September*
2 *30, 2028:*

3 *“Military Construction, Army”, \$15,000,000;*

4 *“Military Construction, Navy and Marine*
5 *Corps”, \$7,500,000; and*

6 *“Military Construction, Air Force”, \$7,500,000:*

7 *Provided, That not later than 60 days after enactment of*
8 *this Act, the Secretary of the military department con-*
9 *cerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees*
10 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-*
11 *ture plan for funds provided under this section: Provided*
12 *further, That the Secretary of the military department con-*
13 *cerned may not obligate or expend any funds prior to ap-*
14 *proval by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
15 *of Congress of the expenditure plan required by this section.*

16 *SEC. 129. For an additional amount for “Military*
17 *Construction, Air Force”, \$150,000,000, to remain avail-*
18 *able until September 30, 2028, for expenses incurred as a*
19 *result of natural disasters: Provided, That not later than*
20 *60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-*
21 *retary of the Air Force, or their designee, shall submit to*
22 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
23 *gress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this sec-*
24 *tion.*

1 *SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts*
2 *and in the amounts specified for planning and design and*
3 *authorized major construction projects, for child develop-*
4 *ment centers, to remain available until September 30, 2028:*

5 *“Military Construction, Army”, \$15,000,000;*

6 *“Military Construction, Navy and Marine*
7 *Corps”, \$15,000,000; and*

8 *“Military Construction, Air Force”, \$15,000,000:*

9 *Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of en-*
10 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of the military depart-*
11 *ment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Com-*
12 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an*
13 *expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.*

14 *SEC. 131. For an additional amount for “Military*
15 *Construction, Air National Guard”, \$83,000,000, to remain*
16 *available until September 30, 2028, for planning and de-*
17 *sign and authorized major construction projects at future*
18 *foreign military training sites: Provided, That not later*
19 *than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
20 *the Air Force, or their designee, shall submit to the Commit-*
21 *tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an ex-*
22 *penditure plan for funds provided under this section.*

23 *SEC. 132. For an additional amount for “Military*
24 *Construction, Air Force”, \$20,000,000, to remain available*
25 *until September 30, 2028, for cost increases identified subse-*

1 *quent to the fiscal year 2024 budget request for authorized*
2 *major construction projects: Provided, That not later than*
3 *60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the*
4 *Air Force, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees*
5 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expendi-*
6 *ture plan for funds provided under this section.*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

8 *SEC. 133. Of the proceeds credited to the Department*
9 *of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund pursuant*
10 *to subsection (c)(1)(D) of section 2883 of title 10, United*
11 *States Code, pursuant to a Department of Navy investment,*
12 *the Secretary of Defense shall transfer \$18,800,000 to the*
13 *Secretary of the Navy under paragraph (3) of subsection*
14 *(d) of such section for use by the Secretary of the Navy as*
15 *provided in paragraph (1) of such subsection until ex-*
16 *pended.*

17 *SEC. 134. For an additional amount for the accounts*
18 *and in the amounts specified for authorized major construc-*
19 *tion projects, to remain available until September 30, 2028:*

20 *“Military Construction, Navy”, \$48,300,000”,*

21 *and*

22 *“Military Construction, Defense-Wide”,*

23 *\$37,100,000:*

24 *Provided, That not later than 30 days after enactment of*
25 *this Act, the Secretary of Defense, or their designee, shall*

1 *submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
2 *of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under*
3 *this section.*

4 *SEC. 135. None of the funds made available by this*
5 *Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment*
6 *of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,*
7 *Cuba.*

8 *TITLE II*

9 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS*

10 *VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION*

11 *COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS*

12 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

13 *For the payment of compensation benefits to or on be-*
14 *half of veterans and a pilot program for disability examina-*
15 *tions as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18,*
16 *51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension*
17 *benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters*
18 *15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and*
19 *burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for*
20 *Survivors, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, ad-*
21 *justed-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums*
22 *due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under*
23 *the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief*
24 *Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as*
25 *authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and*

1 chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States
2 Code, \$4,655,879,000, which shall be in addition to funds
3 previously appropriated under this heading that become
4 available on October 1, 2023, to remain available until ex-
5 pended; and, in addition, \$181,390,281,000, which shall be-
6 come available on October 1, 2024, to remain available
7 until expended: Provided, That not to exceed \$22,109,000
8 of the amount made available for fiscal year 2025 under
9 this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating Ex-
10 penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Informa-
11 tion Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in imple-
12 menting the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title
13 38, United States Code, the funding source for which is spe-
14 cifically provided as the “Compensation and Pensions” ap-
15 propriation: Provided further, That such sums as may be
16 earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reim-
17 bursed to “Medical Care Collections Fund” to augment the
18 funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home
19 care provided to pensioners as authorized.

20 *READJUSTMENT BENEFITS*

21 *For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation*
22 *benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters*
23 *21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of*
24 *title 38, United States Code, \$11,523,134,000, which shall*
25 *become available on October 1, 2024, to remain available*

1 *until expended: Provided, That expenses for rehabilitation*
2 *program services and assistance which the Secretary is au-*
3 *thorized to provide under subsection (a) of section 3104 of*
4 *title 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs*
5 *(1), (2), (5), and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged*
6 *to this account.*

7 *VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES*

8 *For military and naval insurance, national service life*
9 *insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-*
10 *erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as*
11 *authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United States*
12 *Code, \$12,701,000, which shall be in addition to funds pre-*
13 *viously appropriated under this heading that become avail-*
14 *able on October 1, 2023, to remain available until expended;*
15 *and, in addition, \$135,119,422, which shall become avail-*
16 *able on October 1, 2024, to remain available until expended.*

17 *VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND*

18 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums*
19 *as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized*
20 *by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of title 38,*
21 *United States Code: Provided, That such costs, including*
22 *the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in sec-*
23 *tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided*
24 *further, That, during fiscal year 2024, within the resources*
25 *available, not to exceed \$500,000 in gross obligations for*

1 *direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing*
2 *loans.*

3 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
4 *the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$316,742,419.*

5 *VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

6 *For the cost of direct loans, \$78,337, as authorized by*
7 *chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: Provided, That*
8 *such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall*
9 *be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget*
10 *Act of 1974: Provided further, That funds made available*
11 *under this heading are available to subsidize gross obliga-*
12 *tions for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed*
13 *\$2,026,000.*

14 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
15 *carry out the direct loan program, \$460,698, which may*
16 *be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-*
17 *penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.*

18 *NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM*

19 *ACCOUNT*

20 *For administrative expenses to carry out the direct*
21 *loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of*
22 *title 38, United States Code, \$2,718,546.*

1 *the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical*
2 *supplies and equipment, bioengineering services, food serv-*
3 *ices, and salaries and expenses of healthcare employees*
4 *hired under title 38, United States Code, assistance and*
5 *support services for caregivers as authorized by section*
6 *1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repayments au-*
7 *thorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and Veterans Om-*
8 *nibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–163;*
9 *124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note), monthly assistance*
10 *allowances authorized by section 322(d) of title 38, United*
11 *States Code, grants authorized by section 521A of title 38,*
12 *United States Code, and administrative expenses necessary*
13 *to carry out sections 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United*
14 *States Code, and hospital care and medical services author-*
15 *ized by section 1787 of title 38, United States Code;*
16 *\$71,000,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall become*
17 *available on October 1, 2024, and shall remain available*
18 *until September 30, 2025: Provided, That, of the amount*
19 *made available on October 1, 2024, under this heading,*
20 *\$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
21 *2026: Provided further, That of the \$74,004,000,000 to be-*
22 *come available on October 1, 2023, previously appropriated*
23 *under this heading in division J of the Consolidated Appro-*
24 *priations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328), \$4,933,113,000*
25 *is hereby rescinded: Provided further, That, notwith-*

1 *standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of Vet-*
2 *erans Affairs shall establish a priority for the provision of*
3 *medical treatment for veterans who have service-connected*
4 *disabilities, lower income, or have special needs: Provided*
5 *further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
6 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding*
7 *for the provision of basic medical benefits to veterans in*
8 *enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: Provided further,*
9 *That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-*
10 *retary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing of*
11 *prescription drugs from Veterans Health Administration*
12 *facilities to enrolled veterans with privately written pre-*
13 *scriptions based on requirements established by the Sec-*
14 *retary: Provided further, That the implementation of the*
15 *program described in the previous proviso shall incur no*
16 *additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs: Pro-*
17 *vided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
18 *ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated under this*
19 *heading for medical supplies and equipment are available*
20 *for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically for*
21 *female veterans: Provided further, That nothing in section*
22 *2044(e)(1) of title 38, United States Code, may be construed*
23 *as limiting amounts that may be made available under this*
24 *heading for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in this or prior Acts.*

1 *MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE*

2 *For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to*
3 *individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United*
4 *States Code, at non-Department facilities, \$20,382,000,000,*
5 *plus reimbursements, which shall become available on Octo-*
6 *ber 1, 2024, and shall remain available until September*
7 *30, 2025: Provided, That, of the amount made available on*
8 *October 1, 2024, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall*
9 *remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided fur-*
10 *ther, That of the \$33,000,000,000 to become available on*
11 *October 1, 2023, previously appropriated under this head-*
12 *ing in division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,*
13 *2023 (Public Law 117–328), \$3,159,584,000 is hereby re-*
14 *scinded.*

15 *MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE*

16 *For necessary expenses in the administration of the*
17 *medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,*
18 *supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-*
19 *ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activities;*
20 *and administrative and legal expenses of the Department*
21 *for collecting and recovering amounts owed the Department*
22 *as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, United States*
23 *Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42*
24 *U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$11,800,000,000, plus reimbursements,*
25 *which shall become available on October 1, 2024, and shall*

1 *remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That,*
2 *of the amount made available on October 1, 2024, under*
3 *this heading, \$350,000,000 shall remain available until*
4 *September 30, 2026.*

5 *MEDICAL FACILITIES*

6 *For necessary expenses for the maintenance and oper-*
7 *ation of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,*
8 *and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Admin-*
9 *istration; for administrative expenses in support of plan-*
10 *ning, design, project management, real property acquisition*
11 *and disposition, construction, and renovation of any facil-*
12 *ity under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department;*
13 *for oversight, engineering, and architectural activities not*
14 *charged to project costs; for repairing, altering, improving,*
15 *or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes*
16 *under the jurisdiction of the Department, not otherwise pro-*
17 *vided for, either by contract or by the hire of temporary*
18 *employees and purchase of materials; for leases of facilities;*
19 *and for laundry services; \$1,000,000,000, which shall be in*
20 *addition to funds previously appropriated under this head-*
21 *ing that become available on October 1, 2023; and, in addi-*
22 *tion, \$9,400,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-*
23 *come available on October 1, 2024, and shall remain avail-*
24 *able until September 30, 2025: Provided, That, of the*
25 *amount made available on October 1, 2024, under this*

1 *heading, \$500,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-*
2 *tember 30, 2026.*

3 *MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH*

4 *For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of*
5 *medical and prosthetic research and development as author-*
6 *ized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,*
7 *\$938,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain available*
8 *until September 30, 2025: Provided, That the Secretary of*
9 *Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appro-*
10 *priated under this heading are available for prosthetic re-*
11 *search specifically for female veterans, and for toxic expo-*
12 *sure research.*

13 *NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION*

14 *For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-*
15 *ministration for operations and maintenance, not otherwise*
16 *provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor;*
17 *cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of one*
18 *passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial operations;*
19 *hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alteration or*
20 *improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Na-*
21 *tional Cemetery Administration, \$480,000,000, of which*
22 *not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until Sep-*
23 *tember 30, 2025.*

1 *DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION*2 *GENERAL ADMINISTRATION*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary operating expenses of the Department of*
5 *Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including ad-*
6 *ministrative expenses in support of Department-wide cap-*
7 *ital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms,*
8 *or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for official re-*
9 *ception and representation expenses; hire of passenger*
10 *motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services*
11 *Administration for security guard services, \$475,000,000,*
12 *of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available*
13 *until September 30, 2025: Provided, That funds provided*
14 *under this heading may be transferred to “General Oper-*
15 *ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.*

16 *BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS*

17 *For necessary operating expenses of the Board of Vet-*
18 *erans Appeals, \$287,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 per-*
19 *cent shall remain available until September 30, 2025.*

20 *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS*21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

22 *For necessary expenses for information technology sys-*
23 *tems and telecommunications support, including develop-*
24 *mental information systems and operational information*
25 *systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital*

1 *asset acquisition of information technology systems, includ-*
2 *ing management and related contractual costs of said ac-*
3 *quisitions, including contractual costs associated with oper-*
4 *ations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States*
5 *Code, \$6,401,000,000, plus reimbursements: Provided, That*
6 *\$1,606,977,000 shall be for pay and associated costs, of*
7 *which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain available until*
8 *September 30, 2025: Provided further, That \$4,668,373,000*
9 *shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to*
10 *exceed 5 percent shall remain available until September 30,*
11 *2025, and of which \$75,288,000 shall remain available*
12 *until September 30, 2028 for the purpose of facility activa-*
13 *tions related to projects funded by the “Construction, Major*
14 *Projects”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, “Medical Facili-*
15 *ties”, “National Cemetery Administration”, “General Oper-*
16 *ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and*
17 *“General Administration” accounts: Provided further, That*
18 *\$125,650,000 shall be for information technology systems*
19 *development, and shall remain available until September*
20 *30, 2025: Provided further, That amounts made available*
21 *for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, and*
22 *information technology systems development may be trans-*
23 *ferred among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of*
24 *Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appro-*
25 *priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make*

1 *the transfer and an approval is issued: Provided further,*
2 *That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-*
3 *nology Systems” account for development may be trans-*
4 *ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: Provided*
5 *further, That no project may be increased or decreased by*
6 *more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submitting a request*
7 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
8 *gress to make the transfer and an approval is issued, or*
9 *absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed: Provided*
10 *further, That the funds made available under this heading*
11 *for information technology systems development shall be for*
12 *the projects, and in the amounts, specified under this head-*
13 *ing in the report accompanying this Act.*

14 *VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD*

15 *For activities related to implementation, preparation,*
16 *development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-*
17 *nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-*
18 *cluding contractual costs associated with operations author-*
19 *ized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and sala-*
20 *ries and expenses of employees hired under titles 5 and 38,*
21 *United States Code, \$1,334,142,000, to remain available*
22 *until September 30, 2026: Provided, That the Secretary of*
23 *Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appro-*
24 *priations of both Houses of Congress quarterly reports de-*
25 *tailing obligations, expenditures, and deployment imple-*

1 *mentation by facility, including any changes from the de-*
2 *ployment plan or schedule: Provided further, That the Sec-*
3 *retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report*
4 *containing an earned value analysis of the Veterans Elec-*
5 *tronic Health Record system, which shall include a graphic*
6 *performance report, a schedule and cost performance in-*
7 *dexes, an estimate at completion and budget at completion,*
8 *and a variance analysis for cost and schedule: Provided fur-*
9 *ther, That the funds provided in this account shall only be*
10 *available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be admin-*
11 *istered by that Office: Provided further, That 25 percent*
12 *of the funds made available under this heading shall not*
13 *be available until July 1, 2024, and are contingent upon*
14 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—*

15 (1) *providing the Committees on Appropriations*
16 *a report, no later than 60 days after enactment of*
17 *this Act, outlining the measureable operational*
18 *metrics that will be used to determine when it is ap-*
19 *propriate to re-start deployments;*

20 (2) *providing the Committees on Appropriations*
21 *a report on the reset process as of March 1, 2024, in-*
22 *cluding progress on achieving the necessary targets on*
23 *the operational metrics identified in paragraph (1)*
24 *and the current performance at all Department of*
25 *Veterans Affairs facilities using the new electronic*

1 *health record on or before September 2023 compared*
2 *to pre-deployment baselines; and*

3 *(3) certifying in writing no later than 30 days*
4 *prior to July 1, 2024, whether the system is stable,*
5 *ready, and optimized for further deployment at VA*
6 *sites, and if not, an estimate of the timeline required*
7 *for further deployment.*

8 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

9 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
10 *eral, to include information technology, in carrying out the*
11 *provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.*
12 *App.), \$296,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent shall*
13 *remain available until September 30, 2025.*

14 *CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS*

15 *For constructing, altering, extending, and improving*
16 *any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the*
17 *jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans*
18 *Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316,*
19 *2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,*
20 *not otherwise provided for, including planning, architec-*
21 *tural and engineering services, construction management*
22 *services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs as-*
23 *sociated with equipment guarantees provided under the*
24 *project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm*
25 *drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition,*

1 *where the estimated cost of a project is more than the*
2 *amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United*
3 *States Code, or where funds for a project were made avail-*
4 *able in a previous major project appropriation,*
5 *\$881,000,000, of which \$373,096,000 shall remain available*
6 *until September 30, 2028, and of which \$507,904,000 shall*
7 *remain available until expended, of which \$110,000,000*
8 *shall be available for seismic improvement projects and seis-*
9 *mic program management activities, including for projects*
10 *that would otherwise be funded by the Construction, Minor*
11 *Projects, Medical Facilities or National Cemetery Adminis-*
12 *tration accounts: Provided, That except for advance plan-*
13 *ning activities, including needs assessments which may or*
14 *may not lead to capital investments, and other capital asset*
15 *management related activities, including portfolio develop-*
16 *ment and management activities, and planning, cost esti-*
17 *mating, and design for major medical facility projects and*
18 *major medical facility leases and investment strategy stud-*
19 *ies funded through the advance planning fund and the plan-*
20 *ning and design activities funded through the design fund,*
21 *staffing expenses, and funds provided for the purchase, secu-*
22 *rity, and maintenance of land for the National Cemetery*
23 *Administration and the Veterans Health Administration*
24 *through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds*
25 *made available under this heading shall be used for any*

1 *project that has not been notified to Congress through the*
2 *budgetary process or that has not been approved by the Con-*
3 *gress through statute, joint resolution, or in the explanatory*
4 *statement accompanying such Act and presented to the*
5 *President at the time of enrollment: Provided further, That*
6 *funds provided for the Veterans Health Administration*
7 *through the land acquisition line item shall be only for*
8 *projects included on the five year development plan notified*
9 *to Congress through the budgetary process: Provided further,*
10 *That such sums as may be necessary shall be available to*
11 *reimburse the “General Administration” account for pay-*
12 *ment of salaries and expenses of all Office of Construction*
13 *and Facilities Management employees to support the full*
14 *range of capital infrastructure services provided, including*
15 *minor construction and leasing services: Provided further,*
16 *That funds made available under this heading for fiscal*
17 *year 2024, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1)*
18 *by the awarding of a construction documents contract by*
19 *September 30, 2024; and (2) by the awarding of a construc-*
20 *tion contract by September 30, 2025: Provided further, That*
21 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to*
22 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
23 *gress a written report on any approved major construction*
24 *project for which obligations are not incurred within the*
25 *time limitations established above: Provided further, That*

1 *notwithstanding the requirements of section 8104(a) of title*
2 *38, United States Code, amounts made available under this*
3 *heading for seismic improvement projects and seismic pro-*
4 *gram management activities shall be available for the com-*
5 *pletion of both new and existing seismic projects of the De-*
6 *partment.*

7 *CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS*

8 *For constructing, altering, extending, and improving*
9 *any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the*
10 *jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans*
11 *Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs which*
12 *may lead to capital investments, architectural and engi-*
13 *neering services, maintenance or guarantee period services*
14 *costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under*
15 *the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and*
16 *storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisi-*
17 *tion, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316,*
18 *2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,*
19 *not otherwise provided for, where the estimated cost of a*
20 *project is equal to or less than the amount set forth in sec-*
21 *tion 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code,*
22 *\$680,000,000, of which \$612,000,000 shall remain available*
23 *until September 30, 2028, and of which \$68,000,000 shall*
24 *remain available until expended, along with unobligated*
25 *balances of previous “Construction, Minor Projects” appro-*

1 *priations which are hereby made available for any project*
2 *where the estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount*
3 *set forth in such section: Provided, That funds made avail-*
4 *able under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of*
5 *the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the*
6 *use of the Department which are necessary because of loss*
7 *or damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;*
8 *and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to min-*
9 *imize further loss by such causes.*

10 *GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE*

11 *FACILITIES*

12 *For grants to assist States to acquire or construct*
13 *State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-*
14 *model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home, and*
15 *domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care*
16 *to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through 8137 of*
17 *title 38, United States Code, \$164,000,000, to remain avail-*
18 *able until expended.*

19 *GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES*

20 *For grants to assist States and tribal organizations*
21 *in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-*
22 *teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United*
23 *States Code, \$60,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
24 *pended.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

1 *SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2024 for*
2 *“Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,*
3 *and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-*
4 *ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-*
5 *priations: Provided, That, before a transfer may take place,*
6 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the*
7 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
8 *the authority to make the transfer and such Committees*
9 *issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days*
10 *has elapsed.*

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 *SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Department*
14 *of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, in this or any other*
15 *Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community*
16 *Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical*
17 *Facilities” accounts may be transferred among the ac-*
18 *counts: Provided, That any transfers among the “Medical*
19 *Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and “Medical Sup-*
20 *port and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent or less of the*
21 *total amount appropriated to the account in this or any*
22 *other Act may take place subject to notification from the*
23 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-*
24 *priations of both Houses of Congress of the amount and*
25

1 *purpose of the transfer: Provided further, That any trans-*
2 *fers among the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community*
3 *Care”, and “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts*
4 *in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the cumulative 1 percent*
5 *for the fiscal year, may take place only after the Secretary*
6 *requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both*
7 *Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and*
8 *an approval is issued: Provided further, That any transfers*
9 *to or from the “Medical Facilities” account may take place*
10 *only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on*
11 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to*
12 *make the transfer and an approval is issued.*

13 *SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for sal-*
14 *aries and expenses shall be available for services authorized*
15 *by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of pas-*
16 *senger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land or both;*
17 *and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sec-*
18 *tions 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United States Code.*

19 *SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the*
20 *appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects”, and*
21 *“Construction, Minor Projects”)* *shall be available for the*
22 *purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any*
23 *new hospital or home.*

24 *SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be*
25 *available for health care treatment or examination of any*

1 *shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund under*
2 *section 1920 of title 38, United States Code, the Veterans’*
3 *Special Life Insurance Fund under section 1923 of title 38,*
4 *United States Code, and the United States Government Life*
5 *Insurance Fund under section 1955 of title 38, United*
6 *States Code, reimburse the “General Operating Expenses,*
7 *Veterans Benefits Administration” and “Information Tech-*
8 *nology Systems” accounts for the cost of administration of*
9 *the insurance programs financed through those accounts:*
10 *Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the*
11 *surplus earnings accumulated in such an insurance pro-*
12 *gram during fiscal year 2024 that are available for divi-*
13 *dends in that program after claims have been paid and ac-*
14 *tuarially determined reserves have been set aside: Provided*
15 *further, That if the cost of administration of such an insur-*
16 *ance program exceeds the amount of surplus earnings accu-*
17 *mulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made*
18 *only to the extent of such surplus earnings: Provided fur-*
19 *ther, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of adminis-*
20 *tration for fiscal year 2024 which is properly allocable to*
21 *the provision of each such insurance program and to the*
22 *provision of any total disability income insurance included*
23 *in that insurance program.*

24 *SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use lease*
25 *proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses incurred by*

1 *that account during a prior fiscal year for providing en-*
2 *hanced-use lease services shall be available until expended.*

3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for*
5 *salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be*
6 *available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management,*
7 *Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Employment Dis-*
8 *crimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alternative*
9 *Dispute Resolution function within the Office of Human*
10 *Resources and Administration for all services provided at*
11 *rates which will recover actual costs but not to exceed*
12 *\$145,408,000 for the Office of Resolution Management, Di-*
13 *versity and Inclusion, \$6,960,000 for the Office of Employ-*
14 *ment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and*
15 *\$7,772,000 for the Alternative Dispute Resolution function*
16 *within the Office of Human Resources and Administration:*
17 *Provided, That payments may be made in advance for serv-*
18 *ices to be furnished based on estimated costs: Provided fur-*
19 *ther, That amounts received shall be credited to the “Gen-*
20 *eral Administration” and “Information Technology Sys-*
21 *tems” accounts for use by the office that provided the serv-*
22 *ice.*

23 *SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans Af-*
24 *fairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home care,*
25 *or medical services provided to any person under chapter*

1 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-service-con-
2 nected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such
3 title, unless that person has disclosed to the Secretary of
4 Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary may require,
5 current, accurate third-party reimbursement information
6 for purposes of section 1729 of such title: Provided, That
7 the Secretary may recover, in the same manner as any other
8 debt due the United States, the reasonable charges for such
9 care or services from any person who does not make such
10 disclosure as required: Provided further, That any amounts
11 so recovered for care or services provided in a prior fiscal
12 year may be obligated by the Secretary during the fiscal
13 year in which amounts are received.

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
16 proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leasing ac-
17 tivities (including disposal) may be deposited into the
18 “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor
19 Projects” accounts and be used for construction (including
20 site acquisition and disposition), alterations, and improve-
21 ments of any medical facility under the jurisdiction or for
22 the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such sums
23 as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in
24 “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor
25 Projects”.

1 *SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical*
2 *Services” are available—*

3 *(1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-*
4 *plies, and equipment; and*

5 *(2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and*
6 *other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for*
7 *beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

9 *SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the*
10 *Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A*
11 *of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the*
12 *“Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-*
13 *counts to remain available until expended for the purposes*
14 *of these accounts.*

15 *SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter*
16 *into agreements with Federally Qualified Health Centers in*
17 *the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and Tribal organiza-*
18 *tions which are party to the Alaska Native Health Compact*
19 *with the Indian Health Service, to provide healthcare, in-*
20 *cluding behavioral health and dental care, to veterans in*
21 *rural Alaska. The Secretary shall require participating vet-*
22 *erans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules*
23 *and regulations, as established by the Secretary. The term*
24 *“rural Alaska” shall mean those lands which are not within*

1 *the boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage or the*
2 *Fairbanks North Star Borough.*

3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the De-*
5 *partment of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant*
6 *to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be*
7 *transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-*
8 *struction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain available*
9 *until expended for the purposes of these accounts.*

10 *SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of each*
11 *fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit*
12 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
13 *gress a report on the financial status of the Department*
14 *of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter: Provided,*
15 *That, at a minimum, the report shall include the direction*
16 *contained in the paragraph entitled “Quarterly reporting”,*
17 *under the heading “General Administration” in the joint*
18 *explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 114–223.*

19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

20 *SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Medical*
21 *Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support*
22 *and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Oper-*
23 *ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, “Board*
24 *of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”, and “Na-*
25 *tional Cemetery Administration” accounts for fiscal year*

1 2024 may be transferred to or from the “Information Tech-
2 nology Systems” account: Provided, That such transfers
3 may not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate increase
4 in the total amount made available by this Act for the “In-
5 formation Technology Systems” account: Provided further,
6 That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-
8 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make
9 the transfer and an approval is issued.

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Depart-
12 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024 for “Medical
13 Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support
14 and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Construction,
15 Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology Systems”,
16 up to \$430,532,000, plus reimbursements, may be trans-
17 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of
18 Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, es-
19 tablished by section 1704 of the National Defense Authoriza-
20 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123
21 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the facilities
22 designated as combined Federal medical facilities as de-
23 scribed by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National De-
24 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law
25 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional funds

1 *may be transferred from accounts designated in this section*
2 *to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Vet-*
3 *erans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon*
4 *written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to*
5 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
6 *gress: Provided further, That section 220 of title II of divi-*
7 *sion J of Public Law 117–328 is repealed.*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

9 *SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Depart-*
10 *ment of Veterans Affairs which become available on October*
11 *1, 2024, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community*
12 *Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical*
13 *Facilities”, up to \$456,547,000, plus reimbursements, may*
14 *be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Depart-*
15 *ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration*
16 *Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense*
17 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–*
18 *84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the*
19 *facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities*
20 *as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National*
21 *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public*
22 *Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional*
23 *funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this*
24 *section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department*
25 *of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund*

1 upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
2 fairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
3 of Congress.

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the
6 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
7 of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at
8 facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities
9 as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National
10 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public
11 Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be available: (1)
12 for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense—Depart-
13 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration
14 Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense
15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–
16 84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for operations of the facilities
17 designated as combined Federal medical facilities as de-
18 scribed by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National De-
19 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law
20 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That, notwithstanding
21 section 1704(b)(3) of the National Defense Authorization
22 Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat.
23 2573), amounts transferred to the Joint Department of De-
24 fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility
25 Demonstration Fund shall remain available until expended.

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 222. *Of the amounts available in this title for*
3 *“Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical*
4 *Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a*
5 *minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the DOD–*
6 *VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by*
7 *section 8111(d) of title 38, United States Code, to remain*
8 *available until expended, for any purpose authorized by sec-*
9 *tion 8111 of title 38, United States Code.*

10 SEC. 223. *None of the funds available to the Depart-*
11 *ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may*
12 *be used to replace the current system by which the Veterans*
13 *Integrated Service Networks select and contract for diabetes*
14 *monitoring supplies and equipment.*

15 SEC. 224. *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-*
16 *tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of*
17 *Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project*
18 *that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-*
19 *grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: Provided,*
20 *That such notification shall occur within 14 days of a con-*
21 *tract identifying the programmed amount: Provided fur-*
22 *ther, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Ap-*
23 *propriations of both Houses of Congress 14 days prior to*
24 *the obligation of such bid savings and shall describe the an-*
25 *ticipated use of such savings.*

1 *SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for “Con-*
2 *struction, Major Projects” may be used for a project in ex-*
3 *cess of the scope specified for that project in the original*
4 *justification data provided to the Congress as part of the*
5 *request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Veterans*
6 *Affairs receives approval from the Committees on Appro-*
7 *priations of both Houses of Congress.*

8 *SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of each*
9 *fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit*
10 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
11 *gress a quarterly report containing performance measures*
12 *and data from each Veterans Benefits Administration Re-*
13 *gional Office: Provided, That, at a minimum, the report*
14 *shall include the direction contained in the section entitled*
15 *“Disability claims backlog”, under the heading “General*
16 *Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” in*
17 *the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law*
18 *114–223: Provided further, That the report shall also in-*
19 *clude information on the number of appeals pending at the*
20 *Veterans Benefits Administration as well as the Board of*
21 *Veterans Appeals on a quarterly basis.*

22 *SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pro-*
23 *vide written notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
24 *tions of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to organiza-*
25 *tional changes which result in the transfer of 25 or more*

1 *full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of the*
2 *Department of Veterans Affairs to another.*

3 *SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pro-*
4 *vide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appropria-*
5 *tions of both Houses of Congress notification of any single*
6 *national outreach and awareness marketing campaign in*
7 *which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

9 *SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon de-*
10 *termination that such action is necessary to address needs*
11 *of the Veterans Health Administration, may transfer to the*
12 *“Medical Services” account any discretionary appropria-*
13 *tions made available for fiscal year 2024 in this title (except*
14 *appropriations made to the “General Operating Expenses,*
15 *Veterans Benefits Administration” account) or any discre-*
16 *tionary unobligated balances within the Department of Vet-*
17 *erans Affairs, including those appropriated for fiscal year*
18 *2024, that were provided in advance by appropriations*
19 *Acts: Provided, That transfers shall be made only with the*
20 *approval of the Office of Management and Budget: Provided*
21 *further, That the transfer authority provided in this section*
22 *is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by*
23 *law: Provided further, That no amounts may be transferred*
24 *from amounts that were designated by Congress as an emer-*
25 *gency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on*

1 *the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*
2 *Control Act of 1985: Provided further, That such authority*
3 *to transfer may not be used unless for higher priority items,*
4 *based on emergent healthcare requirements, than those for*
5 *which originally appropriated and in no case where the*
6 *item for which funds are requested has been denied by Con-*
7 *gress: Provided further, That, upon determination that all*
8 *or part of the funds transferred from an appropriation are*
9 *not necessary, such amounts may be transferred back to that*
10 *appropriation and shall be available for the same purposes*
11 *as originally appropriated: Provided further, That before*
12 *a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
13 *shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of*
14 *both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer*
15 *and receive approval of that request.*

16 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

17 *SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Department*
18 *of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, under the “Board*
19 *of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating Expenses,*
20 *Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts may be trans-*
21 *ferred between such accounts: Provided, That before a trans-*
22 *fer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
23 *request from the Committees on Appropriations of both*
24 *Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and*
25 *receive approval of that request.*

1 *SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not*
2 *reprogram funds among major construction projects or pro-*
3 *grams if such instance of reprogramming will exceed*
4 *\$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is approved by the*
5 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

6 *SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
7 *ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section*
8 *1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—*

9 *(1) provides to individuals who contact the hot-*
10 *line immediate assistance from a trained professional;*
11 *and*

12 *(2) adheres to all requirements of the American*
13 *Association of Suicidology.*

14 *(b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act*
15 *may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Executive*
16 *action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from*
17 *appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil service*
18 *position, or establishing a new civil service position, at the*
19 *Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to such a posi-*
20 *tion relating to the hotline specified in subsection (a).*

21 *(2) In this subsection—*

22 *(A) the term “civil service” has the meaning*
23 *given such term in section 2101(1) of title 5, United*
24 *States Code; and*

25 *(B) the term “Executive action” includes—*

1 (i) any *Executive order, Presidential memo-*
2 *randum, or other action by the President; and*

3 (ii) any *agency policy, order, or other direc-*
4 *tive.*

5 (c)(1) *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct*
6 *a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified in sub-*
7 *section (a) during the 5-year period beginning on January*
8 *1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide data and*
9 *data collected from such hotline.*

10 (2) *At a minimum, the study required by paragraph*
11 *(1) shall—*

12 (A) *determine the number of veterans who con-*
13 *tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who*
14 *receive follow up services from the hotline or mental*
15 *health services from the Department of Veterans Af-*
16 *fairs thereafter;*

17 (B) *determine the number of veterans who con-*
18 *tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not con-*
19 *tinue receiving, mental health care who commit sui-*
20 *cide; and*

21 (C) *determine the number of veterans described*
22 *in subparagraph (A) who commit or attempt suicide.*

23 *SEC. 233. Effective during the period beginning on Oc-*
24 *tober 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2025, none of the*
25 *funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

1 *by this or any other Act may be obligated or expended in*
2 *contravention of the “Veterans Health Administration Clin-*
3 *ical Preventive Services Guidance Statement on the Vet-*
4 *erans Health Administration’s Screening for Breast Cancer*
5 *Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as issued by the Vet-*
6 *erans Health Administration National Center for Health*
7 *Promotion and Disease Prevention.*

8 *SEC. 234. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of*
9 *law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available*
10 *to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Medical*
11 *Services” account may be used to provide—*

12 *(1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-*
13 *sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran or*
14 *the spouse of a covered veteran; or*

15 *(2) adoption reimbursement to a covered veteran.*

16 *(b) In this section:*

17 *(1) The term “service-connected” has the mean-*
18 *ing given such term in section 101 of title 38, United*
19 *States Code.*

20 *(2) The term “covered veteran” means a veteran,*
21 *as such term is defined in section 101 of title 38,*
22 *United States Code, who has a service-connected dis-*
23 *ability that results in the inability of the veteran to*
24 *procreate without the use of fertility treatment.*

1 (3) *The term “assisted reproductive technology”*
2 *means benefits relating to reproductive assistance pro-*
3 *vided to a member of the Armed Forces who incurs*
4 *a serious injury or illness on active duty pursuant to*
5 *section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United States Code,*
6 *as described in the memorandum on the subject of*
7 *“Policy for Assisted Reproductive Services for the*
8 *Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/Injured (Category*
9 *II or III) Active Duty Service Members” issued by the*
10 *Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on*
11 *April 3, 2012, and the guidance issued to implement*
12 *such policy, including any limitations on the amount*
13 *of such benefits available to such a member except*
14 *that—*

15 (A) *the time periods regarding embryo*
16 *cryopreservation and storage set forth in part*
17 *III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum*
18 *shall not apply; and*

19 (B) *such term includes embryo*
20 *cryopreservation and storage without limitation*
21 *on the duration of such cryopreservation and*
22 *storage.*

23 (4) *The term “adoption reimbursement” means*
24 *reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for*
25 *an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-*

1 *actment of this Act under the same terms as apply*
2 *under the adoption reimbursement program of the De-*
3 *partment of Defense, as authorized in Department of*
4 *Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the reimburse-*
5 *ment limits and requirements set forth in such in-*
6 *struction.*

7 *(c) Amounts made available for the purposes specified*
8 *in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the require-*
9 *ments for funds contained in section 508 of division H of*
10 *the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law*
11 *115–141).*

12 *SEC. 235. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
13 *made available by this Act or any other Act for the Depart-*
14 *ment of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that*
15 *is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transportation,*
16 *Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary,*
17 *the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appro-*
18 *priations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 119 Stat. 2506);*
19 *or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code.*

20 *SEC. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall*
21 *not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the*
22 *Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Admin-*
23 *istration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-*
24 *tractor performance by a business concern that is at least*
25 *51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined*

1 *in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one*
2 *or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-*
3 *tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.*

4 *SEC. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in*
5 *consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-*
6 *retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-*
7 *cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals*
8 *in all information systems of the Department of Veterans*
9 *Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,*
10 *2024.*

11 *(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and*
12 *use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-*
13 *vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United*
14 *States Code, in an information system of the Department*
15 *of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number*
16 *is necessary to:*

17 *(1) obtain or provide information the Secretary*
18 *requires from an information system that is not*
19 *under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;*

20 *(2) comply with a law, regulation, or court*
21 *order;*

22 *(3) perform anti-fraud activities; or*

23 *(4) identify a specific individual where no ade-*
24 *quate substitute is available.*

1 (c) *The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-*
2 *sede section 237 of division J of Public Law 117–328.*

3 *SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of*
4 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025 for*
5 *“Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public Law*
6 *114–223 shall apply.*

7 *SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or*
8 *prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to*
9 *the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to transfer*
10 *any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensa-*
11 *tion Fund to any other account within the Department of*
12 *Veterans Affairs.*

13 *SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department of*
14 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year*
15 *2025 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in each*
16 *year to carry out and expand the child care program au-*
17 *thorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, notwith-*
18 *standing subsection (e) of such section.*

19 *SEC. 241. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
20 *made available in this title may be used by the Secretary*
21 *of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement related to*
22 *resolving a dispute or claim with an individual that would*
23 *restrict in any way the individual from speaking to mem-*
24 *bers of Congress or their staff on any topic not otherwise*
25 *prohibited from disclosure by Federal law or required by*

1 *Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national*
2 *defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.*

3 *SEC. 242. For funds provided to the Department of*
4 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025, sec-*
5 *tion 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.*

6 *SEC. 243. (a) None of the funds appropriated or other-*
7 *wise made available by this Act may be used to deny an*
8 *Inspector General funded under this Act timely access to*
9 *any records, documents, or other materials available to the*
10 *department or agency over which that Inspector General*
11 *has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978*
12 *(5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent or impede the access of the*
13 *Inspector General to such records, documents, or other ma-*
14 *terials, under any provision of law, except a provision of*
15 *law that expressly refers to such Inspector General and ex-*
16 *pressly limits the right of access.*

17 *(b) A department or agency covered by this section*
18 *shall provide its Inspector General access to all records, doc-*
19 *uments, and other materials in a timely manner.*

20 *(c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance*
21 *with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-*
22 *formation provided by the establishment over which that In-*
23 *spector General has responsibilities under the Inspector*
24 *General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).*

1 (d) *Each Inspector General covered by this section*
2 *shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-*
3 *ate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of*
4 *Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure by*
5 *any department or agency covered by this section to comply*
6 *with this requirement.*

7 *SEC. 244. None of the funds made available in this*
8 *Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait*
9 *times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of the*
10 *Department of Veterans Affairs.*

11 *SEC. 245. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
12 *made available by this Act to the Veterans Health Adminis-*
13 *tration may be used in fiscal year 2024 to convert any pro-*
14 *gram which received specific purpose funds in fiscal year*
15 *2023 to a general purpose funded program unless the Sec-*
16 *retary of Veterans Affairs submits written notification of*
17 *any such proposal to the Committees on Appropriations of*
18 *both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior to any such*
19 *action and an approval is issued by the Committees.*

20 *SEC. 246. For funds provided to the Department of*
21 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2024 and 2025, sec-*
22 *tion 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.*

23 *SEC. 247. (a) None of the funds appropriated or other-*
24 *wise made available by this Act may be used to conduct*
25 *research commencing on or after October 1, 2019, that uses*

1 *any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the Sec-*
2 *retary of Veterans Affairs approves such research specifi-*
3 *cally and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).*

4 *(b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve*
5 *the conduct of research commencing on or after October 1,*
6 *2019, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if the*
7 *Secretary determines that—*

8 *(A) the scientific objectives of the research can*
9 *only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-*
10 *human primates;*

11 *(B) such scientific objectives are directly related*
12 *to an illness or injury that is combat-related; and*

13 *(C) the research is consistent with the revised*
14 *Department of Veterans Affairs canine research policy*
15 *document dated December 15, 2017, including any*
16 *subsequent revisions to such document.*

17 *(2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority*
18 *under this subsection.*

19 *(c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-*
20 *ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the com-*
21 *mencement of such research, the Secretary shall submit to*
22 *the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House*
23 *of Representatives a report describing—*

24 *(1) the nature of the research to be conducted*
25 *using canines, felines, or non-human primates;*

1 (2) *the date on which the Secretary approved the*
2 *research;*

3 (3) *the justification for the determination of the*
4 *Secretary that the scientific objectives of such research*
5 *could only be met using canines, felines, or non-*
6 *human primates;*

7 (4) *the frequency and duration of such research;*
8 *and*

9 (5) *the protocols in place to ensure the necessity,*
10 *safety, and efficacy of the research.*

11 (d) *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*
12 *ment of this Act, and biannually thereafter, the Secretary*
13 *shall submit to such Committees a report describing—*

14 (1) *any research being conducted by the Depart-*
15 *ment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines, or*
16 *non-human primates as of the date of the submittal*
17 *of the report;*

18 (2) *the circumstances under which such research*
19 *was conducted using canines, felines, or non-human*
20 *primates;*

21 (3) *the justification for using canines, felines, or*
22 *non-human primates to conduct such research; and*

23 (4) *the protocols in place to ensure the necessity,*
24 *safety, and efficacy of such research.*

1 (e) *The Department shall implement a plan under*
2 *which the Secretary will eliminate or reduce the research*
3 *conducted using canines, felines, or non-human primates*
4 *by not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of*
5 *Public Law 116–94.*

6 SEC. 248. (a) *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may*
7 *use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in*
8 *this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time*
9 *employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-*
10 *tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States*
11 *Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time employ-*
12 *ment equivalent.*

13 (b) *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*
14 *ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a*
15 *report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted under*
16 *chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, including—*

17 (1) *an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio for*
18 *each such program; and*

19 (2) *recommendations for such action as the Sec-*
20 *retary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-to-*
21 *staff ratio for each such program.*

22 SEC. 249. *Amounts made available for the “Veterans*
23 *Health Administration, Medical Community Care” account*
24 *in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2024 and 2025*
25 *may be used for expenses that would otherwise be payable*

1 *from the Veterans Choice Fund established by section 802*
2 *of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act, as*
3 *amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).*

4 *SEC. 250. Obligations and expenditures applicable to*
5 *the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017 through*
6 *2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by section 1741*
7 *of title 38, United States Code) shall remain in the “Med-*
8 *ical Community Care” account for such fiscal years.*

9 *SEC. 251. Of the amounts made available for the De-*
10 *partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, in this*
11 *or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-*
12 *tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-*
13 *tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-*
14 *ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, and*
15 *“Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities” ac-*
16 *counts, \$1,279,096,000 shall be made available for gender-*
17 *specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for*
18 *women veterans, of which \$10,000,000 shall be made avail-*
19 *able for the Office of Women’s Health of the Department*
20 *of Veterans Affairs established under section 7310 of title*
21 *38, United States Code, to be used by the Secretary to ex-*
22 *pand access of women veterans to—*

23 *(1) mobile mammography initiatives;*

24 *(2) advanced mammography equipment; and*

1 (3) outreach activities to publicize such initia-
2 tives and equipment.

3 SEC. 252. Of the unobligated balances available in fis-
4 cal year 2024 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-
5 formational Fund” established in section 243 of division
6 J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds
7 otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,
8 or subsequent fiscal years, \$600,000,000 shall be available
9 for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-
10 ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-
11 cluding all supporting activities and required contin-
12 gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund:

13 Provided, That prior to obligation of any of the funds pro-
14 vided in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs must
15 provide a plan for the execution of the funds appropriated
16 in this section to the Committees on Appropriations of both
17 Houses of Congress and such Committees issue an approval,
18 or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.

19 SEC. 253. Not later than 30 days after the end of each
20 fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit
21 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
22 gress a quarterly report on the status of the “Cost of War
23 Toxic Exposures Fund”, as authorized by section 324 of
24 title 38, United States Code: Provided, That, at a min-
25 imum, the report shall include an update on obligations

(RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

1
2 *SEC. 256. Of the unobligated balances available to the*
3 *Department of Veterans Affairs from prior appropriations*
4 *Acts, the following funds are hereby rescinded from the fol-*
5 *lowing accounts in the amounts specified:*

6 *Veterans Health Administration—Medical Serv-*
7 *ices, \$1,000,000,000; and*

8 *Veterans Health Administration—Medical Com-*
9 *munity Care, \$976,005,000:*

10 *Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts*
11 *that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-*
12 *quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budg-*
13 *et or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control*
14 *Act of 1985.*

15 *SEC. 257. None of the funds in this or any other Act*
16 *may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-*
17 *pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental*
18 *assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing*
19 *Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part*
20 *of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary*
21 *provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both*
22 *Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how*
23 *any such planned realignment of services will impact access*
24 *to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural areas,*
25 *including travel distances and transportation costs to access*

1 a Department medical facility and availability of local spe-
2 cialty and primary care.

3 *SEC. 258. Unobligated balances available under the*
4 *headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-*
5 *tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary of*
6 *Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section 2(e)(1)*
7 *of the Communities Helping Invest through Property and*
8 *Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law*
9 *114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended, to provide ad-*
10 *ditional funds or to fund an escalation clause under such*
11 *section of such Act: Provided, That before such unobligated*
12 *balances are obligated pursuant to this section, the Sec-*
13 *retary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees*
14 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority*
15 *to obligate such unobligated balances and such Committees*
16 *issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days*
17 *has elapsed: Provided further, That the request to obligate*
18 *such unobligated balances must provide Congress notice*
19 *that the entity described in section 2(a)(2) of Public Law*
20 *114–294, as amended, has exhausted available cost contain-*
21 *ment approaches as set forth in the agreement under section*
22 *2(c) of such Public Law.*

23 *SEC. 259. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appro-*
24 *priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal*
25 *year 2024 for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be*

1 *obligated or expended to procure or purchase computers,*
2 *printers, software, hardware, connecting cables, or other in-*
3 *formation technology equipment needed for an office envi-*
4 *ronment in which the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, or*
5 *any subsidiary or parent entity of the manufacturer, bid-*
6 *der, or offeror, of the equipment or software is an entity,*
7 *or is a subsidiary or parent company of an entity—*

8 (1) *in which the People’s Republic of China has*
9 *any ownership stake;*

10 (2) *that has been organized under the laws of the*
11 *People’s Republic of China; or*

12 (3) *that contributes to the defense industry of the*
13 *Chinese Communist Party.*

14 (b) *APPLICABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES.—The prohibi-*
15 *tion in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the*
16 *Secretary has contracted with a third party for the procure-*
17 *ment, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the equip-*
18 *ment and software described in such subsection.*

19 SEC. 260. *None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
20 *made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs in*
21 *this Act may be used in a manner that would—*

22 (1) *interfere with the ability of a veteran to par-*
23 *ticipate in a medicinal marijuana program approved*
24 *by a State;*

- 1 (2) *deny any services from the Department to a*
 2 *veteran who is participating in such a program; or*
- 3 (3) *limit or interfere with the ability of a health*
 4 *care provider of the Department to make appropriate*
 5 *recommendations, fill out forms, or take steps to com-*
 6 *ply with such a program.*

7 *PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CHANGE RATE OF RE-*
 8 *IMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION VIA SPECIAL*
 9 *MODE OF TRANSPORTATION*

10 *SEC. 261. During the period beginning on October 1,*
 11 *2023, and ending on September 30, 2024, no funds appro-*
 12 *priated by this division may be obligated or expended to*
 13 *change rates for reimbursement for transportation of a vet-*
 14 *eran or other individual via a special mode of transpor-*
 15 *tation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Vet-*
 16 *erans Affairs from the rates in place as of January 1, 2023.*

17 *REDUCTION OF AMOUNTS FOR DEPARTMENTAL ADMINIS-*
 18 *TRATION—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT OF*
 19 *THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS*

20 *SEC. 262. The amounts otherwise made available by*
 21 *this division for the Departmental Administration—Gen-*
 22 *eral Administration account of the Department of Veterans*
 23 *Affairs are hereby reduced by \$43,500,000.*

1 *PRIORITIZATION OF USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN TELE-*
2 *HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS*
3 *FOR VETERANS*

4 *SEC. 263. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
5 *prioritize the use of any amounts provided to the Depart-*
6 *ment of Veterans Affairs under this division for telehealth*
7 *services or mental health programs, including for suicide*
8 *prevention outreach and treatment programs or the Vet-*
9 *erans Crisis Line established under section 1720F(h) of title*
10 *38, United States Code, in States with the highest rate of*
11 *suicide among members of the Armed Forces and veterans.*

12 *TELEHEALTH CAPACITY OF VETERANS HEALTH*

13 *ADMINISTRATION*

14 *SEC. 264. Of the amounts made available to the De-*
15 *partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024 by this*
16 *Act or any other Act under the “Veterans Health Adminis-*
17 *tration – Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-*
18 *tion – Medical Community Care”, and “Veterans Health*
19 *Administration – Medical Support and Compliance” ac-*
20 *counts, \$5,180,336,000 shall be made available to sustain*
21 *and increase telehealth capacity, including in rural and*
22 *highly rural areas, and associated programmatic efforts.*

1 *REVIEW OF VETERANS WHO ENGAGED IN TOXIC EXPOSURE*
2 *RISK ACTIVITIES WHILE SERVING IN KOSOVO AND THE*
3 *HEALTH EFFECTS OF SUCH TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK*
4 *ACTIVITIES*

5 *SEC. 265. (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Secretary of*
6 *Veterans Affairs shall conduct a review of the following:*

7 *(1) Data regarding the mortality of covered vet-*
8 *erans.*

9 *(2) Any data on toxic exposure experienced by*
10 *covered veterans that is both relevant and available,*
11 *including toxicology studies.*

12 *(3) The type of toxic exposure risk activities cov-*
13 *ered veterans engaged in while serving in the active*
14 *military, naval, air, or space service in Kosovo.*

15 *(b) COVERED VETERANS.—For purposes of subsection*
16 *(a), a covered veteran is a veteran who—*

17 *(1) served in the active military, naval, air, or*
18 *space service in Kosovo; and*

19 *(2) as part of such service, engaged in a toxic ex-*
20 *posure risk activity.*

21 *(c) MANNER AND SUITABILITY OF REVIEW.—The Sec-*
22 *retary shall carry out the review required by subsection (a)*
23 *in a manner such that the findings of the Secretary with*
24 *respect to the review are suitable and applicable under sub-*
25 *chapter VII of chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.*

1 (d) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

2 (1) *ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, AIR, OR SPACE*
3 *SERVICE.—The term “active military, naval, air, or*
4 *space service” has the meaning given such term in*
5 *section 101 of title 38, United States Code.*

6 (2) *TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY.—The term*
7 *“toxic exposure risk activity” has the meaning given*
8 *such term in section 1710(e)(4) of such title.*

9 (3) *VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the*
10 *meaning given such term in section 101 of such title.*

11 *IMPROVING HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS*
12 *EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS*

13 *SEC. 266. In carrying out the program under section*
14 *8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42*
15 *U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) (commonly referred to as “HUD–*
16 *VASH”), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—*

17 (1) *coordinate with the Secretary of Housing*
18 *and Urban Development to establish pathways that*
19 *would allow for temporary, transitional case manage-*
20 *ment in areas in which public housing authorities*
21 *have vouchers under the program that are available,*
22 *allocated, and accompanied with case management*
23 *resources provided by the Department of Veterans Af-*
24 *airs, but underutilized due to a lack of referrals from*
25 *the Department; and*

1 (2) *not later than 180 days after the date of the*
2 *enactment of this Act, finalize guidance regarding ap-*
3 *proval of a public housing authority to be a des-*
4 *ignated service provider.*

5 *REPORT ON USE OF THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTORS TO*
6 *CONDUCT MEDICAL DISABILITY EXAMINATIONS*

7 *SEC. 267. (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than*
8 *180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*
9 *Secretary of Veterans shall submit to the appropriate com-*
10 *mittees of Congress a report on the use of third-party con-*
11 *tractors to conduct medical disability examinations of vet-*
12 *erans for purposes of obtaining compensation under laws*
13 *administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

14 *(b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to*
15 *subsection (a) shall include the following:*

16 (1) *The number of contractors described in sub-*
17 *section (a) in each State who are used as described*
18 *in such subsection.*

19 (2) *The requirements for performance and qual-*
20 *ity in the contracts governing the use described in*
21 *subsection (a), including qualifications contractors*
22 *described in such subsection are required meet for*
23 *such uses.*

24 (3) *The average milage veterans described in*
25 *subsection (a) are required to travel to attend a con-*

1 *tract medical disability examination described in*
 2 *such subsection, disaggregated by state;*

3 (4) *The number of veterans described in para-*
 4 *graph (3) who are required to travel beyond the mile-*
 5 *age requirement in a contract described in paragraph*
 6 (2).

7 (5) *A description of the process at the Depart-*
 8 *ment for handling complaints of veterans about the*
 9 *use of contractors as described in subsection (a).*

10 (c) *DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF*
 11 *CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-*
 12 *mittees of Congress” means—*

13 (1) *the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the*
 14 *Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and*

15 (2) *the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the*
 16 *Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-*
 17 *resentatives.*

18 *PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR SECRETARY*
 19 *OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO REPORT CERTAIN INFORMA-*
 20 *TION REGARDING VETERANS*

21 *SEC. 268. None of the funds made available by this*
 22 *Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under*
 23 *section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any case*
 24 *arising out of the administration by the Secretary of laws*
 25 *and benefits under such title, to report a person who is*
 26 *deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent, or*

1 *to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness as a*
2 *person who has been adjudicated as a mental defective*
3 *under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of title 18,*
4 *United States Code, without the order or finding of a judge,*
5 *magistrate, or other judicial authority of competent juris-*
6 *diction that such person is a danger to himself or herself*
7 *or others.*

8 *TITLE III*

9 *RELATED AGENCIES*

10 *AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION*

11 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

12 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of*
13 *the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the*
14 *acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries;*
15 *purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national*
16 *cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and*
17 *its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage*
18 *space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-one replace-*
19 *ment basis only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not*
20 *to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and representation*
21 *expenses; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign*
22 *countries, when required by law of such countries,*
23 *\$158,630,000, to remain available until expended.*

1 *for official reception and representation expenses,*
2 *\$99,880,000, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall re-*
3 *main available until September 30, 2026. In addition, such*
4 *sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance, repairs*
5 *and replacement, to be derived from the “Lease of Depart-*
6 *ment of Defense Real Property for Defense Agencies” ac-*
7 *count.*

8 *CONSTRUCTION*

9 *For necessary expenses for planning and design and*
10 *construction at Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers’*
11 *and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, \$88,600,000, to re-*
12 *main available until expended, for planning and design*
13 *and construction associated with the Southern Expansion*
14 *project at Arlington National Cemetery.*

15 *ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME*

16 *TRUST FUND*

17 *For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-*
18 *ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Re-*
19 *tirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the*
20 *Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi, to*
21 *be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retire-*
22 *ment Home Trust Fund, \$77,000,000, to remain available*
23 *until September 30, 2025, of which \$8,940,000 shall remain*
24 *available until expended for construction and renovation of*
25 *the physical plants at the Armed Forces Retirement*

1 *Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed*
2 *Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi: Provided,*
3 *That of the amounts made available under this heading*
4 *from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home*
5 *Trust Fund, \$25,000,000 shall be paid from the general*
6 *fund of the Treasury to the Trust Fund.*

7 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

8 *SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account*
9 *established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and*
10 *shall be available until expended to support activities at*
11 *the Army National Military Cemeteries.*

1 *TITLE IV*2 *GENERAL PROVISIONS*

3 *SEC. 401. No part of any appropriation contained in*
4 *this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the*
5 *current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.*

6 *SEC. 402. None of the funds made available in this*
7 *Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, when*
8 *it is made known to the Federal entity or official to which*
9 *the funds are made available that the program, project, or*
10 *activity is not in compliance with any Federal law relating*
11 *to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights,*
12 *or unfunded mandates.*

13 *SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under*
14 *this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing*
15 *statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of*
16 *“E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the conduct*
17 *of their business practices and public service activities.*

18 *SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and noti-*
19 *fications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Sub-*
20 *committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,*
21 *and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations*
22 *of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on*
23 *Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related*
24 *Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.*

1 *SEC. 405. None of the funds made available in this*
2 *Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-*
3 *strumentality of the United States Government except pur-*
4 *suant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided*
5 *in, this or any other appropriations Act.*

6 *SEC. 406. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-*
7 *able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),*
8 *post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-*
9 *quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any other*
10 *Act, upon the determination by the head of the agency that*
11 *it shall serve the national interest.*

12 *(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—*

13 *(1) the public posting of the report compromises*
14 *national security; or*

15 *(2) the report contains confidential or propri-*
16 *etary information.*

17 *(c) The head of the agency posting such report shall*
18 *do so only after such report has been made available to the*
19 *requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for no less*
20 *than 45 days.*

21 *SEC. 407. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
22 *Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer net-*
23 *work unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading,*
24 *and exchanging of pornography.*

1 (b) *Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of*
2 *funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law*
3 *enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-*
4 *nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.*

5 *SEC. 408. None of the funds made available in this*
6 *Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch to*
7 *pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency in*
8 *contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124 of*
9 *title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.*

10 *SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this*
11 *Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or services,*
12 *including construction services, where the contractor has*
13 *not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.*

14 *SEC. 410. None of the funds made available by this*
15 *Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of*
16 *title 10, United States Code.*

17 *SEC. 411. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appro-*
18 *priated or otherwise made available to the Department of*
19 *Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate, or*
20 *expand any facility in the United States, its territories, or*
21 *possessions to house any individual detained at United*
22 *States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the pur-*
23 *poses of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under*
24 *the control of the Department of Defense.*

1 ***(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply***
2 ***to any modification of facilities at United States Naval***
3 ***Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.***

4 ***(c) An individual described in this subsection is any***
5 ***individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United***
6 ***States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—***

7 ***(1) is not a citizen of the United States or a***
8 ***member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and***

9 ***(2) is—***

10 ***(A) in the custody or under the effective***
11 ***control of the Department of Defense; or***

12 ***(B) otherwise under detention at United***
13 ***States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.***

1 **TITLE V—COUNTING VETERANS’**
2 **CANCER ACT OF 2023**

3 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Counting Veterans’ Can-*
5 *cer Act of 2023”.*

6 **SEC. 502. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:*

8 *(1) According to 2017 data from National Pro-*
9 *gram of Cancer Registries of the Centers for Disease*
10 *Control and Prevention, approximately 26,500 cancer*
11 *cases among veterans were not reported to State can-*
12 *cer registries funded through such Program.*

13 *(2) Established by Congress in 1992 through the*
14 *Cancer Registries Amendment Act (Public Law 102–*
15 *515), the National Program of Cancer Registries*
16 *under section 399B of the Public Health Service Act*
17 *(42 U.S.C. 280e) collects data on cancer occurrence*
18 *(including the type, extent, and location of the can-*
19 *cer), the type of initial treatment, and outcomes.*

20 *(3) The Centers for Disease Control and Preven-*
21 *tion support central cancer registries in 46 States, the*
22 *District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, certain territories*
23 *of the United States in the Pacific Islands, and the*
24 *United States Virgin Islands.*

1 (4) *The data obtained by registries described in*
2 *paragraph (3) combined with data from the Surveil-*
3 *lance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program of the*
4 *National Cancer Institute and mortality data from*
5 *National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers*
6 *for Disease Control and Prevention comprise the offi-*
7 *cial United States Cancer Statistics.*

8 (5) *The United States Cancer Statistics reflect*
9 *all newly diagnosed cancer cases and cancer deaths*
10 *for the entire population of the United States, except*
11 *for unreported veterans.*

12 (6) *Federal law requires the Centers for Disease*
13 *Control and Prevention and the National Cancer In-*
14 *stitute to collect cancer data for all newly diagnosed*
15 *cancer cases, but that currently cannot be achieved*
16 *due to frequent lack of reporting by medical facilities*
17 *of the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

18 (7) *Releasing all data from medical facilities of*
19 *the Department to State cancer registries will provide*
20 *more complete data for health care providers, public*
21 *health officials, and researchers to—*

22 (A) *measure cancer occurrence and trends*
23 *at the local and national level;*

24 (B) *inform and prioritize cancer edu-*
25 *cational and screening programs;*

1 (C) evaluate efficacy of prevention efforts
2 and treatment;

3 (D) determine survival rates;

4 (E) conduct research on the etiology, diag-
5 nosis, and treatment of cancer;

6 (F) ensure quality and equity in cancer
7 care; and

8 (G) plan for health services.

9 (8) Capturing cancer data from medical facili-
10 ties of the Department in State cancer registries and
11 the United States Cancer Statistics can benefit vet-
12 erans by—

13 (A) improving the ability to identify can-
14 cer-related disparities in the veteran community;

15 (B) improving understanding of the cancer-
16 related needs of veterans, which can be incor-
17 porated into State Comprehensive Cancer Con-
18 trol planning for screening and treatment pro-
19 grams funded by the Centers for Disease Control
20 and Prevention; and

21 (C) increasing opportunities for veterans
22 with cancer to be included in more clinical trials
23 and cancer-related research and analysis being
24 done outside of the health care system of the De-
25 partment.

1 (b) *PURPOSE.*—*It is the purpose of this Act to improve*
 2 *care for veterans by ensuring all data on veterans diagnosed*
 3 *with cancer are captured by the national cancer registry*
 4 *programs supported by the National Program of Cancer*
 5 *Registries of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
 6 *and the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Pro-*
 7 *gram of the National Cancer Institute.*

8 **SEC. 503. REQUIREMENT THAT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
 9 **AFFAIRS SHARE DATA WITH STATE CANCER**
 10 **REGISTRIES.**

11 (a) *SHARING OF DATA WITH STATE CANCER REG-*
 12 *ISTRIES.*—

13 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subchapter II of chapter 73 of*
 14 *title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding*
 15 *at the end the following new section:*

16 **“§ 7330E. Sharing of data with State cancer registries**

17 **“(a) SHARING BY THE DEPARTMENT.**—

18 **“(1) IN GENERAL.**—*The Secretary shall share*
 19 *with the State cancer registry of each State, if such*
 20 *a registry exists, qualifying data for all individuals*
 21 *who are residents of the State and have received*
 22 *health care under the laws administered by the Sec-*
 23 *retary.*

24 **“(2) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO DATA**
 25 **SHARED.**—*In sharing data under paragraph (1) with*

1 *a State cancer registry, the Secretary shall comply*
2 *with the requirements for non-Department facilities to*
3 *report data, in a manner that is as complete and*
4 *timely as possible, without requiring a data use*
5 *agreement in place between the Department and each*
6 *State cancer registry—*

7 *“(A) to State cancer registries that are sup-*
8 *ported by the National Program of Cancer Reg-*
9 *istries of the Centers for Disease Control and*
10 *Prevention under section 399B of the Public*
11 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280e);*

12 *“(B) to State cancer registries that are sup-*
13 *ported by the Surveillance Epidemiology and*
14 *End Results Program of the National Cancer In-*
15 *stitute authorized under the National Cancer Act*
16 *of 1971 (Public Law 92–218); and*

17 *“(C) to State cancer registries as set forth*
18 *in relevant State laws and regulations that au-*
19 *thorize a cancer registry.*

20 *“(b) QUALIFYING DATA DEFINED.—In this section, the*
21 *term ‘qualifying data’, with respect to a State cancer reg-*
22 *istry, means all data required to be provided to the registry*
23 *pursuant to the authorities specified in subparagraphs (A)*
24 *through (C) of subsection (a)(2).”.*

1 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sec-*
2 *tions at the beginning of subchapter II of such chap-*
3 *ter is amended by inserting after the item relating to*
4 *section 7330D the following new item:*

“7330E. Sharing of data with State cancer registries.”.

5 (b) *SHARING BY STATE CANCER REGISTRIES.*—*The*
6 *Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
7 *shall assist State cancer registries described in subpara-*
8 *graphs (A) and (B) of section 7330E(a)(2) of title 38,*
9 *United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(1), in facili-*
10 *tating, to the extent allowed under State laws regulating*
11 *the cancer registry program, the sharing with the Secretary*
12 *of Veterans Affairs of data in the possession of each such*
13 *registry regarding diagnosis of cancer for each veteran—*

14 (1) *enrolled in the system of annual patient en-*
15 *rollment established and operated under section*
16 *1705(a) of such title; or*

17 (2) *registered to receive care from the Depart-*
18 *ment of Veterans Affairs under section 17.37 of title*
19 *38, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regula-*
20 *tions.*

21 *This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-*
22 *tion, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropria-*
23 *tions Act, 2024”.*

1 ***DIVISION B—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DE-***
2 ***VELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-***
3 ***ISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES***
4 ***APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024***

5 *The following sums are appropriated, out of any*
6 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-*
7 *riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-*
8 *tion, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-*
9 *tember 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:*

10 ***TITLE I***

11 ***AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS***

12 ***PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING***

13 ***OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY***

14 ***(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)***

15 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,*
16 *\$65,067,000 of which not to exceed \$7,432,000 shall be*
17 *available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not to*
18 *exceed \$1,396,000 shall be available for the Office of Home-*
19 *land Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be available*
20 *for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which \$1,000,000 shall*
21 *be to continue a Tribal Public Health Resource Center at*
22 *a land grant university with existing indigenous public*
23 *health expertise to expand current partnerships and collabo-*
24 *rative efforts with indigenous groups, including but not*
25 *limited to, tribal organizations and institutions such as*

1 *tribal colleges, tribal technical colleges, tribal community*
2 *colleges and tribal universities, to improve the delivery of*
3 *culturally appropriate public health services and functions*
4 *in American Indian communities focusing on indigenous*
5 *food sovereignty; not to exceed \$9,280,000 shall be available*
6 *for the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, of*
7 *which \$1,500,000 shall be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to*
8 *exceed \$28,422,000 shall be available for the Office of the*
9 *Assistant Secretary for Administration, of which*
10 *\$26,716,000 shall be available for Departmental Adminis-*
11 *tration to provide for necessary expenses for management*
12 *support services to offices of the Department and for general*
13 *administration, security, repairs and alterations, and other*
14 *miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided*
15 *for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the*
16 *Department: Provided, That funds made available by this*
17 *Act to an agency in the Administration mission area for*
18 *salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one ad-*
19 *ministrative support staff for the Office; not to exceed*
20 *\$4,609,000 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Sec-*
21 *retary for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental*
22 *Affairs to carry out the programs funded by this Act, in-*
23 *cluding programs involving intergovernmental affairs and*
24 *liaison within the executive branch; and not to exceed*
25 *\$8,738,000 shall be available for the Office of Communica-*

1 tions: *Provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture*
2 *is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office*
3 *of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office*
4 *of the Secretary: Provided further, That no appropriation*
5 *for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than*
6 *5 percent: Provided further, That not to exceed \$22,000 of*
7 *the amount made available under this paragraph for the*
8 *immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available for offi-*
9 *cial reception and representation expenses, not otherwise*
10 *provided for, as determined by the Secretary: Provided fur-*
11 *ther, That the amount made available under this heading*
12 *for Departmental Administration shall be reimbursed from*
13 *applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses in-*
14 *cident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C.*
15 *551–558: Provided further, That funds made available*
16 *under this heading for the Office of the Assistant Secretary*
17 *for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs*
18 *shall be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agri-*
19 *culture funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the*
20 *agency level: Provided further, That no funds made avail-*
21 *able under this heading for the Office of Assistant Secretary*
22 *for Congressional Relations may be obligated after 30 days*
23 *from the date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary*
24 *has notified the Committees on Appropriations of both*
25 *Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by*

1 *USDA agency: Provided further, That during any 30 day*
2 *notification period referenced in section 716 of this Act, the*
3 *Secretary of Agriculture shall take no action to begin imple-*
4 *mentation of the action that is subject to section 716 of this*
5 *Act or make any public announcement of such action in*
6 *any form.*

7 *EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS*

8 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST*

9 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Econo-*
10 *mist, \$30,181,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for grants*
11 *or cooperative agreements for policy research under 7*
12 *U.S.C. 3155: Provided, That of the amounts made available*
13 *under this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be for an interdiscipli-*
14 *nary center based at a land grant university focused on*
15 *agricultural policy relevant to the Midwest region which*
16 *will provide private entities, policymakers, and the public*
17 *with timely insights and targeted economic solutions: Pro-*
18 *vided further, That of the amounts made available under*
19 *this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to carry out sec-*
20 *tion 224 of subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture Re-*
21 *organization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924), as amended by*
22 *section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.*

23 *OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS*

24 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and*
25 *Appeals, \$16,703,000.*

1 *OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS*

2 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Pro-*
3 *gram Analysis, \$14,967,000.*

4 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Infor-*
6 *mation Officer, \$92,284,000, of which not less than*
7 *\$77,428,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the depart-*
8 *ment.*

9 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER*

10 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Finan-*
11 *cial Officer, \$7,367,000.*

12 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL*

13 *RIGHTS*

14 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant*
15 *Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,466,000: Provided, That*
16 *funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil*
17 *Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available*
18 *to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.*

19 *OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS*

20 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,*
21 *\$37,595,000.*

22 *AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

24 *For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
25 *ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant*

1 *to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator*
2 *of General Services to the Department of Agriculture under*
3 *40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities of the Depart-*
4 *ment which are included in this Act, and for alterations*
5 *and other actions needed for the Department and its agen-*
6 *cies to consolidate unneeded space into configurations suit-*
7 *able for release to the Administrator of General Services,*
8 *and for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and re-*
9 *pair of Agriculture buildings and facilities, and for related*
10 *costs, \$36,081,000, to remain available until expended.*

11 *HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT*

12 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

13 *For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-*
14 *culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental*
15 *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.*
16 *9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.*
17 *6901 et seq.), \$6,586,000, to remain available until ex-*
18 *pended: Provided, That appropriations and funds available*
19 *herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Manage-*
20 *ment may be transferred to any agency of the Department*
21 *for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to the*
22 *above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.*

23 *OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION*

24 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Security,*
25 *and Protection, \$21,800,000.*

1 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

2 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
3 *eral, including employment pursuant to the Inspector Gen-*
4 *eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),*
5 *\$111,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary for*
6 *contracting and other arrangements with public agencies*
7 *and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-*
8 *spector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C.*
9 *App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for certain con-*
10 *fidential operational expenses, including the payment of in-*
11 *formants, to be expended under the direction of the Inspec-*
12 *tor General pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978*
13 *(Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 1337 of*
14 *the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-98).*

15 *OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL*

16 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the General*
17 *Counsel, \$60,537,000.*

18 *OFFICE OF ETHICS*

19 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,*
20 *\$5,556,000.*

21 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,*22 *EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS*

23 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
24 *retary for Research, Education, and Economics,*
25 *\$2,384,000: Provided, That funds made available by this*

1 *Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Econom-*
2 *ics mission area for salaries and expenses are available to*
3 *fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office:*
4 *Provided further, That of the amounts made available*
5 *under this heading, \$1,000,000 shall be made available for*
6 *the Office of the Chief Scientist.*

7 *ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE*

8 *For necessary expenses of the Economic Research Serv-*
9 *ice, \$92,183,000.*

10 *NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE*

11 *For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural*
12 *Statistics Service, \$200,563,000, of which up to \$55,900,000*
13 *shall be available until expended for the Census of Agri-*
14 *culture: Provided, That amounts made available for the*
15 *Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Current In-*
16 *dustrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C. 2204g(d) and*
17 *(f).*

18 *AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE*

19 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

20 *For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research*
21 *Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,*
22 *or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100, and for*
23 *land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal*
24 *value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the*
25 *grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total value*

1 *of the land or interests transferred out of Federal ownership,*
2 *\$1,792,879,000: Provided, That appropriations hereunder*
3 *shall be available for the operation and maintenance of air-*
4 *craft and the purchase of not to exceed one for replacement*
5 *only: Provided further, That appropriations hereunder shall*
6 *be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction,*
7 *alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but*
8 *unless otherwise provided, the cost of constructing any one*
9 *building shall not exceed \$500,000, except for headhouses*
10 *or greenhouses which shall each be limited to \$1,800,000,*
11 *except for 10 buildings to be constructed or improved at*
12 *a cost not to exceed \$1,100,000 each, and except for four*
13 *buildings to be constructed at a cost not to exceed*
14 *\$5,000,000 each, and the cost of altering any one building*
15 *during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the cur-*
16 *rent replacement value of the building or \$500,000, which-*
17 *ever is greater: Provided further, That appropriations here-*
18 *under shall be available for entering into lease agreements*
19 *at any Agricultural Research Service location for the con-*
20 *struction of a research facility by a non-Federal entity for*
21 *use by the Agricultural Research Service and a condition*
22 *of the lease shall be that any facility shall be owned, oper-*
23 *ated, and maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall*
24 *be removed upon the expiration or termination of the lease*
25 *agreement: Provided further, That the limitations on alter-*

1 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-
2 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville, Mary-
3 land: Provided further, That appropriations hereunder
4 shall be available for granting easements at the Beltsville
5 Agricultural Research Center: Provided further, That the
6 foregoing limitations shall not apply to replacement of
7 buildings needed to carry out the Act of April 24, 1948 (21
8 U.S.C. 113a): Provided further, That appropriations here-
9 under shall be available for granting easements at any Ag-
10 ricultural Research Service location for the construction of
11 a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by, and
12 acceptable to, the Agricultural Research Service and a con-
13 dition of the easements shall be that upon completion the
14 facility shall be accepted by the Secretary, subject to the
15 availability of funds herein, if the Secretary finds that ac-
16 ceptance of the facility is in the interest of the United
17 States: Provided further, That funds may be received from
18 any State, other political subdivision, organization, or in-
19 dividual for the purpose of establishing or operating any
20 research facility or research project of the Agricultural Re-
21 search Service, as authorized by law.

22 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

23 *For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-*
24 *provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed*
25 *equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricul-*

1 tural research programs of the Department of Agriculture,
2 where not otherwise provided, \$88,869,000 to remain avail-
3 able until expended, of which \$47,464,000 shall be for the
4 purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this account in
5 the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the
6 report accompanying this Act.

7 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

8 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

9 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
10 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
11 for other expenses, \$1,084,600,000 which shall be for the
12 purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled
13 “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research and
14 Education Activities” in the report accompanying this Act:
15 Provided, That funds for research grants for 1994 institu-
16 tions, education grants for 1890 institutions, Hispanic
17 serving institutions education grants, capacity building for
18 non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, the agriculture and
19 food research initiative, veterinary medicine loan repay-
20 ment, multicultural scholars, graduate fellowship and insti-
21 tution challenge grants, grants management systems, tribal
22 colleges education equity grants, and scholarships at 1890
23 institutions shall remain available until expended: Pro-
24 vided further, That each institution eligible to receive funds
25 under the Evans-Allen program receives no less than

1 \$1,000,000: *Provided further, That funds for education*
2 *grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving in-*
3 *stitutions be made available to individual eligible institu-*
4 *tions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds award-*
5 *ed equally to each of the States of Alaska and Hawaii: Pro-*
6 *vided further, That funds for providing grants for food and*
7 *agricultural sciences for Alaska Native and Native Hawai-*
8 *ian-Serving institutions and for Insular Areas shall remain*
9 *available until September 30, 2024: Provided further, That*
10 *funds for education grants for 1890 institutions shall be*
11 *made available to institutions eligible to receive funds*
12 *under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222: Provided further, That not*
13 *more than 5 percent of the amounts made available by this*
14 *or any other Act to carry out the Agriculture and Food*
15 *Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained*
16 *by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay administrative costs*
17 *incurred by the Secretary in carrying out that authority.*

18 *NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND*

19 *For the Native American Institutions Endowment*
20 *Fund authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7 U.S.C. 301*
21 *note), \$11,880,000, to remain available until expended.*

22 *EXTENSION ACTIVITIES*

23 *For payments to States, the District of Columbia,*
24 *Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the*
25 *Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$567,410,000*

1 *which shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, speci-*
2 *fied in the table titled “National Institute of Food and Agri-*
3 *culture, Extension Activities” in the report accompanying*
4 *this Act: Provided, That funds for extension services at 1994*
5 *institutions and for facility improvements at 1890 institu-*
6 *tions shall remain available until expended: Provided fur-*
7 *ther, That institutions eligible to receive funds under 7*
8 *U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no less than*
9 *\$1,000,000: Provided further, That funds for cooperative ex-*
10 *tension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the Smith-Lever Act*
11 *(7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section 208(c) of Public Law*
12 *93–471 shall be available for retirement and employees’*
13 *compensation costs for extension agents.*

14 *INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES*

15 *For the integrated research, education, and extension*
16 *grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-*
17 *penses, \$41,500,000, which shall be for the purposes, and*
18 *in the amounts, specified in the table titled “National Insti-*
19 *tute of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Activities” in the*
20 *report accompanying this Act: Provided, That funds for the*
21 *Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative shall remain avail-*
22 *able until September 30, 2024: Provided further, That not-*
23 *withstanding any other provision of law, indirect costs shall*
24 *not be charged against any Extension Implementation Pro-*

1 *gram Area grant awarded under the Crop Protection/Pest*
2 *Management Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).*

3 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING AND*
4 *REGULATORY PROGRAMS*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
6 *retary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, \$1,617,000:*
7 *Provided, That funds made available by this Act to an*
8 *agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission*
9 *area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to*
10 *one administrative support staff for the Office.*

11 *ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE*

12 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

14 *For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant*
15 *Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for rep-*
16 *resentation allowances and for expenses pursuant to the*
17 *Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),*
18 *\$1,185,967,000 of which up to \$14,276,000 shall be for the*
19 *purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this account in*
20 *the table titled "Congressionally Directed Spending" in the*
21 *report accompanying this Act, and of which \$6,000,000*
22 *shall be for the suppression and control of Mormon crickets*
23 *in western States, and of which \$750,000, to remain avail-*
24 *able until expended, shall be for invasive catfish control;*
25 *of which \$514,000, to remain available until expended,*

1 *shall be available for the control of outbreaks of insects,*
2 *plant diseases, animal diseases and for control of pest ani-*
3 *mals and birds (“contingency fund”) to the extent necessary*
4 *to meet emergency conditions; of which \$15,450,000, to re-*
5 *main available until expended, shall be used for the cotton*
6 *pests program, including for cost share purposes or for debt*
7 *retirement for active eradication zones; of which*
8 *\$39,183,000, to remain available until expended, shall be*
9 *for Animal Health Technical Services; of which \$4,096,000*
10 *shall be for activities under the authority of the Horse Pro-*
11 *tection Act of 1970, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1831); of which*
12 *\$64,930,000, to remain available until expended, shall be*
13 *used to support avian health; of which \$4,251,000, to re-*
14 *main available until expended, shall be for information*
15 *technology infrastructure; of which \$217,904,000, to remain*
16 *available until expended, shall be for specialty crop pests,*
17 *of which \$8,500,000, to remain available until September*
18 *30, 2025, shall be for one-time control and management and*
19 *associated activities directly related to the multiple-agency*
20 *response to citrus greening; of which, \$13,986,000, to re-*
21 *main available until expended, shall be for field crop and*
22 *rangeland ecosystem pests; of which \$21,567,000, to remain*
23 *available until expended, shall be for zoonotic disease man-*
24 *agement; of which \$48,067,000, to remain available until*
25 *expended, shall be for emergency preparedness and response;*

1 of which \$62,562,000, to remain available until expended,
2 shall be for tree and wood pests; of which \$6,500,000, to
3 remain available until expended, shall be for the National
4 Veterinary Stockpile; of which up to \$1,500,000, to remain
5 available until expended, shall be for the scrapie program
6 for indemnities; of which \$2,500,000, to remain available
7 until expended, shall be for the wildlife damage manage-
8 ment program for aviation safety: Provided, That of
9 amounts available under this heading for wildlife services
10 methods development, \$1,000,000 shall remain available
11 until expended: Provided further, That of amounts available
12 under this heading for the screwworm program, \$4,990,000
13 shall remain available until expended; of which
14 \$24,527,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
15 used to carry out the science program and transition activi-
16 ties for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility located
17 in Manhattan, Kansas: Provided further, That no funds
18 shall be used to formulate or administer a brucellosis eradi-
19 cation program for the current fiscal year that does not re-
20 quire minimum matching by the States of at least 40 per-
21 cent: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be
22 available for the purchase, replacement, operation, and
23 maintenance of aircraft: Provided further, That in addi-
24 tion, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the agri-
25 cultural production industry of the United States, the Sec-

1 *retary may transfer from other appropriations or funds*
2 *available to the agencies or corporations of the Department*
3 *such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be available only*
4 *in such emergencies for the arrest and eradication of con-*
5 *tagious or infectious disease or pests of animals, poultry,*
6 *or plants, and for expenses in accordance with sections*
7 *10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Protection Act (7*
8 *U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431 and 442 of the*
9 *Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and any*
10 *unexpended balances of funds transferred for such emer-*
11 *gency purposes in the preceding fiscal year shall be merged*
12 *with such transferred amounts: Provided further, That ap-*
13 *propriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to law*
14 *(7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alteration of leased*
15 *buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided*
16 *the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year*
17 *shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value*
18 *of the building.*

19 *In fiscal year 2024, the agency is authorized to collect*
20 *fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assistance,*
21 *goods, or services requested by States, other political sub-*
22 *divisions, domestic and international organizations, foreign*
23 *governments, or individuals, provided that such fees are*
24 *structured such that any entity's liability for such fees is*
25 *reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods, or serv-*

1 *ices provided to the entity by the agency, and such fees shall*
2 *be reimbursed to this account, to remain available until ex-*
3 *pended, without further appropriation, for providing such*
4 *assistance, goods, or services.*

5 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

6 *For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-*
7 *nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-*
8 *teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as*
9 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as*
10 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$3,175,000, to remain avail-*
11 *able until expended.*

12 *AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE*

13 *MARKETING SERVICES*

14 *For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing*
15 *Service, \$229,891,000, of which \$7,500,000 shall be avail-*
16 *able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113-*
17 *79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-*
18 *poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117-103:*
19 *Provided, That of the amounts made available under this*
20 *heading, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended,*
21 *shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law 115-334,*
22 *of which \$14,000,000 shall be for dairy business innovation*
23 *initiatives established in Public Law 116-6 and the Sec-*
24 *retary shall take measures to ensure an equal distribution*
25 *of funds between these three regional innovation initiatives:*

1 *Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available*
 2 *pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and re-*
 3 *pair of buildings and improvements, but the cost of altering*
 4 *any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10*
 5 *percent of the current replacement value of the building.*

6 *Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization*
 7 *activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31*
 8 *U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to the*
 9 *development or maintenance of grain standards under the*
 10 *United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.*

11 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

12 *Not to exceed \$62,596,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
 13 *obligated during the current fiscal year for administrative*
 14 *expenses: Provided, That if crop size is understated and/*
 15 *or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may exceed*
 16 *this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the*
 17 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

18 *FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND*

19 *SUPPLY (SECTION 32)*

20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

21 *Funds available under section 32 of the Act of August*
 22 *24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for commodity*
 23 *program expenses as authorized therein, and other related*
 24 *operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the Depart-*
 25 *ment of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and Wildlife*

1 *Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) transfers otherwise*
 2 *provided in this Act; and (3) not more than \$21,501,000*
 3 *for formulation and administration of marketing agree-*
 4 *ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing*
 5 *Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural Act of 1961*
 6 *(Public Law 87-128).*

7 *PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS*

8 *For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus*
 9 *and departments of markets, and similar agencies for mar-*
 10 *keting activities under section 204(b) of the Agricultural*
 11 *Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)), \$1,235,000.*

12 *LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES*

13 *EXPENSES*

14 *Not to exceed \$55,000,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
 15 *obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection and*
 16 *weighing services: Provided, That if grain export activities*
 17 *require additional supervision and oversight, or other un-*
 18 *controllable factors occur, this limitation may be exceeded*
 19 *by up to 10 percent with notification to the Committees*
 20 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

21 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY*

22 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
 23 *retary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: Provided, That funds*
 24 *made available by this Act to an agency in the Food Safety*

1 mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund
2 up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

3 *FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE*

4 *For necessary expenses to carry out services authorized*
5 *by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products*
6 *Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act, in-*
7 *cluding not to exceed \$10,000 for representation allowances*
8 *and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved*
9 *August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$1,205,009,000; and in*
10 *addition, \$1,000,000 may be credited to this account from*
11 *fees collected for the cost of laboratory accreditation as au-*
12 *thorized by section 1327 of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-*
13 *tion and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 138f): Provided, That*
14 *funds provided for the Public Health Data Communication*
15 *Infrastructure system shall remain available until ex-*
16 *pende: Provided further, That no fewer than 148 full-time*
17 *equivalent positions shall be employed during fiscal year*
18 *2024 for purposes dedicated solely to inspections and en-*
19 *forcement related to the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act*
20 *(7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.): Provided further, That the Food*
21 *Safety and Inspection Service shall continue implementa-*
22 *tion of section 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further*
23 *clarified by the amendments made in section 12106 of Pub-*
24 *lic Law 113–79: Provided further, That this appropriation*
25 *shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the*

- 1 *alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but*
- 2 *the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year*
- 3 *shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value*
- 4 *of the building.*

1 *FARM SERVICE AGENCY*2 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,*
5 *\$1,215,307,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall be*
6 *for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and antici-*
7 *pated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county offices and*
8 *farm loan officers and shall be available until September*
9 *30, 2025: Provided, That not more than 50 percent of the*
10 *funding made available under this heading for information*
11 *technology related to farm program delivery may be obli-*
12 *gated until the Secretary submits to the Committees on Ap-*
13 *propriations of both Houses of Congress, and receives writ-*
14 *ten or electronic notification of receipt from such Commit-*
15 *tees of, a plan for expenditure that (1) identifies for each*
16 *project/investment over \$25,000 (a) the functional and per-*
17 *formance capabilities to be delivered and the mission bene-*
18 *fits to be realized, (b) the estimated lifecycle cost for the*
19 *entirety of the project/investment, including estimates for*
20 *development as well as maintenance and operations, and*
21 *(c) key milestones to be met; (2) demonstrates that each*
22 *project/investment is, (a) consistent with the Farm Service*
23 *Agency Information Technology Roadmap, (b) being man-*
24 *aged in accordance with applicable lifecycle management*
25 *policies and guidance, and (c) subject to the applicable De-*

1 *partment's capital planning and investment control re-*
2 *quirements; and (3) has been reviewed by the Government*
3 *Accountability Office and approved by the Committees on*
4 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: Provided fur-*
5 *ther, That the agency shall submit a report by the end of*
6 *the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024 to the Committees on*
7 *Appropriations and the Government Accountability Office,*
8 *that identifies for each project/investment that is oper-*
9 *ational (a) current performance against key indicators of*
10 *customer satisfaction, (b) current performance of service*
11 *level agreements or other technical metrics, (c) current per-*
12 *formance against a pre-established cost baseline, (d) a de-*
13 *tailed breakdown of current and planned spending on oper-*
14 *ational enhancements or upgrades, and (e) an assessment*
15 *of whether the investment continues to meet business needs*
16 *as intended as well as alternatives to the investment: Pro-*
17 *vided further, That the Secretary is authorized to use the*
18 *services, facilities, and authorities (but not the funds) of*
19 *the Commodity Credit Corporation to make program pay-*
20 *ments for all programs administered by the Agency: Pro-*
21 *vided further, That other funds made available to the Agen-*
22 *cy for authorized activities may be advanced to and merged*
23 *with this account: Provided further, That of the amount ap-*
24 *propriated under this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made*
25 *available to county offices, to remain available until ex-*

1 *pended: Provided further, That, notwithstanding the pre-*
2 *ceding proviso, any funds made available to county offices*
3 *in the current fiscal year that the Administrator of the*
4 *Farm Service Agency deems to exceed or not meet the*
5 *amount needed for the county offices may be transferred to*
6 *or from the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses:*
7 *Provided further, That none of the funds available to the*
8 *Farm Service Agency shall be used to close Farm Service*
9 *Agency county offices: Provided further, That none of the*
10 *funds available to the Farm Service Agency shall be used*
11 *to permanently relocate county based employees that would*
12 *result in an office with two or fewer employees without*
13 *prior notification and approval of the Committees on Ap-*
14 *propriations of both Houses of Congress.*

15 *STATE MEDIATION GRANTS*

16 *For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-*
17 *tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–5106),*
18 *\$7,000,000: Provided, That the Secretary of Agriculture*
19 *may determine that United States territories and Federally*
20 *recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the purposes of*
21 *Subtitle A of such Act.*

22 *GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM*

23 *For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or*
24 *groundwater protection activities under section 12400 of*

1 *the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),*
2 *\$7,500,000, to remain available until expended.*

3 *DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM*

4 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

5 *For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity*
6 *payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy*
7 *products under a dairy indemnity program, such sums as*
8 *may be necessary, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
9 *vided, That such program is carried out by the Secretary*
10 *in the same manner as the dairy indemnity program de-*
11 *scribed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and*
12 *Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-*
13 *tions Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–*
14 *12).*

15 *GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND*

16 *RANCHERS*

17 *For necessary expenses to carry out direct reimburse-*
18 *ment payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers*
19 *and ranchers under section 1621 of the Food Conservation,*
20 *and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8792), \$4,000,000, to*
21 *remain available until expended.*

1 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows:
2 \$3,507,000 for emergency loans, to remain available until
3 expended; and \$27,598,000 for direct farm operating loans,
4 \$1,483,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed farm operating
5 loans, \$19,368,000 for the relending program, \$1,577,000
6 for Indian highly fractionated land loans, and \$258,000 for
7 boll weevil eradication program loans.

8 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
9 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
10 \$341,871,000: *Provided, That of this amount, \$321,621,000*
11 *shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation*
12 *for “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.*

13 *Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural*
14 *Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership, op-*
15 *erating and conservation direct loans and guaranteed loans*
16 *may be transferred among these programs: Provided, That*
17 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
18 *gress are notified at least 15 days in advance of any trans-*
19 *fer.*

20 *RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

21 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

22 *For necessary expenses of the Risk Management Agen-*
23 *cy, \$66,870,000: Provided, That \$1,000,000 of the amount*
24 *appropriated under this heading in this Act shall be avail-*
25 *able for compliance and integrity activities required under*

1 *section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act of*
2 *1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall be in addition to*
3 *amounts otherwise provided for such purpose: Provided fur-*
4 *ther, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall be available for official*
5 *reception and representation expenses, as authorized by 7*
6 *U.S.C. 1506(i).*

7 *NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE*

8 *CONSERVATION OPERATIONS*

9 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the provisions*
10 *of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), including*
11 *preparation of conservation plans and establishment of*
12 *measures to conserve soil and water (including farm irriga-*
13 *tion and land drainage and such special measures for soil*
14 *and water management as may be necessary to prevent*
15 *floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to control agricul-*
16 *tural related pollutants); operation of conservation plant*
17 *materials centers; classification and mapping of soil; dis-*
18 *semination of information; acquisition of lands, water, and*
19 *interests therein for use in the plant materials program by*
20 *donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal cost not to*
21 *exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C.*
22 *2268a); purchase and erection or alteration or improvement*
23 *of permanent and temporary buildings; and operation and*
24 *maintenance of aircraft, \$922,151,000, to remain available*
25 *until September 30, 2025: Provided, That appropriations*

1 *hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for*
2 *construction and improvement of buildings and public im-*
3 *provements at plant materials centers, except that the cost*
4 *of alterations and improvements to other buildings and*
5 *other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: Pro-*
6 *vided further, That when buildings or other structures are*
7 *erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such land*
8 *is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: Provided fur-*
9 *ther, That of the total amount available under this heading,*
10 *\$8,500,000 shall be for necessary expenses to carry out the*
11 *Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Program*
12 *under section 222 of subtitle A of title II of the Department*
13 *of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6923),*
14 *as amended by section 12302 of Public Law 115–334.*

15 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

16 *For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-*
17 *ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-*
18 *tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and*
19 *changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed*
20 *Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–1005*
21 *and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provisions of*
22 *laws relating to the activities of the Department,*
23 *\$90,405,000, to remain available until expended, of which*
24 *up to \$20,405,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the*
25 *amounts, specified for this account in the table titled “Con-*

1 *gressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-*
2 *panying this Act: Provided, That for funds provided by this*
3 *Act or any other prior Act, the limitation regarding the*
4 *size of the watershed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred*
5 *and fifty thousand acres in which such activities can be*
6 *undertaken shall only apply for activities undertaken for*
7 *the primary purpose of flood prevention (including struc-*
8 *tural and land treatment measures): Provided further, That*
9 *of the amounts made available under this heading,*
10 *\$5,000,000 shall be allocated to projects and activities that*
11 *can commence promptly following enactment; that address*
12 *regional priorities for flood prevention, agricultural water*
13 *management, inefficient irrigation systems, fish and wild-*
14 *life habitat, or watershed protection; or that address author-*
15 *ized ongoing projects under the authorities of section 13 of*
16 *the Flood Control Act of December 22, 1944 (Public Law*
17 *78–534) with a primary purpose of watershed protection*
18 *by preventing floodwater damage and stabilizing stream*
19 *channels, tributaries, and banks to reduce erosion and sedi-*
20 *ment transport: Provided further, That of the amounts*
21 *made available under this heading, \$20,000,000 shall be al-*
22 *located to multi-benefit irrigation modernization projects*
23 *and activities that increase fish or wildlife habitat, reduce*
24 *drought impact, improve water quality or instream flow,*
25 *or provide off-channel renewable energy production.*

1 *WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM*

2 *Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed*
3 *Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$2,000,000 is pro-*
4 *vided.*

5 *CORPORATIONS*

6 *The following corporations and agencies are hereby au-*
7 *thorized to make expenditures, within the limits of funds*
8 *and borrowing authority available to each such corporation*
9 *or agency and in accord with law, and to make contracts*
10 *and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations*
11 *as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation*
12 *Control Act as may be necessary in carrying out the pro-*
13 *grams set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for*
14 *such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided.*

15 *FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND*

16 *For payments as authorized by section 516 of the Fed-*
17 *eral Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1516), such sums as may*
18 *be necessary, to remain available until expended.*

19 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND*20 *REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES*

21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

22 *For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-*
23 *essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for*
24 *net realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed,*
25 *pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17, 1961 (15*

1 *U.S.C. 713a–11): Provided, That of the funds available to*
2 *the Commodity Credit Corporation under section 11 of the*
3 *Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C.*
4 *714i) for the conduct of its business with the Foreign Agri-*
5 *cultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be transferred to*
6 *and used by the Foreign Agricultural Service for informa-*
7 *tion resource management activities of the Foreign Agricul-*
8 *tural Service that are not related to Commodity Credit Cor-*
9 *poration business: Provided further, That the Secretary*
10 *shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
11 *and Senate in writing 15 days prior to the obligation or*
12 *commitment of any emergency funds from the Commodity*
13 *Credit Corporation.*

14 *HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT*

15 *(LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)*

16 *For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit Cor-*
17 *poration shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for site*
18 *investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations and*
19 *maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement of*
20 *section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-*
21 *sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.*
22 *9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act*
23 *(42 U.S.C. 6961).*

1 *TITLE III*
2 *RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS*
3 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL*
4 *DEVELOPMENT*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
6 *retary for Rural Development, \$1,620,000: Provided, That*
7 *funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Rural*
8 *Development mission area for salaries and expenses are*
9 *available to fund up to one administrative support staff for*
10 *the Office.*

11 *RURAL DEVELOPMENT*
12 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

14 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-*
15 *tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-*
16 *grams, including activities with institutions concerning the*
17 *development and operation of agricultural cooperatives; and*
18 *for cooperative agreements; \$351,087,000: Provided, That of*
19 *the amount made available under this heading, up to*
20 *\$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025,*
21 *shall be for the Rural Partners Network activities of the*
22 *Department of Agriculture, and may be transferred to other*
23 *agencies of the Department for such purpose, consistent*
24 *with the missions and authorities of such agencies: Provided*
25 *further, That of the amount made available under this head-*

1 *ing, no less than \$100,000,000, to remain available until*
2 *expended, shall be used for information technology expenses:*
3 *Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision*
4 *of law, funds appropriated under this heading may be used*
5 *for advertising and promotional activities that support*
6 *Rural Development programs: Provided further, That in*
7 *addition to any other funds appropriated for purposes au-*
8 *thorized by section 502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42*
9 *U.S.C. 1472(i)), any amounts collected under such section,*
10 *as amended by this Act, will immediately be credited to*
11 *this account and will remain available until expended for*
12 *such purposes.*

13 *RURAL HOUSING SERVICE*

14 *RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

15 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

16 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
17 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the*
18 *Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the rural*
19 *housing insurance fund, as follows: \$850,000,000 shall be*
20 *for direct loans, \$7,500,000 shall be for a Single Family*
21 *Housing Relending demonstration program for Native*
22 *American Tribes; and \$30,000,000,000, which shall remain*
23 *available until September 30, 2025 shall be for unsubsidized*
24 *guaranteed loans; \$28,000,000 for section 504 housing re-*
25 *pair loans; \$60,000,000 for section 515 rental housing;*

1 \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family hous-
2 ing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit sales of single family hous-
3 ing acquired property; \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help
4 housing land development loans; and \$5,000,000 for section
5 524 site development loans.

6 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
7 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
8 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
9 502 loans, \$62,637,000 shall be for direct loans; Single
10 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for Na-
11 tive American Tribes, \$3,432,000; section 504 housing re-
12 pair loans, \$4,858,000; section 523 self-help housing land
13 development loans, \$637,000; section 524 site development
14 loans, \$477,000; and repair, rehabilitation, and new con-
15 struction of section 515 rental housing, \$20,988,000, to re-
16 main available until expended: Provided, That to support
17 the loan program level for section 538 guaranteed loans
18 made available under this heading the Secretary may
19 charge or adjust any fees to cover the projected cost of such
20 loan guarantees pursuant to the provisions of the Credit
21 Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and the interest
22 on such loans may not be subsidized: Provided further, That
23 applicants in communities that have a current rural area
24 waiver under section 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
25 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living in a rural area

1 *for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans provided under*
2 *this heading: Provided further, That of the amounts avail-*
3 *able under this paragraph for section 502 direct loans, no*
4 *less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct loans for*
5 *individuals whose homes will be built pursuant to a pro-*
6 *gram funded with a mutual and self-help housing grant au-*
7 *thorized by section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 until*
8 *June 1, 2024: Provided further, That the Secretary shall*
9 *implement provisions to provide incentives to nonprofit or-*
10 *ganizations and public housing authorities to facilitate the*
11 *acquisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS) multifamily*
12 *housing properties by such nonprofit organizations and*
13 *public housing authorities that commit to keep such prop-*
14 *erties in the RHS multifamily housing program for a pe-*
15 *riod of time as determined by the Secretary, with such in-*
16 *centives to include, but not be limited to, the following:*
17 *allow such nonprofit entities and public housing authorities*
18 *to earn a Return on Investment on their own resources to*
19 *include proceeds from low income housing tax credit syn-*
20 *dication, own contributions, grants, and developer loans at*
21 *favorable rates and terms, invested in a deal; and allow*
22 *reimbursement of organizational costs associated with own-*
23 *er's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset Management*
24 *Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.*

1 *In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,*
2 *including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section*
3 *502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, \$35,000,000,*
4 *to remain available until expended, for a demonstration*
5 *program for the preservation and revitalization of the sec-*
6 *tions 514, 515, and 516 multi-family rental housing prop-*
7 *erties to restructure existing USDA multi-family housing*
8 *loans, as the Secretary deems appropriate, expressly for the*
9 *purposes of ensuring the project has sufficient resources to*
10 *preserve the project for the purpose of providing safe and*
11 *affordable housing for low-income residents and farm labor-*
12 *ers including reducing or eliminating interest; deferring*
13 *loan payments, subordinating, reducing or re-amortizing*
14 *loan debt; and other financial assistance including ad-*
15 *vances, payments and incentives (including the ability of*
16 *owners to obtain reasonable returns on investment) required*
17 *by the Secretary: Provided, That the Secretary shall, as*
18 *part of the preservation and revitalization agreement, ob-*
19 *tain a restrictive use agreement consistent with the terms*
20 *of the restructuring.*

21 *In addition, for the cost of direct loans, grants, and*
22 *contracts, as authorized by sections 514 and 516 of the*
23 *Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486), \$18,703,000,*
24 *to remain available until expended, for direct farm labor*

1 *housing loans and domestic farm labor housing grants and*
2 *contracts.*

3 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
4 *carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,*
5 *\$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for “Rural*
6 *Development, Salaries and Expenses”.*

7 *RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

8 *For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-*
9 *newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)*
10 *of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into in*
11 *lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible households*
12 *as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act*
13 *of 1949, \$1,608,000,000, and in addition such sums as may*
14 *be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c) of the Act, to*
15 *liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry*
16 *out the rental assistance program under section 521(a)(2)*
17 *of the Act: Provided, That amounts made available under*
18 *this heading shall be available for renewal of rental assist-*
19 *ance agreements for a maximum of 15,000 units where the*
20 *Secretary determines that a maturing loan for a project*
21 *cannot reasonably be restructured with another USDA loan*
22 *or modification and the project was operating with rental*
23 *assistance under section 521 of the Housing Act of 1949:*
24 *Provided further, That the Secretary may enter into rental*
25 *assistance contracts in maturing properties with existing*

1 rental assistance agreements notwithstanding any provision
2 of section 521 of the Housing Act of 1949, for a term of
3 at least 10 years but not more than 20 years: Provided fur-
4 ther, That any agreement to enter into a rental assistance
5 contract under section 521 of the Housing Act of 1949 for
6 a maturing property shall obligate the owner to continue
7 to maintain the project as decent, safe, and sanitary hous-
8 ing and to operate the development in accordance with the
9 Housing Act of 1949, except that initial rents shall be based
10 on the budget-based needs of the project: Provided further,
11 That annual rent adjustments shall be based on the lesser
12 of (1) the budget-based needs of the project, or (2) the oper-
13 ating cost adjustment factor as a payment standard as pro-
14 vided under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Hous-
15 ing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f
16 note): Provided further, That rental assistance agreements
17 entered into or renewed during the current fiscal year shall
18 be funded for a one year period: Provided further, That
19 upon request by an owner under section 514 or 515 of the
20 Act, the Secretary may renew the rental assistance agree-
21 ment for a period of 20 years or until the term of such
22 loan has expired, subject to annual appropriations: Pro-
23 vided further, That rental assistance agreements entered
24 into or renewed during the current fiscal year shall be fund-
25 ed for a one-year period: Provided further, That upon re-

1 *quest by an owner of a project financed by an existing loan*
2 *under section 514 or 515 of the Act, the Secretary may*
3 *renew the rental assistance agreement for a period of 20*
4 *years or until the term of such loan has expired, subject*
5 *to annual appropriations: Provided further, That any un-*
6 *expended balances remaining at the end of such one-year*
7 *agreements may be transferred and used for purposes of any*
8 *debt reduction, maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation of*
9 *any existing projects; preservation; and rental assistance*
10 *activities authorized under title V of the Act: Provided fur-*
11 *ther, That rental assistance provided under agreements en-*
12 *tered into prior to fiscal year 2024 for a farm labor multi-*
13 *family housing project financed under section 514 or 516*
14 *of the Act may not be recaptured for use in another project*
15 *until such assistance has remained unused for a period of*
16 *six consecutive months, if such project has a waiting list*
17 *of tenants seeking such assistance or the project has rental*
18 *assistance eligible tenants who are not receiving such assist-*
19 *ance: Provided further, That such recaptured rental assist-*
20 *ance shall, to the extent practicable, be applied to another*
21 *farm labor multi-family housing project financed under sec-*
22 *tion 514 or 516 of the Act: Provided further, That except*
23 *as provided in the tenth proviso under this heading and*
24 *notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, the Sec-*
25 *retary may recapture rental assistance provided under*

1 *agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2024 for a*
2 *project that the Secretary determines no longer needs rental*
3 *assistance and use such recaptured funds for current needs.*

4 *RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT*

5 *For the rural housing voucher program as authorized*
6 *under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but notwith-*
7 *standing subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000, to re-*
8 *main available until expended: Provided, That the funds*
9 *made available under this heading shall be available for*
10 *rural housing vouchers to any low-income household (in-*
11 *cluding those not receiving rental assistance) residing in*
12 *a property financed with a section 515 loan which has been*
13 *prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30, 2005:*
14 *Provided further, That the amount of such voucher shall be*
15 *the difference between comparable market rent for the sec-*
16 *tion 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such unit: Pro-*
17 *vided further, That funds made available for such vouchers*
18 *shall be subject to the availability of annual appropriations:*
19 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall, to the maximum*
20 *extent practicable, administer such vouchers with current*
21 *regulations and administrative guidance applicable to sec-*
22 *tion 8 housing vouchers administered by the Secretary of*
23 *the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Pro-*
24 *vided further, That in addition to any other available*
25 *funds, the Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000*

1 *total, from the program funds made available under this*
2 *heading, for administrative expenses for activities funded*
3 *under this heading.*

4 *MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS*

5 *For grants and contracts pursuant to section*
6 *523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490c),*
7 *\$32,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

8 *RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS*

9 *For grants for very low-income housing repair and*
10 *rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing*
11 *Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,*
12 *\$48,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

13 *RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

14 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

15 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
16 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306 and*
17 *described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated Farm*
18 *and Rural Development Act, \$2,800,000,000 for direct loans*
19 *and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.*

20 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and*
21 *grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
22 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for*
23 *rural community facilities programs as authorized by sec-*
24 *tion 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consoli-*
25 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$253,134,000, to*

1 *remain available until expended, of which up to*
2 *\$205,134,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts,*
3 *specified for this account in the table titled “Congression-*
4 *ally Directed Spending” in the report accompanying this*
5 *Act: Provided, That \$6,000,000 of the amount appropriated*
6 *under this heading shall be available for a Rural Commu-*
7 *nity Development Initiative: Provided further, That such*
8 *funds shall be used solely to develop the capacity and ability*
9 *of private, nonprofit community-based housing and com-*
10 *munity development organizations, low-income rural com-*
11 *munities, and Federally Recognized Native American*
12 *Tribes to undertake projects to improve housing, community*
13 *facilities, community and economic development projects in*
14 *rural areas: Provided further, That such funds shall be*
15 *made available to qualified private, nonprofit and public*
16 *intermediary organizations proposing to carry out a pro-*
17 *gram of financial and technical assistance: Provided fur-*
18 *ther, That such intermediary organizations shall provide*
19 *matching funds from other sources, including Federal funds*
20 *for related activities, in an amount not less than funds pro-*
21 *vided: Provided further, That any unobligated balances*
22 *from prior year appropriations under this heading for the*
23 *cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and grants, including*
24 *amounts deobligated or cancelled, may be made available*
25 *to cover the subsidy costs for direct loans and or loan guar-*

1 *antees under this heading in this fiscal year: Provided fur-*
2 *ther, That no amounts may be made available pursuant*
3 *to the preceding proviso from amounts that were designated*
4 *by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to*
5 *a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced*
6 *Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, or that*
7 *were specified in the table titled “Congressionally Directed*
8 *Spending” in the report accompanying this Act: Provided*
9 *further, That \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated*
10 *under this heading shall be available for community facili-*
11 *ties grants to tribal colleges, as authorized by section*
12 *306(a)(19) of such Act: Provided further, That sections*
13 *381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*
14 *Development Act are not applicable to the funds made*
15 *available under this heading: Provided further, That not*
16 *later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act,*
17 *the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee*
18 *on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Ap-*
19 *propriations of the House of Representatives a report on*
20 *community facilities direct loan applicants for which there*
21 *was a completed favorable analysis for eligibility but that*
22 *were subsequently determined to be ineligible due to popu-*
23 *lation calculation changes or other modeling errors, includ-*
24 *ing a description of actions taken by the Department of Ag-*

1 *riculture to minimize disruption to community planning*
2 *initiatives and prevent future inaccurate determinations.*

3 *RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE*

4 *RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

5 *For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the*
6 *rural business development programs authorized by section*
7 *310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and (g) of*
8 *section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
9 *ment Act, \$77,728,000, to remain available until expended:*
10 *Provided, That of the amount appropriated under this*
11 *heading, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made available for*
12 *one grant to a qualified national organization to provide*
13 *technical assistance for rural transportation in order to*
14 *promote economic development and \$12,000,000 shall be for*
15 *grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa*
16 *et seq.), the Northern Border Regional Commission (40*
17 *U.S.C. 15101 et seq.), the Southwest Border Regional Com-*
18 *mission (40 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and the Appalachian Re-*
19 *gional Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101 et seq.) for any Rural*
20 *Community Advancement Program purpose as described in*
21 *section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-*
22 *opment Act, of which not more than 5 percent may be used*
23 *for administrative expenses: Provided further, That*
24 *\$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
25 *shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recognized*

1 *Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a grant to*
2 *a qualified national organization to provide technical as-*
3 *sistance for rural transportation in order to promote eco-*
4 *nomie development: Provided further, That sections 381E–*
5 *H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
6 *ment Act are not applicable to funds made available under*
7 *this heading.*

8 *INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT*
9 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

10 *For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized*
11 *by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7*
12 *U.S.C. 1936b), \$18,889,000.*

13 *For the cost of direct loans, \$5,733,000, as authorized*
14 *by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7*
15 *U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$573,000 shall be available through*
16 *June 30, 2024, for Federally Recognized Native American*
17 *Tribes; and of which \$1,147,000 shall be available through*
18 *June 30, 2024, for Mississippi Delta Region counties (as*
19 *determined in accordance with Public Law 100–460): Pro-*
20 *vided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such*
21 *loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional*
22 *Budget Act of 1974.*

23 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
24 *the direct loan programs, \$4,468,000 shall be paid to the*

1 appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Ex-
2 penses”.

3 *RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM*

4 *ACCOUNT*

5 *For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized*
6 *under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification Act, for*
7 *the purpose of promoting rural economic development and*
8 *job creation projects, \$75,000,000.*

9 *The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)*
10 *of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-*
11 *moting rural economic development and job creation*
12 *projects shall not exceed \$15,000,000.*

13 *RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS*

14 *For rural cooperative development grants authorized*
15 *under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*
16 *Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$28,300,000, of which*
17 *\$3,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for the ap-*
18 *propriate technology transfer for rural areas program: Pro-*
19 *vided, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be for grants for*
20 *cooperative development centers, individual cooperatives, or*
21 *groups of cooperatives that serve socially disadvantaged*
22 *groups and a majority of the boards of directors or gov-*
23 *erning boards of which are comprised of individuals who*
24 *are members of socially disadvantaged groups; and of which*
25 *\$16,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be*

1 *for value-added agricultural product market development*
2 *grants, as authorized by section 210A of the Agricultural*
3 *Marketing Act of 1946, of which \$3,000,000, to remain*
4 *available until expended, shall be for Agriculture Innova-*
5 *tion Centers authorized pursuant to section 6402 of Public*
6 *Law 107–171.*

7 *RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

8 *For the principal amount of direct loans as authorized*
9 *by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-*
10 *opment Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$20,000,000.*

11 *For the cost of loans and grants, \$6,000,000 under the*
12 *same terms and conditions as authorized by section 379E*
13 *of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7*
14 *U.S.C. 2008s).*

15 *RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM*

16 *For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under*
17 *the same terms and conditions as authorized by section*
18 *9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of*
19 *2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$50,000,000.*

20 *HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE*

21 *For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent with*
22 *section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department of*
23 *Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6953),*
24 *as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014,*
25 *for necessary expenses of the Secretary to support projects*

1 *that provide access to healthy food in underserved areas,*
2 *to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-*
3 *income communities, \$1,000,000, to remain available until*
4 *expended: Provided, That such costs of loans, including the*
5 *cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section*
6 *502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.*

7 *RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE*

8 *RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

9 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

10 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
11 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306 and*
12 *described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm*
13 *and Rural Development Act, as follows: \$880,000,000 for*
14 *direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for guaranteed loans.*

15 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and*
16 *grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
17 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for*
18 *rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste*
19 *management programs authorized by sections 306, 306A,*
20 *306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sections*
21 *306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the Consoli-*
22 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$671,560,000, to*
23 *remain available until expended, of which not to exceed*
24 *\$1,000,000 shall be available for the rural utilities program*
25 *described in section 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act: Provided,*

1 *That not to exceed \$20,000,000 of the amount appropriated*
2 *under this heading shall be available for the rural utilities*
3 *program described in section 306E of such Act, of which*
4 *not less than \$10,000,000 shall be used to provide subgrants*
5 *to eligible individuals for the construction, refurbishing,*
6 *and servicing of individually owned household decentralized*
7 *wastewater systems: Provided further, That not to exceed*
8 *\$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
9 *shall be for grants authorized by section 306A(i)(2) of the*
10 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in addition*
11 *to funding authorized by section 306A(i)(1) of such Act:*
12 *Provided further, That \$70,000,000 of the amount appro-*
13 *priated under this heading shall be for loans and grants*
14 *including water and waste disposal systems grants author-*
15 *ized by section 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Con-*
16 *solidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally*
17 *Recognized Native American Tribes authorized by*
18 *306C(a)(1) of such Act, and the Department of Hawaiian*
19 *Home Lands (of the State of Hawaii): Provided further,*
20 *That funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated*
21 *Farm and Rural Development Act may be provided to a*
22 *consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law*
23 *105–83: Provided further, That not more than 2 percent*
24 *of the funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated*
25 *Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by the State*

1 *of Alaska for training and technical assistance programs*
2 *and not more than 2 percent of the funding provided for*
3 *section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
4 *ment Act may be used by a consortium formed pursuant*
5 *to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for training and tech-*
6 *nical assistance programs: Provided further, That not to ex-*
7 *ceed \$37,500,000 of the amount appropriated under this*
8 *heading shall be for technical assistance grants for rural*
9 *water and waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of*
10 *such Act, unless the Secretary makes a determination of ex-*
11 *treme need, of which \$8,500,000 shall be made available for*
12 *a grant to a qualified nonprofit multi-State regional tech-*
13 *nical assistance organization, with experience in working*
14 *with small communities on water and waste water prob-*
15 *lems, the principal purpose of such grant shall be to assist*
16 *rural communities with populations of 3,300 or less, in im-*
17 *proving the planning, financing, development, operation,*
18 *and management of water and waste water systems, and*
19 *of which not less than \$800,000 shall be for a qualified na-*
20 *tional Native American organization to provide technical*
21 *assistance for rural water systems for tribal communities:*
22 *Provided further, That not to exceed \$25,000,000 of the*
23 *amount appropriated under this heading shall be for con-*
24 *tracting with qualified national organizations for a circuit*
25 *rider program to provide technical assistance for rural*

1 *water systems: Provided further, That not to exceed*
2 *\$4,000,000 of the amounts made available under this head-*
3 *ing shall be for solid waste management grants: Provided*
4 *further, That not to exceed \$8,085,000 of the amounts ap-*
5 *propriated under this heading shall be available as the Sec-*
6 *retary deems appropriate for water and waste direct one*
7 *percent loans for distressed communities: Provided further,*
8 *That if the Secretary determines that any portion of the*
9 *amount made available for one percent loans is not needed*
10 *for such loans, the Secretary may use such amounts for*
11 *grants authorized by section 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated*
12 *Farm and Rural Development Act: Provided further, That*
13 *if any funds made available for the direct loan subsidy costs*
14 *remain unobligated after July 31, 2024, such unobligated*
15 *balances may be used for grant programs funded under this*
16 *heading: Provided further, That \$10,000,000 of the amount*
17 *appropriated under this heading shall be transferred to, and*
18 *merged with, the Rural Utilities Service, High Energy Cost*
19 *Grants Account to provide grants authorized under section*
20 *19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a):*
21 *Provided further, That sections 381E–H and 381N of the*
22 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are not ap-*
23 *plicable to the funds made available under this heading.*

1 *RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS*2 *LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees*
5 *as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of*
6 *the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,*
7 *936, 940c-1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaranteed*
8 *rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of that*
9 *Act, \$2,167,000,000; cost of money direct loans made pursu-*
10 *ant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of one per-*
11 *cent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c), of that*
12 *Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting loans pursu-*
13 *ant to section 313A of that Act, \$900,000,000; and for cost-*
14 *of-money rural telecommunications loans made pursuant to*
15 *section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$690,000,000: Provided, That*
16 *up to \$2,000,000,000 shall be used for the construction, ac-*
17 *quisition, design, engineering or improvement of fossil-*
18 *fueled electric generating plants (whether new or existing)*
19 *that utilize carbon subsurface utilization and storage sys-*
20 *tems.*

21 *For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section*
22 *305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.*
23 *935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
24 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, cost*
25 *of money rural telecommunications loans, \$7,176,000.*

1 *all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium as established*
2 *by this section.*

3 *For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant*
4 *pilot program established by section 779 of division A of*
5 *the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law*
6 *115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as*
7 *amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$98,000,000, to remain*
8 *available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary may*
9 *award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural Elec-*
10 *trification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 950bb(a)) for*
11 *the purposes of carrying out such pilot program: Provided*
12 *further, That the cost of direct loans shall be defined in sec-*
13 *tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided*
14 *further, That at least 90 percent of the households to be*
15 *served by a project receiving a loan or grant under the pilot*
16 *program shall be in a rural area without sufficient access*
17 *to broadband: Provided further, That for purposes of such*
18 *pilot program, a rural area without sufficient access to*
19 *broadband shall be defined as twenty-five megabits per sec-*
20 *ond downstream and three megabits per second upstream:*
21 *Provided further, That to the extent possible, projects receiv-*
22 *ing funds provided under the pilot program must build out*
23 *service to at least one hundred megabits per second down-*
24 *stream, and twenty megabits per second upstream: Pro-*
25 *vided further, That an entity to which a loan or grant is*

1 *made under the pilot program shall not use the loan or*
2 *grant to overbuild or duplicate broadband service in a serv-*
3 *ice area by any entity that has received a broadband loan*
4 *from the Rural Utilities Service unless such service is not*
5 *provided sufficient access to broadband at the minimum*
6 *service threshold: Provided further, That not more than four*
7 *percent of the funds made available in this paragraph can*
8 *be used for administrative costs to carry out the pilot pro-*
9 *gram and up to three percent of funds made available in*
10 *this paragraph may be available for technical assistance*
11 *and pre-development planning activities to support the*
12 *most rural communities: Provided further, That the Rural*
13 *Utilities Service is directed to expedite program delivery*
14 *methods that would implement this paragraph: Provided*
15 *further, That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary*
16 *shall adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-*
17 *ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural*
18 *Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).*

19 *In addition, \$35,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
20 *pended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-*
21 *thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb-3.*

1 *TITLE IV*2 *DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS*3 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,*4 *NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
6 *retary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,*
7 *\$1,376,000: Provided, That funds made available by this*
8 *Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer*
9 *Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-*
10 *able to fund up to one administrative support staff for the*
11 *Office.*

12 *FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE*13 *CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS*14 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

15 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.*
16 *Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.),*
17 *except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42*
18 *U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and 21;*
19 *\$32,032,897,000 to remain available through September 30,*
20 *2025, of which such sums as are made available under sec-*
21 *tion 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act*
22 *of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as amended by this Act,*
23 *shall be merged with and available for the same time period*
24 *and purposes as provided herein: Provided, That of the total*
25 *amount available, \$20,162,000 shall be available to carry*

1 out section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
2 1771 et seq.): Provided further, That of the total amount
3 available, \$21,876,000 shall be available to carry out stud-
4 ies and evaluations and shall remain available until ex-
5 pended: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
6 able, \$10,000,000 shall remain available until expended to
7 carry out section 18(g) of the Richard B. Russell National
8 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)): Provided further,
9 That notwithstanding section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B.
10 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total grant amount provided to a farm
12 to school grant recipient in fiscal year 2024 shall not exceed
13 \$500,000: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
14 able, \$20,000,000 shall be available to provide competitive
15 grants to State agencies for subgrants to local educational
16 agencies and schools to purchase the equipment, with a
17 value of greater than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier
18 meals, improve food safety, and to help support the estab-
19 lishment, maintenance, or expansion of the school breakfast
20 program: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
21 able, \$2,000,000 shall remain available until expended to
22 carry out activities authorized under subsections (a)(2) and
23 (e)(2) of section 21 of the Richard B. Russell National
24 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b-1(a)(2) and (e)(2)):
25 Provided further, That section 26(d) of the Richard B. Rus-

1 *sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is*
2 *amended in the first sentence by striking “2010 through*
3 *2024” and inserting “2010 through 2025”: Provided fur-*
4 *ther, That section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell Na-*
5 *tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended*
6 *in the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2023” and*
7 *inserting “For fiscal year 2024”: Provided further, That*
8 *section 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School*
9 *Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first*
10 *sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2023” and inserting*
11 *“For fiscal year 2024”.*

12 *SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR*
13 *WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)*

14 *For necessary expenses to carry out the special supple-*
15 *mental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of*
16 *the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),*
17 *\$6,300,000,000, to remain available through September 30,*
18 *2025: Provided, That notwithstanding section 17(h)(10) of*
19 *the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(h)(10)),*
20 *not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for breastfeeding*
21 *peer counselors and other related activities, and*
22 *\$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure: Provided fur-*
23 *ther, That the Secretary shall use funds made available*
24 *under this heading to increase the amount of a cash-value*
25 *voucher for women and children participants to an amount*

1 *recommended by the National Academies of Science, Engi-*
2 *neering and Medicine and adjusted for inflation: Provided*
3 *further, That none of the funds provided in this account*
4 *shall be available for the purchase of infant formula except*
5 *in accordance with the cost containment and competitive*
6 *bidding requirements specified in section 17 of such Act:*
7 *Provided further, That none of the funds provided shall be*
8 *available for activities that are not fully reimbursed by*
9 *other Federal Government departments or agencies unless*
10 *authorized by section 17 of such Act: Provided further, That*
11 *upon termination of a federally mandated vendor morato-*
12 *rium and subject to terms and conditions established by the*
13 *Secretary, the Secretary may waive the requirement at*
14 *CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a State agency.*

15 *SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

16 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and Nu-*
17 *trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),*
18 *\$122,141,239,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain*
19 *available through September 30, 2026, shall be placed in*
20 *reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times as*
21 *may become necessary to carry out program operations:*
22 *Provided, That funds provided herein shall be expended in*
23 *accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act*
24 *of 2008: Provided further, That of the funds made available*
25 *under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to provide nutri-*

1 *tion education services to State agencies and Federally Rec-*
2 *ognized Tribes participating in the Food Distribution Pro-*
3 *gram on Indian Reservations: Provided further, That of the*
4 *funds made available under this heading, \$5,000,000, to re-*
5 *main available until September 30, 2025, shall be used to*
6 *carry out section 4003(b) of Public Law 115–334 relating*
7 *to demonstration projects for tribal organizations: Provided*
8 *further, That of the funds made available under this head-*
9 *ing, \$3,000,000 shall be used to carry out section 4208 of*
10 *Public Law 115-334: Provided further, That this appro-*
11 *priation shall be subject to any work registration or*
12 *workfare requirements as may be required by law: Provided*
13 *further, That funds made available for Employment and*
14 *Training under this heading shall remain available through*
15 *September 30, 2025: Provided further, That funds made*
16 *available under this heading for section 28(d)(1), section*
17 *4(b), and section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of*
18 *2008 shall remain available through September 30, 2025:*
19 *Provided further, That none of the funds made available*
20 *under this heading may be obligated or expended in con-*
21 *travention of section 213A of the Immigration and Nation-*
22 *ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A): Provided further, That funds*
23 *made available under this heading may be used to enter*
24 *into contracts and employ staff to conduct studies, evalua-*
25 *tions, or to conduct activities related to program integrity*

1 *provided that such activities are authorized by the Food and*
2 *Nutrition Act of 2008.*

3 *COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

4 *For necessary expenses to carry out disaster assistance*
5 *and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program as au-*
6 *thorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer*
7 *Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); the Emergency*
8 *Food Assistance Act of 1983; special assistance for the nu-*
9 *clear affected islands, as authorized by section 103(f)(2) of*
10 *the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003*
11 *(Public Law 108–188); and the Farmers’ Market Nutrition*
12 *Program, as authorized by section 17(m) of the Child Nutri-*
13 *tion Act of 1966, \$501,070,000, to remain available through*
14 *September 30, 2025: Provided, That none of these funds*
15 *shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit Cor-*
16 *poration for commodities donated to the program: Provided*
17 *further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
18 *effective with funds made available in fiscal year 2024 to*
19 *support the Seniors Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program,*
20 *as authorized by section 4402 of the Farm Security and*
21 *Rural Investment Act of 2002, such funds shall remain*
22 *available through September 30, 2025: Provided further,*
23 *That of the funds made available under section 27(a) of*
24 *the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)),*

1 *the Secretary may use up to 20 percent for costs associated*
2 *with the distribution of commodities.*

3 *NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION*

4 *For necessary administrative expenses of the Food and*
5 *Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutrition*
6 *assistance program, \$184,348,000: Provided, That of the*
7 *funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for the pur-*
8 *poses of section 4404 of Public Law 107-171, as amended*
9 *by section 4401 of Public Law 110-246.*

1 *TITLE V*2 *FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS*3 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND*4 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
6 *retary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,*
7 *\$932,000: Provided, That funds made available by this Act*
8 *to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural Af-*
9 *fairs mission area for salaries and expenses are available*
10 *to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.*

11 *OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS*

12 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex*
13 *Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed \$40,000*
14 *for official reception and representation expenses.*

15 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE*16 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

18 *For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural*
19 *Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representation*
20 *allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the*
21 *Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),*
22 *\$237,330,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall remain*
23 *available until September 30, 2025, for overseas operations*
24 *to include the payment of locally employed staff: Provided,*
25 *That the Service may utilize advances of funds, or reim-*

1 *burse this appropriation for expenditures made on behalf*
2 *of Federal agencies, public and private organizations and*
3 *institutions under agreements executed pursuant to the ag-*
4 *ricultural food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C.*
5 *1737) and the foreign assistance programs of the United*
6 *States Agency for International Development: Provided fur-*
7 *ther, That funds made available for middle-income country*
8 *training programs, funds made available for the Borlaug*
9 *International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellow-*
10 *ship program, and up to \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agricul-*
11 *tural Service appropriation solely for the purpose of offset-*
12 *ting fluctuations in international currency exchange rates,*
13 *subject to documentation by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-*
14 *ice, shall remain available until expended.*

15 *FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS*

16 *For expenses during the current fiscal year, not other-*
17 *wise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, includ-*
18 *ing interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act (Public*
19 *Law 83-480), for commodities supplied in connection with*
20 *dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,*
21 *\$1,800,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

22 *MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION*

23 *AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS*

24 *For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of*
25 *section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment*

1 *Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1), \$248,331,000, to remain*
2 *available until expended: Provided, That the Commodity*
3 *Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the services, fa-*
4 *cilities, and authorities for the purpose of implementing*
5 *such section, subject to reimbursement from amounts pro-*
6 *vided herein: Provided further, That of the amount made*
7 *available under this heading, not more than 10 percent, but*
8 *not less than \$24,800,000, shall remain available until ex-*
9 *pended to purchase agricultural commodities as described*
10 *in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm Security and Rural*
11 *Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1(a)(2)).*

12 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)*

13 *CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

14 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

15 *For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-*
16 *modity Credit Corporation's Export Guarantee Program,*
17 *GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common over-*
18 *head expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Commodity*
19 *Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity with the*
20 *Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall be trans-*
21 *ferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Foreign*
22 *Agricultural Service, Salaries and Expenses".*

1 *main available until expended; \$331,273,000 shall be de-*
2 *rived from medical device user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.*
3 *379j, and shall be credited to this account and remain*
4 *available until expended; \$594,150,000 shall be derived*
5 *from human generic drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.*
6 *379j–42, and shall be credited to this account and remain*
7 *available until expended; \$42,432,000 shall be derived from*
8 *biosimilar biological product user fees authorized by 21*
9 *U.S.C. 379j–52, and shall be credited to this account and*
10 *remain available until expended; \$33,500,000 shall be de-*
11 *rived from animal drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.*
12 *379j–12, and shall be credited to this account and remain*
13 *available until expended; \$25,000,000 shall be derived from*
14 *generic new animal drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.*
15 *379j–21, and shall be credited to this account and remain*
16 *available until expended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived*
17 *from tobacco product user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.*
18 *387s, and shall be credited to this account and remain*
19 *available until expended: Provided further, That in addi-*
20 *tion to and notwithstanding any other provision under this*
21 *heading, amounts collected for prescription drug user fees,*
22 *medical device user fees, human generic drug user fees, bio-*
23 *similar biological product user fees, animal drug user fees,*
24 *and generic new animal drug user fees that exceed the re-*
25 *spective fiscal year 2024 limitations are appropriated and*

1 *shall be credited to this account and remain available until*
2 *expended: Provided further, That fees derived from prescrip-*
3 *tion drug, medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar*
4 *biological product, animal drug, and generic new animal*
5 *drug assessments for fiscal year 2024, including any such*
6 *fees collected prior to fiscal year 2024 but credited for fiscal*
7 *year 2024, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2024 limita-*
8 *tions: Provided further, That the Secretary may accept pay-*
9 *ment during fiscal year 2024 of user fees specified under*
10 *this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2025, prior to*
11 *the due date for such fees, and that amounts of such fees*
12 *assessed for fiscal year 2025 for which the Secretary accepts*
13 *payment in fiscal year 2024 shall not be included in*
14 *amounts under this heading: Provided further, That none*
15 *of these funds shall be used to develop, establish, or operate*
16 *any program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701:*
17 *Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated:*
18 *(1) \$1,198,263,000 shall be for the Center for Food Safety*
19 *and Applied Nutrition and related field activities in the*
20 *Office of Regulatory Affairs, of which no less than*
21 *\$15,000,000 shall be used for inspections of foreign seafood*
22 *manufacturers and field examinations of imported seafood;*
23 *(2) \$2,326,206,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evalua-*
24 *tion and Research and related field activities in the Office*
25 *of Regulatory Affairs, of which no less than \$10,000,000*

1 shall be for pilots to increase unannounced foreign inspec-
2 tions and shall remain available until expended; (3)
3 \$497,700,000 shall be for the Center for Biologics Evalua-
4 tion and Research and for related field activities in the Of-
5 fice of Regulatory Affairs; (4) \$286,633,000 shall be for the
6 Center for Veterinary Medicine and for related field activi-
7 ties in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (5) \$739,543,000
8 shall be for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health
9 and for related field activities in the Office of Regulatory
10 Affairs; (6) \$77,388,000 shall be for the National Center for
11 Toxicological Research; (7) \$679,965,000 shall be for the
12 Center for Tobacco Products and for related field activities
13 in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (8) \$217,357,000 shall
14 be for Rent and Related activities, of which \$56,411,000
15 is for White Oak Consolidation, other than the amounts
16 paid to the General Services Administration for rent; (9)
17 \$244,587,000 shall be for payments to the General Services
18 Administration for rent; and (10) \$357,388,000 shall be for
19 other activities, including the Office of the Commissioner
20 of Food and Drugs, the Office of Food Policy and Response,
21 the Office of Operations, the Office of the Chief Scientist,
22 and central services for these offices: Provided further, That
23 not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official
24 reception and representation expenses, not otherwise pro-
25 vided for, as determined by the Commissioner: Provided

1 *further, That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for*
2 *the administration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food,*
3 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only*
4 *be from amounts made available under this heading for*
5 *other activities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: Provided*
6 *further, That of the amounts that are made available under*
7 *this heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived*
8 *from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and*
9 *merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health*
10 *and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for*
11 *oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and*
12 *Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-*
13 *erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug*
14 *Administration: Provided further, That funds may be*
15 *transferred from one specified activity to another with the*
16 *prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both*
17 *Houses of Congress.*

18 *In addition, mammography user fees authorized by 42*
19 *U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized by 21*
20 *U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by 21*
21 *U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food rein-*
22 *spection fees, and voluntary qualified importer program*
23 *fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing facility*
24 *fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription drug*
25 *wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees author-*

1 ized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics provider
2 licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.
3 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized by 21
4 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority review
5 voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–4a, and
6 fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs author-
7 ized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this account,
8 to remain available until expended.

9 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

10 *For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-*
11 *sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-*
12 *ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Adminis-*
13 *tration, where not otherwise provided, \$12,788,000, to re-*
14 *main available until expended.*

15 *FDA INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT*

16 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

17 *For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-*
18 *scribed under section 1002(b)(4) of the 21st Century Cures*
19 *Act, in addition to amounts available for such purposes*
20 *under the heading “Salaries and Expenses”, \$50,000,000,*
21 *to remain available until expended: Provided, That*
22 *amounts appropriated in this paragraph are appropriated*
23 *pursuant to section 1002(b)(3) of the 21st Century Cures*
24 *Act, are to be derived from amounts transferred under sec-*
25 *tion 1002(b)(2)(A) of such Act, and may be transferred by*

1 *the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to the appropriation*
 2 *for “Department of Health and Human Services Food and*
 3 *Drug Administration Salaries and Expenses” solely for the*
 4 *purposes provided in such Act: Provided further, That upon*
 5 *a determination by the Commissioner that funds trans-*
 6 *ferred pursuant to the previous proviso are not necessary*
 7 *for the purposes provided, such amounts may be transferred*
 8 *back to the account: Provided further, That such transfer*
 9 *authority is in addition to any other transfer authority*
 10 *provided by law.*

11 *INDEPENDENT AGENCY*

12 *FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION*

13 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

14 *Not to exceed \$94,300,000 (from assessments collected*
 15 *from farm credit institutions, including the Federal Agri-*
 16 *cultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated during*
 17 *the current fiscal year for administrative expenses as au-*
 18 *thorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: Provided, That this limita-*
 19 *tion shall not apply to expenses associated with receiver-*
 20 *ships: Provided further, That the agency may exceed this*
 21 *limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the Com-*
 22 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: Pro-*
 23 *vided further, That the purposes of section 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i)*
 24 *of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.*
 25 *2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may ex-*

- 1 *empt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the application*
- 2 *of the limitation provided in that clause of export loans*
- 3 *described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a manner*
- 4 *other than described in subclause (II) of the clause.*

TITLE VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

1 *SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations*
2 *made available to the Department of Agriculture in this*
3 *Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition*
4 *to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the*
5 *total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2024 does*
6 *not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased in fiscal*
7 *year 2018: Provided, That, prior to purchasing additional*
8 *motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine that such vehi-*
9 *cles are necessary for transportation safety, to reduce oper-*
10 *ational costs, and for the protection of life, property, and*
11 *public safety: Provided further, That the Secretary may not*
12 *increase the Department of Agriculture's fleet above the*
13 *2018 level unless the Secretary notifies in writing, and re-*
14 *ceives approval from, the Committees on Appropriations of*
15 *both Houses of Congress within 30 days of the notification.*

16 *SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
17 *Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobligated*
18 *balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this Act*
19 *or any other available unobligated discretionary balances*
20 *that are remaining available of the Department of Agri-*
21 *culture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisition of*
22 *property, plant and equipment and for the improvement,*
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1 *delivery, and implementation of Department financial, and*
2 *administrative information technology services, and other*
3 *support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, ad-*
4 *ministrative, and information technology services, includ-*
5 *ing cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to*
6 *the agencies of the Department of Agriculture, such trans-*
7 *ferred funds to remain available until expended: Provided,*
8 *That none of the funds made available by this Act or any*
9 *other Act shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund*
10 *without the prior approval of the agency administrator:*
11 *Provided further, That none of the funds transferred to the*
12 *Working Capital Fund pursuant to this section shall be*
13 *available for obligation without written notification to and*
14 *the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of*
15 *both Houses of Congress: Provided further, That none of the*
16 *funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the*
17 *Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for*
18 *obligation or expenditure to make any changes to the De-*
19 *partment's National Finance Center without written notifi-*
20 *cation to and prior approval of the Committees on Appro-*
21 *priations of both Houses of Congress as required by section*
22 *716 of this Act: Provided further, That none of the funds*
23 *appropriated by this Act or made available to the Depart-*
24 *ment's Working Capital Fund shall be available for obliga-*
25 *tion or expenditure to initiate, plan, develop, implement,*

1 *or make any changes to remove or relocate any systems,*
2 *missions, personnel, or functions of the offices of the Chief*
3 *Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer, co-lo-*
4 *cated with or from the National Finance Center prior to*
5 *written notification to and prior approval of the Committee*
6 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress and in ac-*
7 *cordance with the requirements of section 716 of this Act:*
8 *Provided further, That the National Finance Center Infor-*
9 *mation Technology Services Division personnel and data*
10 *center management responsibilities, and control of any*
11 *functions, missions, and systems for current and future*
12 *human resources management and integrated personnel and*
13 *payroll systems (PPS) and functions provided by the Chief*
14 *Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer shall*
15 *remain in the National Finance Center and under the man-*
16 *agement responsibility and administrative control of the*
17 *National Finance Center: Provided further, That the Sec-*
18 *retary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial*
19 *Officer shall actively market to existing and new Depart-*
20 *ments and other government agencies National Finance*
21 *Center shared services including, but not limited to, payroll,*
22 *financial management, and human capital shared services*
23 *and allow the National Finance Center to perform tech-*
24 *nology upgrades: Provided further, That of annual income*
25 *amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the Department*

1 of Agriculture attributable to the amounts in excess of the
2 true costs of the shared services provided by the National
3 Finance Center and budgeted for the National Finance Cen-
4 ter, the Secretary shall reserve not more than 4 percent for
5 the replacement or acquisition of capital equipment, includ-
6 ing equipment for the improvement, delivery, and imple-
7 mentation of financial, administrative, and information
8 technology services, and other systems of the National Fi-
9 nance Center or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost
10 of the National Finance Center: Provided further, That
11 none of the amounts reserved shall be available for obliga-
12 tion unless the Secretary submits written notification of the
13 obligation to the Committees on Appropriations of both
14 Houses of Congress: Provided further, That the limitations
15 on the obligation of funds pending notification to Congres-
16 sional Committees shall not apply to any obligation that,
17 as determined by the Secretary, is necessary to respond to
18 a declared state of emergency that significantly impacts the
19 operations of the National Finance Center; or to evacuate
20 employees of the National Finance Center to a safe haven
21 to continue operations of the National Finance Center.

22 SEC. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in
23 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
24 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

1 *SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be*
2 *used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative*
3 *agreements or similar arrangements between the United*
4 *States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-*
5 *tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the*
6 *agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrange-*
7 *ments is to carry out programs of mutual interest between*
8 *the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate pay-*
9 *ment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such*
10 *institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a*
11 *similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are*
12 *provided in this Act.*

13 *SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-*
14 *culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made*
15 *available in the current fiscal year shall remain available*
16 *until expended to disburse obligations made in the current*
17 *fiscal year for the following accounts: the Rural Develop-*
18 *ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrifica-*
19 *tion and Telecommunication Loans program account, and*
20 *the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.*

21 *SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the De-*
22 *partment of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire*
23 *new information technology systems or significant up-*
24 *grades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information*
25 *Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Offi-*

1 *cer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Tech-*
2 *nology Investment Review Board: Provided, That notwith-*
3 *standing any other provision of law, none of the funds ap-*
4 *propriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be*
5 *transferred to the Office of the Chief Information Officer*
6 *without written notification to and the prior approval of*
7 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
8 *gress: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 11319*
9 *of title 40, United States Code, none of the funds available*
10 *to the Department of Agriculture for information technology*
11 *shall be obligated for projects, contracts, or other agreements*
12 *over \$25,000 prior to receipt of written approval by the*
13 *Chief Information Officer: Provided further, That the Chief*
14 *Information Officer may authorize an agency to obligate*
15 *funds without written approval from the Chief Information*
16 *Officer for projects, contracts, or other agreements up to*
17 *\$250,000 based upon the performance of an agency meas-*
18 *ured against the performance plan requirements described*
19 *in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law*
20 *113–235.*

21 *SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)*
22 *of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in*
23 *the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-*
24 *pendent to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal*
25 *year.*

1 *SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
2 *any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has repaid*
3 *or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the*
4 *Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-for-profit util-*
5 *ity that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under*
6 *such Act, shall be eligible for assistance under section*
7 *313B(a) of such Act in the same manner as a borrower*
8 *under such Act.*

9 *SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided by*
10 *law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated balances*
11 *from appropriations made available for salaries and ex-*
12 *penses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall remain*
13 *available through September 30, 2025, for information tech-*
14 *nology expenses.*

15 *SEC. 710. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
16 *made available by this Act may be used for first-class travel*
17 *by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in con-*
18 *travention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124 of*
19 *title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.*

20 *SEC. 711. In the case of each program established or*
21 *amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–*
22 *79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title I or*
23 *subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for which*
24 *indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that is au-*

1 *thorized or required to be carried out using funds of the*
2 *Commodity Credit Corporation—*

3 (1) *such funds shall be available for salaries and*
4 *related administrative expenses, including technical*
5 *assistance, associated with the implementation of the*
6 *program, without regard to the limitation on the total*
7 *amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in*
8 *section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation*
9 *Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and*

10 (2) *the use of such funds for such purpose shall*
11 *not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment*
12 *for purposes of applying the limitation on the total*
13 *amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in*
14 *such section.*

15 *SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act, not*
16 *more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary ex-*
17 *penses of activities related to all advisory committees, pan-*
18 *els, commissions, and task forces of the Department of Agri-*
19 *culture, except for panels used to comply with negotiated*
20 *rule makings and panels used to evaluate competitively*
21 *awarded grants.*

22 *SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
23 *Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer net-*
24 *work unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading,*
25 *and exchanging of pornography.*

1 (b) *Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of*
2 *funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law*
3 *enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-*
4 *nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.*

5 *SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section*
6 *14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this*
7 *section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds*
8 *appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any*
9 *other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of*
10 *personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of the*
11 *Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section re-*
12 *ferred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,573,666,000 (exclu-*
13 *sive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal years),*
14 *as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commod-*
15 *ities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—\$5,000,000;*
16 *Removal of Defective Commodities—\$2,500,000; Adminis-*
17 *tration of section 32 Commodity Purchases—\$37,178,000:*
18 *Provided, That, of the total funds made available in the*
19 *matter preceding this proviso that remain unobligated on*
20 *October 1, 2024, such unobligated balances shall carryover*
21 *into fiscal year 2025 and shall remain available until ex-*
22 *pended for any of the purposes of section 32, except that*
23 *any such carryover funds used in accordance with clause*
24 *(3) of section 32 may not exceed \$350,000,000 and may*
25 *not be obligated until the Secretary of Agriculture provides*

1 *written notification of the expenditures to the Committees*
2 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least two*
3 *weeks in advance: Provided further, That, with the excep-*
4 *tion of any available carryover funds authorized in any*
5 *prior appropriations Act to be used for the purposes of*
6 *clause (3) of section 32, none of the funds appropriated or*
7 *otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be*
8 *used to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee of the*
9 *Department of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section*
10 *32.*

11 *SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or*
12 *any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses*
13 *of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations lan-*
14 *guage as part of the President's budget submission to the*
15 *Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the Appro-*
16 *priations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural Develop-*
17 *ment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agen-*
18 *cies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction from the*
19 *previous year due to user fees proposals that have not been*
20 *enacted into law prior to the submission of the budget unless*
21 *such budget submission identifies which additional spend-*
22 *ing reductions should occur in the event the user fees pro-*
23 *posals are not enacted prior to the date of the convening*
24 *of a committee of conference for the fiscal year 2024 appro-*
25 *priations Act.*

1 *SEC. 716. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,*
2 *or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies*
3 *funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or*
4 *expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from any*
5 *accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees*
6 *available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be avail-*
7 *able for obligation or expenditure through a reprogram-*
8 *ming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as authorized*
9 *by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Department of*
10 *Agriculture, through use of the authority provided by sec-*
11 *tion 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act*
12 *of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public Law 89-*
13 *106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—*

14 *(1) creates new programs;*

15 *(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;*

16 *(3) increases funds or personnel by any means*
17 *for any project or activity for which funds have been*
18 *denied or restricted;*

19 *(4) relocates an office or employees;*

20 *(5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities; or*

21 *(6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or*
22 *activities presently performed by Federal employees;*

23 *unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
24 *Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies*
25 *in writing and receives approval from the Committees on*

1 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days*
2 *in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or the use*
3 *of such authority.*

4 *(b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided*
5 *by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by*
6 *this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure*
7 *in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts*
8 *in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available*
9 *to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for*
10 *obligation or expenditure for activities, programs, or*
11 *projects through a reprogramming or use of the authorities*
12 *referred to in subsection (a) involving funds in excess of*
13 *\$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that—*

14 *(1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-*
15 *tivities;*

16 *(2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-*
17 *ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-*
18 *sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or*

19 *(3) results from any general savings from a re-*
20 *duction in personnel which would result in a change*
21 *in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-*
22 *proved by Congress;*

23 *unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
24 *Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies*
25 *in writing and receives approval from the Committees on*

1 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days*
2 *in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such funds*
3 *or the use of such authority.*

4 *(c) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
5 *Health and Human Services shall notify in writing and*
6 *receive approval from the Committees on Appropriations of*
7 *both Houses of Congress before implementing any program*
8 *or activity not carried out during the previous fiscal year*
9 *unless the program or activity is funded by this Act or spe-*
10 *cifically funded by any other Act.*

11 *(d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided*
12 *by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by*
13 *this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure*
14 *in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts*
15 *in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available*
16 *to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for—*

17 *(1) modifying major capital investments funding*
18 *levels, including information technology systems, that*
19 *involves increasing or decreasing funds in the current*
20 *fiscal year for the individual investment in excess of*
21 *\$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost, whichever is*
22 *less;*

23 *(2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or*
24 *vacant positions or agency activities or functions to*

1 *establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity*
2 *with ten or more personnel; or*

3 *(3) carrying out activities or functions that were*
4 *not described in the budget request;*

5 *unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,*
6 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
7 *gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for*
8 *these purposes.*

9 *(e) As described in this section, no funds may be used*
10 *for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the*
11 *Secretary of Health and Human Services receives from the*
12 *Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
13 *written or electronic mail confirmation of receipt of the no-*
14 *tification as required in this section.*

15 *SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the*
16 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
17 *1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for any*
18 *guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount that*
19 *does not exceed 4 percent of the guaranteed principal por-*
20 *tion of the loan.*

21 *SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
22 *made available to the Department of Agriculture, the Food*
23 *and Drug Administration or the Farm Credit Administra-*
24 *tion shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available*
25 *reports, questions, or responses to questions that are a result*

1 *of information requested for the appropriations hearing*
2 *process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-Depart-*
3 *ment of Health and Human Services, or non-Farm Credit*
4 *Administration employee.*

5 *SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing law,*
6 *none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used by an*
7 *executive branch agency to produce any prepackaged news*
8 *story intended for broadcast or distribution in the United*
9 *States unless the story includes a clear notification within*
10 *the text or audio of the prepackaged news story that the*
11 *prepackaged news story was prepared or funded by that ex-*
12 *ecutive branch agency.*

13 *SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-*
14 *culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or office*
15 *funded by this Act or any other Act to any other agency*
16 *or office of the Department for more than 60 days in a*
17 *fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency or of-*
18 *fice is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or office*
19 *for the salary and expenses of the employee for the period*
20 *of assignment.*

21 *SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of en-*
22 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-*
23 *missioner of the Food and Drug Administration and the*
24 *Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall submit*
25 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*

1 *gress a detailed spending plan by program, project, and ac-*
2 *tivity for all the funds made available under this Act in-*
3 *cluding appropriated user fees, as defined in the report ac-*
4 *companying this Act.*

5 *SEC. 722. None of the funds made available by this*
6 *Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement any*
7 *rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing or*
8 *requiring information intended for a prescribing health*
9 *care professional, in the case of a drug or biological product*
10 *subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and*
11 *Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be distributed to*
12 *such professional electronically (in lieu of in paper form)*
13 *unless and until a Federal law is enacted to allow or re-*
14 *quire such distribution.*

15 *SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility*
16 *or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service*
17 *programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated pris-*
18 *on populations.*

19 *SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not*
20 *require budget authority and the program level has been*
21 *established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may*
22 *increase the program level for such loans and loan guaran-*
23 *tees by not more than 25 percent: Provided, That prior to*
24 *the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Secretary*

1 *notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of*
2 *both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in advance.*

3 *SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates*
4 *transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-*
5 *tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and*
6 *Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-*
7 *tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107–76) shall*
8 *be available for obligation without written notification to,*
9 *and the prior approval of, the Committees on Appropria-*
10 *tions of both Houses of Congress: Provided, That the refunds*
11 *or rebates so transferred shall be available for obligation*
12 *only for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment,*
13 *including equipment for the improvement, delivery, and*
14 *implementation of Departmental financial management,*
15 *information technology, and other support systems nec-*
16 *essary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and in-*
17 *formation technology services, including cloud adoption and*
18 *migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Depart-*
19 *ment of Agriculture.*

20 *SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this*
21 *Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the*
22 *“variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-*
23 *ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-*
24 *sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department*
25 *of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15, 2016*

1 *(81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agriculture*
2 *amends the definition of the term “variety” as defined in*
3 *section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Federal Regula-*
4 *tions, and “variety” as applied in the definition of the term*
5 *“staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of title 7, Code*
6 *of Federal Regulations, to increase the number of items that*
7 *qualify as acceptable varieties in each staple food category*
8 *so that the total number of such items in each staple food*
9 *category exceeds the number of such items in each staple*
10 *food category included in the final rule as published on De-*
11 *cember 15, 2016: Provided, That until the Secretary pro-*
12 *mulgates such regulatory amendments, the Secretary shall*
13 *apply the requirements regarding acceptable varieties and*
14 *breadth of stock to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-*
15 *gram retailers that were in effect on the day before the date*
16 *of the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public*
17 *Law 113–79).*

18 *SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section 502*
19 *of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary*
20 *of Agriculture shall have the same authority with respect*
21 *to loans guaranteed under such section and eligible lenders*
22 *for such loans as the Secretary has under subsections (h)*
23 *and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with*
24 *respect to loans guaranteed under such section 538 and eli-*
25 *gible lenders for such loans.*

1 *SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
2 *made available by this Act shall be available for the United*
3 *States Department of Agriculture to propose, finalize or im-*
4 *plement any regulation that would promulgate new user*
5 *fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date of the enact-*
6 *ment of this Act.*

7 *SEC. 729. Of the unobligated balances from amounts*
8 *made available for the Broadband Treasury Rate Loan pro-*
9 *gram, authorized in section 601 of the Rural Electrification*
10 *Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb), \$9,156,000 are hereby perma-*
11 *nently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts shall be can-*
12 *celled from amounts that were designated by the Congress*
13 *as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to*
14 *the concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced*
15 *Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

16 *SEC. 730. Notwithstanding any provision of law that*
17 *regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and holi-*
18 *day pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge es-*
19 *tablishments subject to the inspection requirements of the*
20 *Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq., the*
21 *Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et seq., and the*
22 *Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq., for*
23 *the cost of inspection services provided outside of an estab-*
24 *lishment's approved inspection shifts, and for inspection*
25 *services provided on Federal holidays: Provided, That any*

1 *sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed*
2 *as overtime pay or holiday pay under section 1001(d) of*
3 *the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–*
4 *2, 135 Stat. 242): Provided further, That sums received by*
5 *the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in addition to*
6 *other available funds, remain available until expended to*
7 *the Secretary without further appropriation for the purpose*
8 *of funding all costs associated with FSIS inspections.*

9 *SEC. 731. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—*

10 *(1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates*
11 *the following factors in the country or region being*
12 *audited, as applicable—*

13 *(A) veterinary control and oversight;*

14 *(B) disease history and vaccination prac-*
15 *tices;*

16 *(C) livestock demographics and traceability;*

17 *(D) epidemiological separation from poten-*
18 *tial sources of infection;*

19 *(E) surveillance practices;*

20 *(F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and*

21 *(G) emergency preparedness and response;*

22 *and*

23 *(2) promptly make publicly available the final*
24 *reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant*
25 *to paragraph (1).*

1 **(b)** *This section shall be applied in a manner con-*
2 *sistent with United States obligations under its inter-*
3 *national trade agreements.*

4 **SEC. 732.** *Of the unobligated balances from amounts*
5 *made available in prior Acts for the rural housing voucher*
6 *program authorized by section 542 of the Housing Act of*
7 *1949, (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), as amended, \$3,000,000 are*
8 *hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts*
9 *shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by*
10 *the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement*
11 *pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget or the*
12 *Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of*
13 *1985.*

14 **SEC. 733.** *Of the unobligated balances from amounts*
15 *made available in prior Acts under the heading “Rural Co-*
16 *operative Development Grants” for Agriculture Innovation*
17 *Centers authorized by section 6402 of the Farm Security*
18 *and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1632b), as*
19 *amended, \$8,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled:*
20 *Provided, That no amounts shall be cancelled from amounts*
21 *that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or*
22 *disaster relief requirement pursuant to the concurrent reso-*
23 *lution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-*
24 *gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

1 *SEC. 734. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for*
2 *this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-*
3 *posal, and solid waste management programs authorized by*
4 *sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of the*
5 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
6 *1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the construction,*
7 *alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water or*
8 *wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel products*
9 *used in the project are produced in the United States.*

10 *(2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”*
11 *means the following products made primarily of iron or*
12 *steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers*
13 *and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe*
14 *clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced*
15 *precast concrete, and construction materials.*

16 *(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or cat-*
17 *egory of cases in which the Secretary of Agriculture (in this*
18 *section referred to as the “Secretary”) or the designee of*
19 *the Secretary finds that—*

20 *(1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent*
21 *with the public interest;*

22 *(2) iron and steel products are not produced in*
23 *the United States in sufficient and reasonably avail-*
24 *able quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or*

1 (3) *inclusion of iron and steel products produced*
2 *in the United States will increase the cost of the over-*
3 *all project by more than 25 percent.*

4 (c) *If the Secretary or the designee receives a request*
5 *for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the designee*
6 *shall make available to the public on an informal basis a*
7 *copy of the request and information available to the Sec-*
8 *retary or the designee concerning the request, and shall*
9 *allow for informal public input on the request for at least*
10 *15 days prior to making a finding based on the request.*
11 *The Secretary or the designee shall make the request and*
12 *accompanying information available by electronic means,*
13 *including on the official public Internet Web site of the De-*
14 *partment.*

15 (d) *This section shall be applied in a manner con-*
16 *sistent with United States obligations under international*
17 *agreements.*

18 (e) *The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of*
19 *the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities*
20 *Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-*
21 *count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-*
22 *section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the require-*
23 *ments of this section.*

24 (f) *Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a*
25 *project for which the engineering plans and specifications*

1 *include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited*
2 *by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-*
3 *ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the*
4 *date of enactment of this Act.*

5 *(g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United*
6 *States” and “State” shall include each of the several States,*
7 *the District of Columbia, and each Federally recognized In-*
8 *dian Tribe.*

9 *SEC. 735. None of the funds appropriated by this Act*
10 *may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence*
11 *congressional action on any legislation or appropriation*
12 *matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-*
13 *nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.*
14 *1913.*

15 *SEC. 736. Of the total amounts made available by this*
16 *Act for direct loans and grants under the following head-*
17 *ings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insurance*
18 *Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—Mu-*
19 *tual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing*
20 *Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural Hous-*
21 *ing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program Ac-*
22 *count”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Rural Busi-*
23 *ness Program Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Serv-*
24 *ice—Rural Economic Development Loans Program Ac-*
25 *count”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Rural Coop-*

1 *erative Development Grants*”; “*Rural Business-Cooperative*
2 *Service—Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program*”;
3 “*Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal*
4 *Program Account*”; “*Rural Utilities Service—Rural Elec-*
5 *trification and Telecommunications Loans Program Ac-*
6 *count*”; and “*Rural Utilities Service—Distance Learning,*
7 *Telemedicine, and Broadband Program*”, to the maximum
8 *extent feasible, at least 10 percent of the funds shall be allo-*
9 *cated for assistance in persistent poverty counties under*
10 *this section, including, notwithstanding any other provision*
11 *regarding population limits, any county seat of such a per-*
12 *sistent poverty county that has a population that does not*
13 *exceed the authorized population limit by more than 10 per-*
14 *cent: Provided, That for purposes of this section, the term*
15 *“persistent poverty counties” means any county that has*
16 *had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty*
17 *over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000*
18 *decennial censuses, and 2007–2011 American Community*
19 *Survey 5-year average, or any territory or possession of the*
20 *United States: Provided further, That with respect to spe-*
21 *cific activities for which program levels have been made*
22 *available by this Act that are not supported by budget au-*
23 *thority, the requirements of this section shall be applied to*
24 *such program level.*

1 *SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this*
2 *Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-*
3 *edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for investiga-*
4 *tional use of a drug or biological product under section*
5 *505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21*
6 *U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health*
7 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which a*
8 *human embryo is intentionally created or modified to in-*
9 *clude a heritable genetic modification. Any such submission*
10 *shall be deemed to have not been received by the Secretary,*
11 *and the exemption may not go into effect.*

12 *SEC. 738. None of the funds made available by this*
13 *or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule pro-*
14 *mulgated by the Food and Drug Administration entitled*
15 *“Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and*
16 *Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and pub-*
17 *lished on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regulation*
18 *of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine grapes,*
19 *hops, pulse crops, or almonds.*

20 *SEC. 739. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000, to*
21 *remain available until September 30, 2025, for a pilot pro-*
22 *gram for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture*
23 *to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for programs*
24 *and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching*
25 *opportunities for military veterans.*

1 *SEC. 740. For school years 2023–2024 and 2024–2025,*
2 *none of the funds made available by this Act may be used*
3 *to implement or enforce the matter following the first*
4 *comma in the second sentence of footnote (c) of section*
5 *220.8(c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, with respect*
6 *to the substitution of vegetables for fruits under the school*
7 *breakfast program established under section 4 of the Child*
8 *Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).*

9 *SEC. 741. None of the funds made available by this*
10 *Act or any other Act may be used—*

11 *(1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Agri-*
12 *cultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G of the*
13 *Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or section 10114*
14 *of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018; or*

15 *(2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,*
16 *sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is*
17 *grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606*
18 *of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the*
19 *Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or outside*
20 *the State in which the hemp is grown or cultivated.*

21 *SEC. 742. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive the*
22 *matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of the Ag-*
23 *ricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act*
24 *of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).*

1 *SEC. 743. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to*
2 *remain available until expended, for a pilot program for*
3 *the Secretary to provide grants to qualified non-profit orga-*
4 *nizations and public housing authorities to provide tech-*
5 *nical assistance, including financial and legal services, to*
6 *RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate the ac-*
7 *quisition of RHS multi-family housing properties in areas*
8 *where the Secretary determines a risk of loss of affordable*
9 *housing, by non-profit housing organizations and public*
10 *housing authorities as authorized by law that commit to*
11 *keep such properties in the RHS multi-family housing pro-*
12 *gram for a period of time as determined by the Secretary.*

13 *SEC. 744. Of the unobligated balances from amounts*
14 *made available in prior Acts under the heading “Rural*
15 *Housing Assistance Grants” for housing repair grants au-*
16 *thorized by section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42*
17 *U.S.C. 1474), as amended, \$30,000,000 are hereby perma-*
18 *nently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts shall be can-*
19 *celled from amounts that were designated by the Congress*
20 *as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to*
21 *the concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced*
22 *Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

23 *SEC. 745. Of the unobligated balances of the amounts*
24 *made available for fiscal year 2022 for the “National Insti-*
25 *tute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Extension Ac-*

1 *tivities*”, \$307,526,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided, That*
2 *no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were des-*
3 *ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pur-*
4 *suant to a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Bal-*
5 *anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

6 *SEC. 746. Funds made available under title II of the*
7 *Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be*
8 *used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate*
9 *monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-*
10 *trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is*
11 *received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by*
12 *food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-*
13 *propriate purposes.*

14 *SEC. 747. None of the funds made available by this*
15 *Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-*
16 *ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the*
17 *People’s Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-*
18 *gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch*
19 *Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care Food*
20 *Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766),*
21 *the Summer Food Service Program for Children under sec-*
22 *tion 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school breakfast*
23 *program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.*
24 *1771 et seq.).*

1 *SEC. 748. For school year 2024–2025, only a school*
2 *food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit*
3 *school food service account as of June 30, 2023, shall be*
4 *required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance*
5 *with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National*
6 *School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).*

7 *SEC. 749. Any funds made available by this or any*
8 *other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section*
9 *1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and*
10 *Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended, shall*
11 *be available for grants for biotechnology risk assessment re-*
12 *search: Provided, That the Secretary may transfer such*
13 *funds among appropriations of the Department of Agri-*
14 *culture for purposes of making such grants.*

15 *SEC. 750. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
16 *no funds available to the Department of Agriculture may*
17 *be used to move any staff office or any agency from the*
18 *mission area in which it was located on August 1, 2018,*
19 *to any other mission area or office within the Department*
20 *in the absence of the enactment of specific legislation affirm-*
21 *ing such move.*

22 *SEC. 751. The Secretary, acting through the Chief of*
23 *the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use funds*
24 *appropriated under this Act or any other Act for the Water-*
25 *shed and Flood Prevention Operations Program and the*

1 *Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out pursuant to*
2 *the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16*
3 *U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency Watershed Pro-*
4 *tection Program carried out pursuant to section 403 of the*
5 *Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203) to provide*
6 *technical services for such programs pursuant to section*
7 *1252(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.*
8 *3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding subsection (c) of such section.*

9 *SEC. 752. In administering the pilot program estab-*
10 *lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-*
11 *propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-*
12 *retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining enti-*
13 *ties eligible to receive assistance, consider those communities*
14 *which are “Areas Rural in Character”: Provided, That not*
15 *more than 10 percent of the funds made available under*
16 *the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and*
17 *Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot program*
18 *established by section 779 of Public Law 115–141 may be*
19 *used for this purpose.*

20 *SEC. 753. In addition to amounts otherwise made*
21 *available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence*
22 *of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$2,000,000, to re-*
23 *main available until expended, to implement non-renewable*
24 *agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agricultural*

1 *lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the Water*
2 *Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).*

3 *SEC. 754. Out of amounts appropriated to the Food*
4 *and Drug Administration under title VI, the Secretary of*
5 *Health and Human Services, acting through the Commis-*
6 *sioner of Food and Drugs, shall, not later than September*
7 *30, 2024, and following the review required under Executive*
8 *Order No. 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to regulatory*
9 *planning and review), issue advice revising the advice pro-*
10 *vided in the notice of availability entitled “Advice About*
11 *Eating Fish, From the Environmental Protection Agency*
12 *and Food and Drug Administration; Revised Fish Advice;*
13 *Availability” (82 Fed. Reg. 6571 (January 19, 2017)), in*
14 *a manner that is consistent with nutrition science recog-*
15 *nized by the Food and Drug Administration on the net ef-*
16 *fects of seafood consumption.*

17 *SEC. 755. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to*
18 *remain available until expended, to carry out section 2103*
19 *of Public Law 115–334: Provided, That the Secretary shall*
20 *prioritize the wetland compliance needs of areas with sig-*
21 *nificant numbers of individual wetlands, wetland acres,*
22 *and conservation compliance requests.*

23 *SEC. 756. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
24 *the acceptable market name of any engineered animal ap-*
25 *proved prior to the effective date of the National Bioengi-*

1 *needed Food Disclosure Standard (February 19, 2019) shall*
2 *include the words “genetically engineered” prior to the ex-*
3 *isting acceptable market name.*

4 *SEC. 757. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural Eco-*
5 *nomic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August 15,*
6 *2024, an amount of funds made available in title III under*
7 *the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program*
8 *Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants, Rural*
9 *Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Facilities*
10 *Program Account, Rural Business Program Account, Rural*
11 *Development Loan Fund Program Account, and Rural*
12 *Water and Waste Disposal Program Account, equal to the*
13 *amount obligated in REAP Zones with respect to funds*
14 *provided under such headings in the most recent fiscal year*
15 *any such funds were obligated under such headings for*
16 *REAP Zones, excluding the funding provided through any*
17 *Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project*
18 *Funding.*

19 *SEC. 758. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to*
20 *carry out the duties of the working group established under*
21 *section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food*
22 *and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appro-*
23 *priations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 133 Stat. 89).*

24 *SEC. 759. For an additional amount for the Office of*
25 *the Secretary, \$9,000,000, to remain available until ex-*

1 *pending, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships as*
2 *established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: Provided,*
3 *That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall continue to*
4 *dedicate resources to researching the causes and conditions*
5 *of challenges facing rural areas, and develop community*
6 *partnerships to address such challenges: Provided further,*
7 *That administrative or other fees shall not exceed one per-*
8 *cent: Provided further, That such partnership shall coordi-*
9 *nate and publish an annual report.*

10 *SEC. 760. Funds made available in the Consolidated*
11 *Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) for the*
12 *“Rural Community Facilities Program Account” under*
13 *section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
14 *ment Act, 7 U.S.C. 1926, for the principal amount of direct*
15 *loans are to remain available through fiscal year 2028 for*
16 *the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal year*
17 *2018.*

18 *SEC. 761. Section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42*
19 *U.S.C. 1490c) is amended in subsection (b)(1)(B) by strik-*
20 *ing “two years” and inserting “five years”.*

21 *SEC. 762. Section 524 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42*
22 *U.S.C. 1490d) is amended in subsection (a)(1) by striking*
23 *“two years” and inserting “five years”.*

24 *SEC. 763. Section 592 of the Stewart B. McKinney*
25 *Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11408a) is amended—*

1 (1) *in the section heading by striking “FMHA”*
2 *and inserting “USDA”;*

3 (2) *in subsection (a), by, in the matter preceding*
4 *paragraph (1), striking “program and nonprogram”;*
5 *and*

6 (3) *by striking subsection (b) and inserting the*
7 *following:*

8 “(b) *PRIORITY.—The priority uses of inventory prop-*
9 *erty under this section shall be given priority equal to or*
10 *higher than the disposition of such property in accordance*
11 *with priorities determined by the Secretary as necessary to*
12 *protect the best interests of the Federal Government.”.*

13 *SEC. 764. Section 363 of the Multifamily Mortgage*
14 *Foreclosure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702) is amended at*
15 *paragraph (10) by inserting after “Secretary of Housing*
16 *Urban Development” the following: “and the Secretary of*
17 *Agriculture”.*

18 *SEC. 765. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000, to*
19 *remain available until September 30, 2025, for a Bison*
20 *Production and Marketing Grant Program that the Agri-*
21 *cultural Marketing Service shall develop and maintain:*
22 *Provided, That this program shall be similar, as determined*
23 *by the Secretary, to the Sheep Production and Marketing*
24 *Grant Program the Department of Agriculture currently*
25 *maintains pursuant to section 209(c) of the Agricultural*

1 *Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627a(c)), and shall*
2 *prioritize grants to national non-profits and federally char-*
3 *tered Tribal organizations that have expertise in bison pro-*
4 *duction or marketing.*

5 *SEC. 766. Notwithstanding the Agricultural Marketing*
6 *Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622 et seq.) and 9 CFR part 352,*
7 *the Committee provides an additional \$700,000 to the*
8 *USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service to cover vol-*
9 *untary meat inspection fees for the slaughtering or proc-*
10 *essing of bison/buffalo at Native American owned establish-*
11 *ments or establishments operating on tribal lands.*

12 *SEC. 767. Of the unobligated balances available to the*
13 *Department of Agriculture for the Rural Water Operation*
14 *Program under the heading “Natural Resources Conserva-*
15 *tion Service—Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations”*
16 *from prior appropriations Acts, \$20,000,000 is hereby re-*
17 *scinded: Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from*
18 *amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emer-*
19 *gency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on*
20 *the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*
21 *Control Act of 1985.*

22 *SEC. 768. If services performed by APHIS employees*
23 *are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and*
24 *Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an ani-*
25 *mal disease outbreak, any premium pay that is funded, ei-*

1 *ther directly or through reimbursement, shall be exempted*
2 *from the aggregate of basic pay and premium pay cal-*
3 *culated under section 5547 of title 5, United States Code,*
4 *and any other provision of law limiting the aggregate*
5 *amount of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar*
6 *year basis: Provided, That this section shall take effect as*
7 *if enacted on January 1, 2023.*

8 *SEC. 769. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
9 *made available by this or any other Act may be used by*
10 *the Food Safety and Inspection Service to take any action*
11 *that would result in the permanent relocation, demotion,*
12 *or termination of any Supervisory Public Heath Veteri-*
13 *narian (SPHV), solely as result of the creation of the Dis-*
14 *trict Veterinary Medical Officer position, prior to com-*
15 *pleting a 1010 package and cost-benefit analysis, and brief-*
16 *ing the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of*
17 *Congress.*

18 *SEC. 770. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
19 *made available by this or any other Act may be used to*
20 *purchase, deploy, or train third parties on the use of M-*
21 *44 sodium cyanide ejector devices (“M-44s”), including any*
22 *components or parts, or sodium fluoroacetate (“Compound*
23 *1080”), except for activities directly related to the removal*
24 *of M-44s that have been placed on Federal, Tribal, State*
25 *and private land.*

1 *SEC. 771. Notwithstanding section 521(a)(1)(B) of the*
2 *Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490a(a)(1)(B)), for loans*
3 *made under section 502 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary of*
4 *Agriculture may provide the borrower with assistance in*
5 *the form of credits so as to reduce the effective interest rate*
6 *to a rate not less than 2 per centum per annum for such*
7 *periods of time as the Secretary may determine for appli-*
8 *cants described in section 521(a)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.*
9 *1490a(a)(1)(A)) if without such assistance such applicants*
10 *could not afford the dwelling or make payments on the in-*
11 *debtedness of the rental or cooperative housing.*

12 *SEC. 772. Any rule-making, notice or guidance of or*
13 *regarding USDA Proposed Rule (Child Nutrition Pro-*
14 *grams: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020*
15 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans; RIN 0584-AE88) shall*
16 *allow and provide meal reimbursement for (or “low fat or*
17 *fat free”) flavored milk in National School Lunch Program*
18 *and School Breakfast Program for grades Kindergarten*
19 *through 12th grade and in Child and Adult Care Food Pro-*
20 *gram for participants 5 years of age and older, and for*
21 *any other program complying with the meal pattern re-*
22 *quirements covered in such final rule.*

23 *SEC. 773. Weekly sodium limits that may be included*
24 *in any rule-making, notice or guidance of or regarding*
25 *USDA Proposed Rule (Child Nutrition Programs: Revi-*

1 *sions to Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020 Dietary*
2 *Guidelines for Americans; RIN 0584–AE88) shall exclude*
3 *sodium used for food safety and functional purposes in*
4 *cheese-making, as determined by the Secretary, in consulta-*
5 *tion with FDA. Sodium limits will not take effect until the*
6 *Secretary determines the amounts which shall be excluded.*

7 *SEC. 774. Notwithstanding section 521(a)(1)(B) of the*
8 *Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C 1490a(a)(1)(B)), for loans*
9 *made under section 502 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary of*
10 *Agriculture may provide the borrower with assistance in*
11 *the form of credits so as to reduce the effective interest rate*
12 *to a rate not less than 2 per centum per annum for such*
13 *periods of time as the Secretary may determine for appli-*
14 *cants described in section 521(a)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.*
15 *1490a(a)(1)(A)) if without such assistance such applicants*
16 *could not afford the dwelling or make payments on the in-*
17 *debtedness of the rental or cooperative housing.*

18 *SEC. 775. Section 542(b)(2) of the Housing Act, (42*
19 *U.S.C. 1490r), is amended by striking “5,000” and insert-*
20 *ing “10,000”.*

21 *SEC. 776. None of the funds made available by this*
22 *Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-*
23 *sonnel—*

24 *(1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the Fed-*
25 *eral Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603);*

1 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
2 *Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of*
3 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or
4 (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of
5 title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
6 regulation).

7 SEC. 777. (a) There is appropriated \$3,000,000 for the
8 emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assist-
9 ance grant program established under section 12502(b) of
10 the *Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018* (34 U.S.C.
11 20127).

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
13 the total amount rescinded in section 745 is increased by
14 \$3,000,000.

15 SEC. 778. (a) For an additional amount for “Agricultural
16 Programs—Agricultural Research Service—Salaries
17 and Expenses”, there is appropriated, out of amounts in
18 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$1,000,000, to re-
19 main available until expended, for research on East Coast
20 shellfish.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
22 the amount made available by this Act under the heading
23 “Farm Production and Conservation Programs—Farm
24 Service Agency—State Mediation Grants” in title II shall
25 be \$6,000,000.

1 *SEC. 779. (a) For an additional amount for “Agricul-*
2 *tural Programs—Agricultural Research Service—Salaries*
3 *and Expenses”, there is appropriated \$1,000,000, to remain*
4 *available until expended, for cooperative agreements with*
5 *qualified nonprofit organizations to expedite research using*
6 *plant genomics to develop drought- and disease-resistant*
7 *peanut varieties and other crops.*

8 *(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,*
9 *the amount appropriated by this Act under the heading*
10 *“Agricultural Programs—Processing, Research, and Mar-*
11 *keting—Office of the Secretary” in title I for the Office of*
12 *Communications shall be reduced by \$1,000,000.*

13 *SEC. 780. For an additional amount for “Agricultural*
14 *Programs—National Institute of Food and Agriculture—*
15 *Research and Education Activities”, for competitive grants*
16 *to assist in the facility construction, alteration, acquisition,*
17 *modernization, renovation, or remodeling of agricultural*
18 *research facilities, as authorized by the Research Facilities*
19 *Act (7 U.S.C. 390 et seq.), there is hereby appropriated,*
20 *and the amount otherwise provided by this Act for “Agricul-*
21 *tural Programs—Processing, Research, and Marketing—*
22 *Office of the Secretary” is hereby reduced by, \$2,000,000.*

23 *SEC. 781. Not later than 90 days after the date of en-*
24 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall sub-*
25 *mit to Congress a report describing a plan for improving*

1 *staffing at the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Re-*
2 *sources Conservation Service at the county level, including*
3 *recommendations for actions that Congress may take.*

4 *This division may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural*
5 *Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related*
6 *Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”.*

1 ***DIVISION C—TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING***
2 ***AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RE-***
3 ***LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS***
4 ***ACT, 2024***

5 *The following sums are appropriated, out of any*
6 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the*
7 *Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban*
8 *Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending*
9 *September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:*

10 ***TITLE I***

11 ***DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION***

12 ***OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY***

13 ***SALARIES AND EXPENSES***

14 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,*
15 *\$191,295,000: Provided, That of the sums appropriated*
16 *under this heading—*

17 *(1) \$3,770,000 shall be available for the imme-*
18 *diat Office of the Secretary;*

19 *(2) \$1,370,000 shall be available for the imme-*
20 *diat Office of the Deputy Secretary;*

21 *(3) \$32,272,000 shall be available for the Office*
22 *of the General Counsel;*

23 *(4) \$20,064,000 shall be available for the Office*
24 *of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy,*
25 *of which \$2,000,000 is for the Office for Multimodal*

1 *Freight Infrastructure and Policy: Provided, That the*
2 *Secretary must obtain reprogramming approval from*
3 *the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations*
4 *under section 405 of this Act prior to executing the*
5 *authorities of section 118(g)(2)–(3) of title 49, United*
6 *States Code;*

7 (5) \$22,724,000 shall be available for the Office
8 of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs;

9 (6) \$7,138,000,000 shall be available for the Of-
10 fice of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Af-
11 fairs;

12 (7) \$43,284,000 shall be available for the Office
13 of the Assistant Secretary for Administration;

14 (8) \$6,244,000 shall be available for the Office of
15 Public Affairs and Public Engagement;

16 (9) \$2,515,000 shall be available for the Office of
17 the Executive Secretariat;

18 (10) \$16,506,000 shall be available for the Office
19 of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response;

20 (11) \$33,879,000 shall be available for the Office
21 of the Chief Information Officer; and

22 (12) \$1,529,000 shall be available for the Office
23 of Tribal Government Affairs:

24 *Provided further, That the Secretary of Transportation (re-*
25 *ferred to in this title as the “Secretary”) is authorized to*

1 *transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of*
2 *the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Sec-*
3 *retary: Provided further, That no appropriation for any of-*
4 *fice shall be increased or decreased by more than 7 percent*
5 *by all such transfers: Provided further, That notice of any*
6 *change in funding greater than 7 percent shall be submitted*
7 *for approval to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-*
8 *propriations: Provided further, That not to exceed \$70,000*
9 *shall be for allocation within the Department for official*
10 *reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may*
11 *determine: Provided further, That notwithstanding any*
12 *other provision of law, there may be credited to this appro-*
13 *priation up to \$2,500,000 in funds received in user fees.*

14 *RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY*

15 *For necessary expenses related to the Office of the As-*
16 *sistant Secretary for Research and Technology,*
17 *\$51,358,000, of which \$35,745,000 shall remain available*
18 *until expended: Provided, That of such amounts that are*
19 *available until expended, \$14,750,000 shall be for necessary*
20 *expenses of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Infra-*
21 *structure (ARPA–I) as authorized by section 119 of title*
22 *49, United States Code: Provided further, That within the*
23 *funds made available under the previous proviso, not less*
24 *than \$8,000,000 shall be available for research on dura-*
25 *bility, resiliency, and sustainability of bridges and other*

1 *infrastructure and shall be directed to an accredited univer-*
2 *sity of higher education in the northeast United States that*
3 *has experience leading a regional University Transpor-*
4 *tation Center and a proven record of developing, patenting,*
5 *deploying, and commercializing innovative composite mate-*
6 *rials and technologies for bridge and other transportation*
7 *applications, as well as conducting research and developing*
8 *prototypes using very large-scale polymer-based additive*
9 *manufacturing: Provided further, That there may be cred-*
10 *ited to this appropriation, to be available until expended,*
11 *funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other*
12 *public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred*
13 *for training: Provided further, That any reference in law,*
14 *regulation, judicial proceedings, or elsewhere to the Re-*
15 *search and Innovative Technology Administration shall*
16 *continue to be deemed to be a reference to the Office of the*
17 *Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the De-*
18 *partment of Transportation.*

19 *NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS*

20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

21 *For necessary expenses to carry out a local and re-*
22 *gional project assistance grant program under section 6702*
23 *of title 49, United States Code, \$800,000,000, to remain*
24 *available until expended: Provided, That section 6702(f)(2)*
25 *of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts*

1 *made available under this heading in this Act: Provided*
2 *further, That of the amounts made available under this*
3 *heading in this Act, not less than \$20,000,000 shall be*
4 *awarded to projects in historically disadvantaged commu-*
5 *nities or areas of persistent poverty as defined under section*
6 *6702(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further,*
7 *That section 6702(g) of title 49, United States Code, shall*
8 *not apply to amounts made available under this heading*
9 *in this Act: Provided further, That of the amounts made*
10 *available under this heading in this Act, not less than 5*
11 *percent shall be made available for the planning, prepara-*
12 *tion, or design of eligible projects: Provided further, That*
13 *grants awarded under this heading in this Act for eligible*
14 *projects for planning, preparation, or design shall not be*
15 *subject to a minimum grant size: Provided further, That*
16 *in distributing amounts made available under this heading*
17 *in this Act, the Secretary shall take such measures so as*
18 *to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds, an*
19 *appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and*
20 *rural areas, including Tribal areas, and the investment in*
21 *a variety of transportation modes: Provided further, That*
22 *section 6702(c)(2)(C) of title 49, United States Code, shall*
23 *not apply to amounts made available under this heading*
24 *in this Act: Provided further, That a grant award under*
25 *this heading in this Act shall be not greater than*

1 \$45,000,000: *Provided further, That section 6702(c)(3) of*
2 *title 49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts*
3 *made available under this heading in this Act: Provided*
4 *further, That not more than 15 percent of the amounts made*
5 *available under this heading in this Act may be awarded*
6 *to projects in a single State: Provided further, That for*
7 *amounts made available under this heading in this Act, the*
8 *Secretary shall give priority to projects that require a con-*
9 *tribution of Federal funds in order to complete an overall*
10 *financing package: Provided further, That section*
11 *6702(f)(1) of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply*
12 *to amounts made available under this heading in this Act:*
13 *Provided further, That of the amounts awarded under this*
14 *heading in this Act, not more than 50 percent shall be allo-*
15 *cated for eligible projects located in rural areas and not*
16 *more than 50 percent shall be allocated for eligible projects*
17 *located in urbanized areas: Provided further, That for the*
18 *purpose of determining if an award for planning, prepara-*
19 *tion, or design under this heading in this Act is an urban*
20 *award, the project location is the location of the project*
21 *being planned, prepared, or designed: Provided further,*
22 *That the Secretary may retain up to 2 percent of the*
23 *amounts made available under this heading in this Act, and*
24 *may transfer portions of such amounts to the Administra-*
25 *tors of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal*

1 *Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administra-*
2 *tion, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Mari-*
3 *time Administration to fund the award and oversight of*
4 *grants and credit assistance made under the program au-*
5 *thorized under section 6702 of title 49, United States Code:*
6 *Provided further, That for amounts made available under*
7 *this heading in this Act, the Secretary shall consider and*
8 *award projects based solely on the selection criteria as iden-*
9 *tified under section 6702(d)(3) and (d)(4) of title 49,*
10 *United States Code.*

11 *NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNOVATIVE*

12 *FINANCE BUREAU*

13 *For necessary expenses of the National Surface Trans-*
14 *portation and Innovative Finance Bureau as authorized by*
15 *49 U.S.C. 116, \$9,558,000, to remain available until ex-*
16 *pended: Provided, That the Secretary may collect and spend*
17 *fees, as authorized by title 23, United States Code, to cover*
18 *the costs of services of expert firms, including counsel, in*
19 *the field of municipal and project finance to assist in the*
20 *underwriting and servicing of Federal credit instruments*
21 *and all or a portion of the costs to the Federal Government*
22 *of servicing such credit instruments: Provided further, That*
23 *such fees are available until expended to pay for such costs:*
24 *Provided further, That such amounts are in addition to*
25 *other amounts made available for such purposes and are*

1 *not subject to any obligation limitation or the limitation*
2 *on administrative expenses under section 608 of title 23,*
3 *United States Code.*

4 *RURAL AND TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVANCEMENT*

5 *For necessary expenses to carry out rural and Tribal*
6 *infrastructure advancement as authorized in section 21205*
7 *of Public Law 117–58, \$25,000,000, to remain available*
8 *until September 30, 2026: Provided, That the Secretary*
9 *may enter into cooperative agreements with philanthropic*
10 *entities, non-profit organizations, other Federal agencies,*
11 *State or local governments and their agencies, Indian*
12 *Tribes, or other technical assistance providers, to provide*
13 *such technical assistance, planning, and capacity building*
14 *to State, local, or Tribal governments, United States terri-*
15 *ories, metropolitan planning organizations, transit agen-*
16 *cies, or other political subdivisions of State or local govern-*
17 *ments.*

18 *RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING*

19 *PROGRAM*

20 *The Secretary is authorized to issue direct loans and*
21 *loan guarantees pursuant to chapter 224 of title 49, United*
22 *States Code, and such authority shall exist as long as any*
23 *such direct loan or loan guarantee is outstanding.*

1 *Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center (IIPIC):*
2 *Provided further, That there may be transferred to this ap-*
3 *propriation, to remain available until expended, amounts*
4 *transferred from other Federal agencies for expenses in-*
5 *curred under this heading for IIPIC activities not related*
6 *to transportation infrastructure: Provided further, That the*
7 *tools and analysis developed by the IIPIC shall be available*
8 *to other Federal agencies for the permitting and review of*
9 *major infrastructure projects not related to transportation*
10 *only to the extent that other Federal agencies provide fund-*
11 *ing to the Department in accordance with the preceding*
12 *proviso: Provided further, That of the amounts made avail-*
13 *able under this heading, \$3,443,000 shall be made available*
14 *for the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congression-*
15 *ally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congression-*
16 *ally Directed Spending” included in the report accom-*
17 *panying this Act.*

18 **WORKING CAPITAL FUND**

19 **(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)**

20 *For necessary expenses for operating costs and capital*
21 *outlays of the Working Capital Fund, not to exceed*
22 *\$522,165,000, shall be paid from appropriations made*
23 *available to the Department of Transportation: Provided,*
24 *That such services shall be provided on a competitive basis*
25 *to entities within the Department of Transportation: Pro-*

1 *vided further, That the limitation in the preceding proviso*
2 *on operating expenses shall not apply to entities external*
3 *to the Department of Transportation or for funds provided*
4 *in Public Law 117–58: Provided further, That no funds*
5 *made available by this Act to an agency of the Department*
6 *shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without*
7 *majority approval of the Working Capital Fund Steering*
8 *Committee and approval of the Secretary: Provided further,*
9 *That no assessments may be levied against any program,*
10 *budget activity, subactivity, or project funded by this Act*
11 *unless notice of such assessments and the basis therefor are*
12 *presented to the House and Senate Committees on Appro-*
13 *priations and are approved by such Committees.*

14 *SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION AND*
15 *OUTREACH*

16 *For necessary expenses for small and disadvantaged*
17 *business utilization and outreach activities, \$5,330,000, to*
18 *remain available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That*
19 *notwithstanding section 332 of title 49, United States Code,*
20 *such amounts may be used for business opportunities re-*
21 *lated to any mode of transportation: Provided further, That*
22 *appropriations made available under this heading shall be*
23 *available for any purpose consistent with prior year appro-*
24 *priations that were made available under the heading “Of-*

1 *vice of the Secretary—Minority Business Resource Center*
2 *Program”.*

3 *PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS*

4 *(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)*

5 *In addition to funds made available from any other*
6 *source to carry out the essential air service program under*
7 *sections 41731 through 41742 of title 49, United States*
8 *Code, \$348,554,000, to be derived from the Airport and Air-*
9 *way Trust Fund, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
10 *vided, That in determining between or among carriers com-*
11 *peting to provide service to a community, the Secretary*
12 *may consider the relative subsidy requirements of the car-*
13 *riers: Provided further, That basic essential air service min-*
14 *imum requirements shall not include the 15-passenger ca-*
15 *capacity requirement under section 41732(b)(3) of title 49,*
16 *United States Code: Provided further, That amounts au-*
17 *thorized to be distributed for the essential air service pro-*
18 *gram under section 41742(b) of title 49, United States Code,*
19 *shall be made available immediately from amounts other-*
20 *wise provided to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation*
21 *Administration: Provided further, That the Administrator*
22 *may reimburse such amounts from fees credited to the ac-*
23 *count established under section 45303 of title 49, United*
24 *States Code: Provided further, That, notwithstanding sec-*
25 *tion 41733 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal year*

1 2024, the requirements established under subparagraphs
2 (B) and (C) of section 41731(a)(1) of title 49, United States
3 Code, and the subsidy cap established by section 332 of the
4 Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Ap-
5 propriations Act, 2000, shall not apply to maintain eligi-
6 bility under section 41731 of title 49, United States Code.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

8 OF TRANSPORTATION

9 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

11 SEC. 101. None of the funds made available by this
12 Act to the Department of Transportation may be obligated
13 for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to approve
14 assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining to funds
15 appropriated to the operating administrations in this Act,
16 except for activities underway on the date of enactment of
17 this Act, unless such assessments or agreements have com-
18 pleted the normal reprogramming process for congressional
19 notification.

20 SEC. 102. The Secretary shall post on the web site of
21 the Department of Transportation a schedule of all meetings
22 of the Council on Credit and Finance, including the agenda
23 for each meeting, and require the Council on Credit and
24 Finance to record the decisions and actions of each meeting.

1 *SEC. 103. In addition to authority provided by section*
2 *327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department's Work-*
3 *ing Capital Fund is authorized to provide partial or full*
4 *payments in advance and accept subsequent reimburse-*
5 *ments from all Federal agencies from available funds for*
6 *transit benefit distribution services that are necessary to*
7 *carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe*
8 *benefit program under Executive Order No. 13150 and sec-*
9 *tion 3049 of SAFETEA-LU (5 U.S.C. 7905 note): Pro-*
10 *vided, That the Department shall maintain a reasonable*
11 *operating reserve in the Working Capital Fund, to be ex-*
12 *pended in advance to provide uninterrupted transit benefits*
13 *to Government employees: Provided further, That such re-*
14 *serve shall not exceed 1 month of benefits payable and may*
15 *be used only for the purpose of providing for the continu-*
16 *ation of transit benefits: Provided further, That the Working*
17 *Capital Fund shall be fully reimbursed by each customer*
18 *agency from available funds for the actual cost of the transit*
19 *benefit.*

20 *SEC. 104. Receipts collected in the Department's Work-*
21 *ing Capital Fund, as authorized by section 327 of title 49,*
22 *United States Code, for unused transit and van pool bene-*
23 *fits, in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of fiscal year*
24 *2023 collections, shall be available until expended in the*
25 *Department's Working Capital Fund to provide contractual*

1 *services in support of section 189 of this Act: Provided, That*
2 *obligations in fiscal year 2024 of such collections shall not*
3 *exceed \$1,000,000.*

4 *SEC. 105. None of the funds in this title may be obli-*
5 *gated or expended for retention or senior executive bonuses*
6 *for an employee of the Department of Transportation with-*
7 *out the prior written approval of the Assistant Secretary*
8 *for Administration.*

9 *SEC. 106. In addition to authority provided by section*
10 *327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department's Ad-*
11 *ministrative Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to*
12 *transfer information technology equipment, software, and*
13 *systems from Departmental sources or other entities and*
14 *collect and maintain a reserve at rates which will return*
15 *full cost of transferred assets.*

16 *SEC. 107. None of the funds provided in this Act to*
17 *the Department of Transportation may be used to provide*
18 *credit assistance unless not less than 3 days before any ap-*
19 *plication approval to provide credit assistance under sec-*
20 *tions 603 and 604 of title 23, United States Code, the Sec-*
21 *retary provides notification in writing to the following com-*
22 *mittees: the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-*
23 *tions; the Committee on Environment and Public Works*
24 *and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Af-*
25 *airs of the Senate; and the Committee on Transportation*

1 *and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives: Pro-*
2 *vided, That such notification shall include, but not be lim-*
3 *ited to, the name of the project sponsor; a description of*
4 *the project; whether credit assistance will be provided as*
5 *a direct loan, loan guarantee, or line of credit; and the*
6 *amount of credit assistance.*

7 *SEC. 108. (a) Amounts made available to the Secretary*
8 *of Transportation or the Department of Transportation's*
9 *operating administrations in this Act for the costs of award,*
10 *administration, or oversight of financial assistance under*
11 *the programs identified in subsection (c) may be transferred*
12 *to the account identified in section 801 of division J of Pub-*
13 *lic Law 117-58, to remain available until expended, for*
14 *the necessary expenses of award, administration, or over-*
15 *sight of any financial assistance programs in the Depart-*
16 *ment of Transportation.*

17 *(b) Amounts transferred under the authority in this*
18 *section are available in addition to amounts otherwise*
19 *available for such purpose.*

20 *(c) The program from which funds made available*
21 *under this Act may be transferred under subsection (a)*
22 *are—*

23 *(1) the local and regional project assistance pro-*
24 *gram under section 6702 of title 49, United States*
25 *Code; and*

1 (2) *the university transportation centers pro-*
2 *gram under section 5505 of title 49, United States*
3 *Code.*

4 *SEC. 109. Of the amounts made available under the*
5 *heading “National Infrastructure Investments”, up to*
6 *\$75,000,000 shall be available—*

7 (1) *First, to fully fund the projects at the*
8 *amounts for which they applied under section 109B*
9 *of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (divi-*
10 *sion L of Public Law 117–328) and were not fully*
11 *funded; and*

12 (2) *Second, to fund highway infrastructure*
13 *projects for which the initial grant agreement was ex-*
14 *ecuted between January 14, 2021 and February 14,*
15 *2021 for awards made from the National Infrastruc-*
16 *ture Investments program under title I of division G*
17 *of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public*
18 *Law 116–6): Provided, That sponsors of projects eligi-*
19 *ble for funds made available under subsection shall*
20 *provide sufficient written justification describing, at*
21 *a minimum, the current project cost estimate, why*
22 *the project cannot be completed with the obligated*
23 *grant amount, and any other relevant information, as*
24 *determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That*
25 *funds made available under this subsection shall be*

1 *allocated to projects eligible to receive funding under*
2 *this section in order of the date the grant agreements*
3 *were initially executed: Provided further, That the al-*
4 *location under the previous proviso will be for the*
5 *amounts necessary to cover increases to eligible*
6 *project costs since the grant was obligated, based on*
7 *the information provided: Provided further, That sec-*
8 *tion 200.204 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations,*
9 *shall not apply to amounts made available under this*
10 *section: Provided further, That the amounts made*
11 *available under this section shall not be subject to*
12 *limitations under section 6702(c) of title 49, United*
13 *States Code: Provided further, That the amounts*
14 *made available under this section shall not be part of*
15 *the Federal share of total project costs under section*
16 *6702(e)(1) of title 49, United States Code: Provided*
17 *further, That section 6702(f) of title 49, United States*
18 *Code, shall not apply to amounts made available*
19 *under this section: Provided further, That the Office*
20 *of the Secretary of Transportation shall provide the*
21 *amounts allocated to projects under this section no*
22 *later than 120 days after the date the sufficient writ-*
23 *ten justifications required under this section have*
24 *been submitted.*

1 *SEC. 109A. Of the unobligated balances of funds made*
2 *available for “Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement*
3 *Financing Program” in section 109 of division L of Public*
4 *Law 117–103, \$8,973,000 are hereby permanently re-*
5 *scinded.*

6 *SEC. 109B. For amounts provided for this fiscal year*
7 *and prior fiscal years, section 24112(c)(2)(B) of Public Law*
8 *117–58 shall be applied by substituting “30 percent” for*
9 *“40 percent”.*

10 *SEC. 109C. The remaining unobligated balances, as of*
11 *September 30, 2024, from amounts made available for the*
12 *“Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—*
13 *National Infrastructure Investments” in division L of the*
14 *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–*
15 *260) are hereby permanently rescinded, and an amount of*
16 *additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount*
17 *rescinded is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2024,*
18 *to remain available until September 30, 2027, and shall*
19 *be available, without additional competition, for completing*
20 *the funding of awards made pursuant to the fiscal year*
21 *2021 national infrastructure investments program, in addi-*
22 *tion to other funds as may be available for such purposes:*
23 *Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts*
24 *that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-*
25 *quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budg-*

1 *et or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control*
2 *Act of 1985.*

3 *FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION*

4 *OPERATIONS*

5 *(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)*

6 *For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Admin-*
7 *istration, not otherwise provided for, including operations*
8 *and research activities related to commercial space trans-*
9 *portation, administrative expenses for research and develop-*
10 *ment, establishment of air navigation facilities, the oper-*
11 *ation (including leasing) and maintenance of aircraft, sub-*
12 *sidizing the cost of aeronautical charts and maps sold to*
13 *the public, the lease or purchase of passenger motor vehicles*
14 *for replacement only, \$12,740,627,000, to remain available*
15 *until September 30, 2025, of which \$12,103,596,000 to be*
16 *derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund: Pro-*
17 *vided, That of the amounts made available under this head-*
18 *ing—*

19 *(1) not less than \$1,745,532,000 shall be avail-*
20 *able for aviation safety activities;*

21 *(2) \$9,444,828,000 shall be available for air traf-*
22 *fic organization activities;*

23 *(3) \$42,018,000 shall be available for commercial*
24 *space transportation activities;*

1 (4) \$949,376,000 shall be available for finance
2 and management activities;

3 (5) \$70,097,000 shall be available for NextGen
4 and operations planning activities;

5 (6) \$163,951,000 shall be available for security
6 and hazardous materials safety activities; and

7 (7) \$324,825,000 shall be available for staff of
8 fices:

9 *Provided further, That not to exceed 5 percent of any budget*
10 *activity, except for aviation safety budget activity, may be*
11 *transferred to any budget activity under this heading: Pro-*
12 *vided further, That no transfer may increase or decrease*
13 *any appropriation under this heading by more than 5 per-*
14 *cent: Provided further, That any transfer in excess of 5 per-*
15 *cent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under*
16 *section 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obliga-*
17 *tion or expenditure except in compliance with the proce-*
18 *dures set forth in that section: Provided further, That not*
19 *later than 60 days after the submission of the budget re-*
20 *quest, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Adminis-*
21 *tration shall transmit to Congress an annual update to the*
22 *report submitted to Congress in December 2004 pursuant*
23 *to section 221 of the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reau-*
24 *thorization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note): Provided further,*
25 *That the amounts made available under this heading shall*

1 *be reduced by \$100,000 for each day after 60 days after*
2 *the submission of the budget request that such report has*
3 *not been transmitted to Congress: Provided further, That*
4 *not later than 60 days after the submission of the budget*
5 *request, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress a*
6 *companion report that describes a comprehensive strategy*
7 *for staffing, hiring, and training flight standards and air-*
8 *craft certification staff in a format similar to the one uti-*
9 *lized for the controller staffing plan, including stated attri-*
10 *tion estimates and numerical hiring goals by fiscal year:*
11 *Provided further, That the amounts made available under*
12 *this heading shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each day after*
13 *the date that is 60 days after the submission of the budget*
14 *request that such report has not been submitted to Congress:*
15 *Provided further, That funds may be used to enter into a*
16 *grant agreement with a nonprofit standard-setting organi-*
17 *zation to assist in the development of aviation safety stand-*
18 *ards: Provided further, That none of the funds made avail-*
19 *able by this Act shall be available for new applicants for*
20 *the second career training program: Provided further, That*
21 *none of the funds made available by this Act shall be avail-*
22 *able for the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize or*
23 *implement any regulation that would promulgate new avia-*
24 *tion user fees not specifically authorized by law after the*
25 *date of the enactment of this Act: Provided further, That*

1 *there may be credited to this appropriation, as offsetting*
2 *collections, funds received from States, counties, municipi-*
3 *palities, foreign authorities, other public authorities, and*
4 *private sources for expenses incurred in the provision of*
5 *agency services, including receipts for the maintenance and*
6 *operation of air navigation facilities, and for issuance, re-*
7 *newal or modification of certificates, including airman,*
8 *aircraft, and repair station certificates, or for tests related*
9 *thereto, or for processing major repair or alteration forms:*
10 *Provided further, That of the amounts made available*
11 *under this heading, not less than \$194,000,000 shall be used*
12 *to fund direct operations of the current air traffic control*
13 *towers in the contract tower program, including the con-*
14 *tract tower cost share program, and any airport that is*
15 *currently qualified or that will qualify for the program dur-*
16 *ing the fiscal year: Provided further, That none of the funds*
17 *made available by this Act for aeronautical charting and*
18 *cartography are available for activities conducted by, or co-*
19 *ordinated through, the Working Capital Fund: Provided*
20 *further, That none of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
21 *made available by this Act or any other Act may be used*
22 *to eliminate the Contract Weather Observers program at*
23 *any airport.*

1 *FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT*2 *(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)*

3 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for*
4 *acquisition, establishment, technical support services, im-*
5 *provement by contract or purchase, and hire of national*
6 *airspace systems and experimental facilities and equip-*
7 *ment, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title*
8 *49, United States Code, including initial acquisition of nec-*
9 *essary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service test-*
10 *ing, including construction of test facilities and acquisition*
11 *of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction and fur-*
12 *nishing of quarters and related accommodations for officers*
13 *and employees of the Federal Aviation Administration sta-*
14 *tioned at remote localities where such accommodations are*
15 *not available; and the purchase, lease, or transfer of aircraft*
16 *from funds made available under this heading, including*
17 *aircraft for aviation regulation and certification; to be de-*
18 *rived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund,*
19 *\$3,429,000,000, of which \$635,000,000 is for personnel and*
20 *related expenses and shall remain available until September*
21 *30, 2025, \$2,692,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-*
22 *tember 30, 2026, and \$102,000,000 is for terminal facilities*
23 *and shall remain available until September 30, 2028: Pro-*
24 *vided, That there may be credited to this appropriation*
25 *funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other*

1 public authorities, and private sources, for expenses in-
2 curred in the establishment, improvement, and moderniza-
3 tion of national airspace systems: Provided further, That
4 not later than 60 days after submission of the budget re-
5 quest, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to the
6 Congress an investment plan for the Federal Aviation Ad-
7 ministration which includes funding for each budget line
8 item for fiscal years 2025 through 2029, with total funding
9 for each year of the plan constrained to the funding targets
10 for those years as estimated and approved by the Office of
11 Management and Budget: Provided further, That section
12 405 of this Act shall apply to amounts made available
13 under this heading in title VIII of the Infrastructure Invest-
14 ments and Jobs Appropriations Act (division J of Public
15 Law 117–58): Provided further, That the amounts in the
16 table entitled “Allocation of Funds for FAA Facilities and
17 Equipment from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
18 Act—Fiscal Year 2024” in the report accompanying this
19 Act shall be the baseline for application of reprogramming
20 and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year pursuant
21 to paragraph (7) of such section 405 for amounts referred
22 to in the preceding proviso: Provided further, That, not-
23 withstanding paragraphs (5) and (6) of such section 405,
24 unless prior approval is received from the House and Sen-
25 ate Committees on Appropriations, not to exceed 10 percent

1 of any funding level specified for projects and activities in
2 the table referred to in the preceding proviso may be trans-
3 ferred to any other funding level specified for projects and
4 activities in such table and no transfer of such funding lev-
5 els may increase or decrease any funding level in such table
6 by more than 10 percent: Provided further, That of the
7 amounts made available under this heading for terminal
8 facilities, \$15,000,000 shall be made available for the pur-
9 poses, and in amounts, specified for Congressionally Di-
10 rected Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Di-
11 rected Spending” included in the report accompanying this
12 Act: Provided further, That, of the amounts made available
13 under this heading in this Act, \$469,000,000 is designated
14 by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-
15 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
16 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

17 RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT

18 (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

19 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for
20 research, engineering, and development, as authorized
21 under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code,
22 including construction of experimental facilities and acqui-
23 sition of necessary sites by lease or grant, \$260,000,000, to
24 be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and
25 to remain available until September 30, 2026: Provided,

1 *That there may be credited to this appropriation as offset-*
 2 *ting collections, funds received from States, counties, mu-*
 3 *nicipalities, other public authorities, and private sources,*
 4 *which shall be available for expenses incurred for research,*
 5 *engineering, and development: Provided further, That*
 6 *amounts made available under this heading shall be used*
 7 *in accordance with the report accompanying this Act: Pro-*
 8 *vided further, That not to exceed 10 percent of any funding*
 9 *level specified under this heading in the report accom-*
 10 *panying this Act may be transferred to any other funding*
 11 *level specified under this heading in the report accom-*
 12 *panying this Act: Provided further, That no transfer may*
 13 *increase or decrease any funding level by more than 10 per-*
 14 *cent: Provided further, That any transfer in excess of 10*
 15 *percent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under*
 16 *section 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obliga-*
 17 *tion or expenditure except in compliance with the proce-*
 18 *dures set forth in that section.*

19 *GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS*

20 *(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)*

21 *(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)*

22 *(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)*

23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

24 *For liquidation of obligations incurred for grants-in-*
 25 *aid for airport planning and development, and noise com-*

1 *patibility planning and programs as authorized under sub-*
2 *chapter I of chapter 471 and subchapter I of chapter 475*
3 *of title 49, United States Code, and under other law author-*
4 *izing such obligations; for procurement, installation, and*
5 *commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and*
6 *systems at airports of such title; for grants authorized under*
7 *section 41743 of title 49, United States Code; and for in-*
8 *spection activities and administration of airport safety pro-*
9 *grams, including those related to airport operating certifi-*
10 *cates under section 44706 of title 49, United States Code,*
11 *\$3,350,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway*
12 *Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: Pro-*
13 *vided, That none of the amounts made available under this*
14 *heading shall be available for the planning or execution of*
15 *programs the obligations for which are in excess of*
16 *\$3,350,000,000, in fiscal year 2024, notwithstanding sec-*
17 *tion 47117(g) of title 49, United States Code: Provided fur-*
18 *ther, That none of the amounts made available under this*
19 *heading shall be available for the replacement of baggage*
20 *conveyor systems, reconfiguration of terminal baggage*
21 *areas, or other airport improvements that are necessary to*
22 *install bulk explosive detection systems: Provided further,*
23 *That notwithstanding section 47109(a) of title 49, United*
24 *States Code, the Government's share of allowable project*
25 *costs under paragraph (2) of such section for subgrants or*

1 *paragraph (3) of such section shall be 95 percent for a*
2 *project at other than a large or medium hub airport that*
3 *is a successive phase of a multi-phased construction project*
4 *for which the project sponsor received a grant in fiscal year*
5 *2011 for the construction project: Provided further, That*
6 *notwithstanding any other provision of law, of amounts*
7 *limited under this heading, not less than \$157,475,000 shall*
8 *be available for administration, \$15,000,000 shall be avail-*
9 *able for the Airport Cooperative Research Program,*
10 *\$41,801,000 shall be available for Airport Technology Re-*
11 *search, and \$10,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
12 *pendent, shall be available and transferred to “Office of the*
13 *Secretary, Salaries and Expenses” to carry out the Small*
14 *Community Air Service Development Program: Provided*
15 *further, That in addition to airports eligible under section*
16 *41743 of title 49, United States Code, such program may*
17 *include the participation of an airport that serves a com-*
18 *munity or consortium that is not larger than a small hub*
19 *airport, according to FAA hub classifications effective at*
20 *the time the Office of the Secretary issues a request for pro-*
21 *posals.*

22 *GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS*

23 *For an additional amount for “Grants-In-Aid for Air-*
24 *ports”, to enable the Secretary of Transportation to make*
25 *grants for projects as authorized by subchapter 1 of chapter*

1 471 and subchapter 1 of chapter 475 of title 49, United
2 States Code, \$500,728,000, to remain available through
3 September 30, 2026: Provided, That amounts made avail-
4 able under this heading shall be derived from the general
5 fund, and such funds shall not be subject to apportionment
6 formulas, special apportionment categories, or minimum
7 percentages under chapter 471 of title 49, United States
8 Code: Provided further, That of the sums appropriated
9 under this heading—

10 (1) \$200,728,000 shall be made available for the
11 purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congression-
12 ally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congres-
13 sionally Directed Spending” included in the report
14 accompanying this Act: Provided, That funds made
15 available under this section shall not be subject to or
16 considered under section 47115(j)(3)(B) of title 49,
17 United States Code;

18 (2) up to \$300,000,000 shall be made available
19 to the Secretary to distribute as discretionary grants
20 to airports, of which not less than \$25,000,000 shall
21 be made available to any commercial service airport,
22 notwithstanding the requirement for the airport to be
23 located in an air quality nonattainment or mainte-
24 nance area or to be able to receive emission credits in
25 section 47102(3)(K) and 47102(3)(L) of title 49,

1 *United States Code, for work necessary to construct or*
2 *modify airport facilities to provide low-emission fuel*
3 *systems, gate electrification, other related air quality*
4 *improvements, acquisition of airport-owned vehicles*
5 *or ground support equipment with low-emission tech-*
6 *nology; and*

7 *(3) not less than \$3,000,000 shall be made avail-*
8 *able for two remaining projects under section 190 of*
9 *the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law*
10 *115–254): Provided, That, notwithstanding subsection*
11 *(j)(2) of section 190 of the FAA Reauthorization Act*
12 *of 2018 (Public Law 115–254), such grants shall be*
13 *made available for conducting testing activities in*
14 *support of studying the effectiveness of existing feder-*
15 *ally funded sound insulation in residential areas lo-*
16 *cated within the 65 DNL noise contour of a large-hub*
17 *airport that will facilitate future environmental miti-*
18 *gation projects in these areas: Provided further, That,*
19 *with respect to a project funded under the previous*
20 *proviso, the allowable project cost for such project*
21 *shall be calculated without consideration of any costs*
22 *that were previously paid by the Government:*

23 *Provided further, That the Secretary may make discre-*
24 *tionary grants to primary airports for airport-owned infra-*
25 *structure required for the on-airport distribution or storage*

1 *of sustainable aviation fuels that achieve at least a 50 per-*
2 *cent reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, using*
3 *a methodology determined by the Secretary, including, but*
4 *not limited to, on-airport construction or expansion of pipe-*
5 *lines, rail lines and spurs, loading and off-loading facilities,*
6 *blending facilities, and storage tanks: Provided further,*
7 *That the Secretary may make discretionary grants with*
8 *funds made available under this heading to primary or*
9 *nonprimary airports for the acquisition or construction*
10 *costs related to airport-owned, revenue-producing aero-*
11 *nautical fuel farms and fueling systems, including mobile*
12 *systems, that the Secretary determines will promote the use*
13 *of unleaded or sustainable aviation fuels on a non-exclusive*
14 *basis: Provided further, That the Secretary may make dis-*
15 *cretionary grants for airport development improvements of*
16 *primary runways, taxiways, and aprons necessary at a*
17 *nonhub, small hub, medium hub, or large hub airport to*
18 *increase operational resilience for the purpose of resuming*
19 *commercial service flight operations following flooding, high*
20 *water, hurricane, storm surge, tidal wave, tornado, tsu-*
21 *nami, wind driven water, or winter storms: Provided fur-*
22 *ther, That the amounts made available under this heading*
23 *shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations for the*
24 *Grants-in-Aid for Airports program set forth in any Act:*
25 *Provided further, That the Administrator of the Federal*

1 *Aviation Administration may retain up to 0.5 percent of*
2 *the amounts made available under this heading to fund the*
3 *award and oversight by the Administrator of grants made*
4 *under this heading.*

5 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION*

6 *ADMINISTRATION*

7 *(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)*

8 *SEC. 110. None of the funds made available by this*
9 *Act may be used to compensate in excess of 600 technical*
10 *staff-years under the federally funded research and develop-*
11 *ment center contract between the Federal Aviation Admin-*
12 *istration and the Center for Advanced Aviation Systems*
13 *Development during fiscal year 2024.*

14 *SEC. 111. None of the funds made available by this*
15 *Act shall be used to pursue or adopt guidelines or regula-*
16 *tions requiring airport sponsors to provide to the Federal*
17 *Aviation Administration without cost building construc-*
18 *tion, maintenance, utilities and expenses, or space in air-*
19 *port sponsor-owned buildings for services relating to air*
20 *traffic control, air navigation, or weather reporting: Pro-*
21 *vided, That the prohibition on the use of funds in this sec-*
22 *tion does not apply to negotiations between the agency and*
23 *airport sponsors to achieve agreement on “below-market”*
24 *rates for these items or to grant assurances that require air-*

1 port sponsors to provide land without cost to the Federal
2 Aviation Administration for air traffic control facilities.

3 *SEC. 112. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation*
4 *Administration may reimburse amounts made available to*
5 *satisfy section 41742(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code,*
6 *from fees credited under section 45303 of title 49, United*
7 *States Code, and any amount remaining in such account*
8 *at the close of any fiscal year may be made available to*
9 *satisfy section 41742(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code,*
10 *for the subsequent fiscal year.*

11 *SEC. 113. Amounts collected under section 40113(e) of*
12 *title 49, United States Code, shall be credited to the appro-*
13 *priation current at the time of collection, to be merged with*
14 *and available for the same purposes as such appropriation.*

15 *SEC. 114. None of the funds made available by this*
16 *Act shall be available for paying premium pay under sec-*
17 *tion 5546(a) of title 5, United States Code, to any Federal*
18 *Aviation Administration employee unless such employee ac-*
19 *tually performed work during the time corresponding to*
20 *such premium pay.*

21 *SEC. 115. None of the funds made available by this*
22 *Act may be obligated or expended for an employee of the*
23 *Federal Aviation Administration to purchase a store gift*
24 *card or gift certificate through use of a Government-issued*
25 *credit card.*

1 *SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
2 *none of the funds made available under this Act or any*
3 *prior Act may be used to implement or to continue to im-*
4 *plement any limitation on the ability of any owner or oper-*
5 *ator of a private aircraft to obtain, upon a request to the*
6 *Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, a*
7 *blocking of that owner's or operator's aircraft registration*
8 *number, Mode S transponder code, flight identification, call*
9 *sign, or similar identifying information from any ground*
10 *based display to the public that would allow the real-time*
11 *or near real-time flight tracking of that aircraft's move-*
12 *ments, except data made available to a Government agency,*
13 *for the noncommercial flights of that owner or operator.*

14 *SEC. 117. None of the funds made available by this*
15 *Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than*
16 *nine political and Presidential appointees in the Federal*
17 *Aviation Administration.*

18 *SEC. 118. None of the funds made available by this*
19 *Act may be used to increase fees pursuant to section 44721*
20 *of title 49, United States Code, until the Federal Aviation*
21 *Administration provides to the House and Senate Commit-*
22 *tees on Appropriations a report that justifies all fees related*
23 *to aeronautical navigation products and explains how such*
24 *fees are consistent with Executive Order No. 13642.*

1 *SEC. 119. None of the funds made available by this*
2 *Act may be used to close a regional operations center of*
3 *the Federal Aviation Administration or reduce its services*
4 *unless the Administrator notifies the House and Senate*
5 *Committees on Appropriations not less than 90 full business*
6 *days in advance.*

7 *SEC. 119A. None of the funds made available by or*
8 *limited by this Act may be used to change weight restric-*
9 *tions or prior permission rules at Teterboro airport in*
10 *Teterboro, New Jersey.*

11 *SEC. 119B. None of the funds made available by this*
12 *Act may be used by the Administrator of the Federal Avia-*
13 *tion Administration to withhold from consideration and*
14 *approval any new application for participation in the Con-*
15 *tract Tower Program, or for reevaluation of Cost-share Pro-*
16 *gram participants so long as the Federal Aviation Adminis-*
17 *tration has received an application from the airport, and*
18 *so long as the Administrator determines such tower is eligi-*
19 *ble using the factors set forth in Federal Aviation Adminis-*
20 *tration published establishment criteria.*

21 *SEC. 119C. None of the funds made available by this*
22 *Act may be used to open, close, redesignate as a lesser office,*
23 *or reorganize a regional office, the aeronautical center, or*
24 *the technical center unless the Administrator submits a re-*

1 *quest for the reprogramming of funds under section 405 of*
2 *this Act.*

3 *SEC. 119D. The Federal Aviation Administration Ad-*
4 *ministrative Services Franchise Fund may be reimbursed*
5 *after performance or paid in advance from funds available*
6 *to the Federal Aviation Administration and other Federal*
7 *agencies for which the Fund performs services.*

8 *SEC. 119E. None of the funds appropriated or other-*
9 *wise made available to the FAA may be used to carry out*
10 *the FAA's obligations under section 44502(e) of title 49,*
11 *United States Code, unless the eligible air traffic system*
12 *or equipment to be transferred to the FAA under section*
13 *44502(e) of title 49, United States Code, was purchased by*
14 *the transferor airport—*

15 *(1) during the period of time beginning on Octo-*
16 *ber 5, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2021; or*

17 *(2) on or after January 1, 2022 for transferor*
18 *airports located in a non-contiguous States.*

19 *SEC. 119F. Of the unobligated balances available to*
20 *the Federal Aviation Administration, the following funds*
21 *are hereby permanently rescinded:*

22 *(1) \$1,590,528.89 from funds made available for*
23 *“Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities and*
24 *Equipment”, which were to remain available until*
25 *expended, by title I of Public Law 104–50; and*

1 (2) \$2,878.02 from funds made available for
2 “Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities and
3 Equipment” by chapter 10, division B, of Public Law
4 108–324.

5 SEC. 119G. None of the funds made available in this
6 or any other Act shall be used to facilitate the assignment
7 of individuals from a private-sector organization to the
8 FAA to serve on a temporary basis.

9 SEC. 119H. Using amounts made available for the
10 Federal Aviation Administration under this Act that are
11 not otherwise obligated, the Secretary of Transportation
12 shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees
13 on Appropriations on whether, and the degree to which, the
14 Federal Aviation Administration’s workforce development
15 programs authorized in section 625 of the FAA Reauthor-
16 ization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–254) have: (1) helped
17 to expand the pool of prospective applicants to the industry;
18 (2) strengthened aviation programs at minority-serving in-
19 stitutions, public institutions of higher education, women-
20 focused institutions, and public postsecondary vocational
21 institutions; and (3) encouraged the participation of popu-
22 lations that are underrepresented in the aviation workforce,
23 including women, minorities, and individuals in economi-
24 cally disadvantaged geographic areas and rural commu-
25 nities. In submitting this report, the Federal Aviation Ad-

1 *ministration shall also provide recommendations on how it*
2 *can better use its workforce development grant programs to:*
3 *(1) expand the pool of prospective applicants to the indus-*
4 *try; (2) strengthen aviation programs at minority-serving*
5 *institutions, public institutions of higher education,*
6 *women-focused institutions, and public postsecondary voca-*
7 *tional institutions; and (3) encourage the participation of*
8 *populations that are underrepresented in the aviation work-*
9 *force, including women, minorities, and individuals in eco-*
10 *nomically disadvantaged geographic areas and rural com-*
11 *munities.*

12 *SEC. 119I. Of the funds made available in this Act*
13 *under the heading “Department of Transportation—Fed-*
14 *eral Aviation Administration—Facilities and Equipment”,*
15 *\$29,350,000 shall be for the aeronautical information man-*
16 *agement program, which includes Federal notices to air*
17 *missions (“NOTAM”) sustainment, enhancements, and*
18 *modernization in support of the NOTAM Improvement Act*
19 *of 2023 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note).*

20 *FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION*
21 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*
22 *(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*
23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

24 *Not to exceed \$483,551,671 together with advances and*
25 *reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Adminis-*

1 *tration, shall be obligated for necessary expenses for admin-*
 2 *istration and operation of the Federal Highway Adminis-*
 3 *tration: Provided, That in addition, \$3,248,000 shall be*
 4 *transferred to the Appalachian Regional Commission in ac-*
 5 *cordance with section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code.*

6 *FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS*

7 *(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)*

8 *(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

9 *Funds available for the implementation or execution*
 10 *of authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety con-*
 11 *struction programs shall not exceed total obligations of*
 12 *\$60,095,782,888 for fiscal year 2024: Provided, That the*
 13 *limitation on obligations under this heading shall only*
 14 *apply to contract authority authorized from the Highway*
 15 *Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), unless*
 16 *otherwise specified in law.*

17 *(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)*

18 *(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

19 *For the payment of obligations incurred in carrying*
 20 *out authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety*
 21 *construction programs, \$60,792,659,888 shall be derived*
 22 *from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit*
 23 *Account), to remain available until expended.*

1 *HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS*2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

3 *There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary*
4 *\$2,046,738,000: Provided, That the funds made available*
5 *under this heading shall be derived from the general fund,*
6 *shall be in addition to any funds provided for fiscal year*
7 *2024 in this or any other Act for: (1) “Federal-aid High-*
8 *ways” under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code; (2)*
9 *the Appalachian Development Highway System as author-*
10 *ized under section 1069(y) of Public Law 102–240; (3) the*
11 *nationally significant Federal lands and Tribal projects*
12 *program under section 1123 of the FAST Act, as amended*
13 *(23 U.S.C. 201 note); (4) the Northern Border Regional*
14 *Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.); or (5) the Denali*
15 *Commission, and shall not affect the distribution or amount*
16 *of funds provided in any other Act: Provided further, That,*
17 *except for the funds made available under this heading for*
18 *the Northern Border Regional Commission and the Denali*
19 *Commission, section 11101(e) of Public Law 117–58 shall*
20 *apply to funds made available under this heading: Provided*
21 *further, That unless otherwise specified, amounts made*
22 *available under this heading shall be available until Sep-*
23 *tember 30, 2027, and shall not be subject to any limitation*
24 *on obligations for Federal-aid highways or highway safety*
25 *construction programs set forth in any Act making annual*

1 *appropriations: Provided further, That of the sums appro-*
2 *priated under this heading—*

3 (1) *\$701,738,000 shall be for the purposes, and*
4 *in the amounts, specified for Congressionally Directed*
5 *Spending in the table entitled “Congressionally Di-*
6 *rected Spending” included in the report accom-*
7 *panying this Act: Provided, That, except as otherwise*
8 *provided under this heading, the funds made avail-*
9 *able under this paragraph shall be administered as if*
10 *apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States*
11 *Code: Provided further, That funds made available*
12 *under this paragraph that are used for Tribal projects*
13 *shall be administered as if allocated under chapter 2*
14 *of title 23, United States Code, except that the set-*
15 *asides described in subparagraph (C) of section*
16 *202(b)(3) of title 23, United States Code, and sub-*
17 *sections (a)(6), (c), and (e) of section 202 of such title,*
18 *and section 1123(h)(1) of MAP–21 (as amended by*
19 *Public Law 117–58), shall not apply to such funds;*

20 (2) *\$100,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses*
21 *for construction of the Appalachian Development*
22 *Highway System, as authorized under section*
23 *1069(y) of Public Law 102–240: Provided, That for*
24 *the purposes of funds made available under this para-*
25 *graph, the term “Appalachian State” means a State*

1 *that contains 1 or more counties (including any polit-*
2 *ical subdivision located within the area) in the Appa-*
3 *lachian region as defined in section 14102(a) of title*
4 *40, United States Code: Provided further, That funds*
5 *made available under this heading for construction of*
6 *the Appalachian Development Highway System shall*
7 *remain available until expended: Provided further,*
8 *That, except as provided in the following proviso,*
9 *funds made available under this heading for construc-*
10 *tion of the Appalachian Development Highway Sys-*
11 *tem shall be administered as if apportioned under*
12 *chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: Provided*
13 *further, That a project carried out with funds made*
14 *available under this heading for construction of the*
15 *Appalachian Development Highway System shall be*
16 *carried out in the same manner as a project under*
17 *section 14501 of title 40, United States Code: Pro-*
18 *vided further, That subject to the following proviso,*
19 *funds made available under this heading for construc-*
20 *tion of the Appalachian Development Highway Sys-*
21 *tem shall be apportioned to Appalachian States ac-*
22 *ording to the percentages derived from the 2012 Ap-*
23 *palachian Development Highway System Cost-to-*
24 *Complete Estimate, adopted in Appalachian Regional*
25 *Commission Resolution Number 736, and confirmed*

1 *as each Appalachian State's relative share of the esti-*
2 *mated remaining need to complete the Appalachian*
3 *Development Highway System, adjusted to exclude*
4 *those corridors that such States have no current plans*
5 *to complete, as reported in the 2013 Appalachian De-*
6 *velopment Highway System Completion Report, un-*
7 *less those States have modified and assigned a higher*
8 *priority for completion of an Appalachian Develop-*
9 *ment Highway System corridor, as reported in the*
10 *2020 Appalachian Development Highway System Fu-*
11 *ture Outlook: Provided further, That the Secretary*
12 *shall adjust apportionments made under the pre-*
13 *ceding proviso so that no Appalachian State shall be*
14 *apportioned an amount in excess of 30 percent of the*
15 *amount made available for construction of the Appa-*
16 *lachian Development Highway System under this*
17 *heading: Provided further, That the Secretary shall*
18 *consult with the Appalachian Regional Commission*
19 *in making adjustments under the preceding two pro-*
20 *visos: Provided further, That the Federal share of the*
21 *costs for which an expenditure is made for construc-*
22 *tion of the Appalachian Development Highway Sys-*
23 *tem under this heading shall be up to 100 percent;*
24 (3) *\$10,000,000 shall be for the nationally sig-*
25 *nificant Federal lands and Tribal projects program*

1 *under section 1123 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. 201*
2 *note);*

3 (4) *\$10,000,000 shall be transferred to the North-*
4 *ern Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et*
5 *seq.) to make grants, in addition to amounts other-*
6 *wise made available to the Northern Border Regional*
7 *Commission for such purpose, to carry out pilot*
8 *projects that demonstrate the capabilities of wood-*
9 *based infrastructure projects: Provided, That a grant*
10 *made with funds made available under this para-*
11 *graph shall be administered in the same manner as*
12 *a grant made under subtitle V of title 40, United*
13 *States Code;*

14 (5) *\$5,000,000 shall be transferred to the Denali*
15 *Commission for activities eligible under section 307(e)*
16 *of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C.*
17 *3121 note; Public Law 105–277): Provided, That*
18 *funds made available under this paragraph shall not*
19 *be subject to section 311 of such Act: Provided further,*
20 *That except as otherwise provided under section*
21 *307(e) of such Act or this heading, funds made avail-*
22 *able under this paragraph shall be administered as if*
23 *directly appropriated to the Denali Commission and*
24 *subject to applicable provisions of such Act, including*
25 *the requirement in section 307(e) of such Act that the*

1 *local community provides a 10 percent non-Federal*
2 *match in the form of any necessary land or planning*
3 *and design funds: Provided further, That such funds*
4 *shall be available until expended: Provided further,*
5 *That the Federal share of the costs for which an ex-*
6 *penditure is made with funds transferred under this*
7 *paragraph shall be up to 90 percent;*

8 *(6) \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the Denali*
9 *Commission to carry out the Denali Access System*
10 *Program under section 309 of the Denali Commission*
11 *Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105–*
12 *277): Provided, That a transfer under this paragraph*
13 *shall not be subject to section 311 of such Act: Pro-*
14 *vided further, That except as otherwise provided*
15 *under this heading, funds made available under this*
16 *paragraph shall be administered as if directly appro-*
17 *priated to the Denali Commission and subject to ap-*
18 *plicable provisions of such Act: Provided further, That*
19 *funds made available under this paragraph shall not*
20 *be subject to section 309(j)(2) of such Act: Provided*
21 *further, That funds made available under this para-*
22 *graph shall be available until expended: Provided fur-*
23 *ther, That the Federal share of the costs for which an*
24 *expenditure is made with funds transferred under this*
25 *paragraph shall be up to 100 percent;*

1 (7) \$12,000,000 shall be for the regional infra-
2 structure accelerator demonstration program author-
3 ized under section 1441 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C.
4 601 note): Provided, That for funds made available
5 under this paragraph, the Federal share of the costs
6 shall be, at the option of the recipient, up to 100 per-
7 cent;

8 (8) \$45,000,000 shall be for the active transpor-
9 tation infrastructure investment program under sec-
10 tion 11529 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
11 Act (23 U.S.C. 217 note): Provided, That except as
12 otherwise provided under such section or this heading,
13 the funds made available under this paragraph shall
14 be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of
15 title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That
16 funds made available under this paragraph shall re-
17 main available until expended;

18 (9) \$3,000,000 shall be to carry out the Polli-
19 nator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highway
20 Rights-of-Way Program under section 332 of title 23,
21 United States Code;

22 (10) \$1,145,000,000 shall be for a bridge replace-
23 ment and rehabilitation program: Provided, That, for
24 the purposes of funds made available under this para-
25 graph, the term “State” means any of the 50 States

1 *or the District of Columbia and the term “qualifying*
2 *State” means any State in which the percentage of*
3 *total deck area of bridges classified as in poor condi-*
4 *tion in such State is at least 5 percent or in which*
5 *the percentage of total bridges classified as in poor*
6 *condition in such State is at least 5 percent: Provided*
7 *further, That, of the funds made available under this*
8 *paragraph, the Secretary shall reserve \$6,000,000 for*
9 *each State that does not meet the definition of a*
10 *qualifying State: Provided further, That, after mak-*
11 *ing the reservations under the preceding proviso, the*
12 *Secretary shall distribute the remaining funds made*
13 *available under this paragraph to each qualifying*
14 *State by the proportion that the percentage of total*
15 *deck area of bridges classified as in poor condition in*
16 *such qualifying State bears to the sum of the percent-*
17 *ages of total deck area of bridges classified as in poor*
18 *condition in all qualifying States: Provided further,*
19 *That, of the funds made available under this para-*
20 *graph—*

21 *(A) no qualifying State shall receive more*
22 *than \$60,000,000;*

23 *(B) each State shall receive an amount not*
24 *less than \$6,000,000; and*

1 (C) after calculating the distribution of
2 funds pursuant to the preceding proviso, any
3 amount in excess of \$60,000,000 shall be redis-
4 tributed equally among each State that does not
5 meet the Definition of a qualifying State:

6 *Provided further, That the funds made available*
7 *under this paragraph shall be used for highway*
8 *bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects on pub-*
9 *lic roads: Provided further, That for purposes of this*
10 *paragraph, the Secretary shall calculate the percent-*
11 *ages of total deck area of bridges (including the per-*
12 *centages of total deck area classified as in poor condi-*
13 *tion) and the percentages of total bridge counts (in-*
14 *cluding the percentages of total bridges classified as*
15 *in poor condition) based on the National Bridge In-*
16 *ventory as of December 31, 2018: Provided further,*
17 *That, except as otherwise provided under this head-*
18 *ing, the funds made available under this paragraph*
19 *shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter*
20 *1 of title 23, United States Code.*

1 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY*2 *ADMINISTRATION*3 *(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)*4 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

5 *SEC. 120. (a) For fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of*
6 *Transportation shall—*

7 *(1) not distribute from the obligation limitation*
8 *for Federal-aid highways—*

9 *(A) amounts authorized for administrative*
10 *expenses and programs by section 104(a) of title*
11 *23, United States Code; and*

12 *(B) amounts authorized for the Bureau of*
13 *Transportation Statistics;*

14 *(2) not distribute an amount from the obligation*
15 *limitation for Federal-aid highways that is equal to*
16 *the unobligated balance of amounts—*

17 *(A) made available from the Highway Trust*
18 *Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) for*
19 *Federal-aid highway and highway safety con-*
20 *struction programs for previous fiscal years the*
21 *funds for which are allocated by the Secretary*
22 *(or apportioned by the Secretary under section*
23 *202 or 204 of title 23, United States Code); and*

24 *(B) for which obligation limitation was*
25 *provided in a previous fiscal year;*

1 (3) *determine the proportion that—*

2 (A) *the obligation limitation for Federal-aid*
3 *highways, less the aggregate of amounts not dis-*
4 *tributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this*
5 *subsection; bears to*

6 (B) *the total of the sums authorized to be*
7 *appropriated for the Federal-aid highway and*
8 *highway safety construction programs (other*
9 *than sums authorized to be appropriated for pro-*
10 *visions of law described in paragraphs (1)*
11 *through (11) of subsection (b) and sums author-*
12 *ized to be appropriated for section 119 of title*
13 *23, United States Code, equal to the amount re-*
14 *ferred to in subsection (b)(12) for such fiscal*
15 *year), less the aggregate of the amounts not dis-*
16 *tributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this*
17 *subsection;*

18 (4) *distribute the obligation limitation for Fed-*
19 *eral-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not dis-*
20 *tributed under paragraphs (1) and (2), for each of the*
21 *programs (other than programs to which paragraph*
22 *(1) applies) that are allocated by the Secretary under*
23 *authorized Federal-aid highway and highway safety*
24 *construction programs, or apportioned by the Sec-*

1 *retary under section 202 or 204 of title 23, United*
2 *States Code, by multiplying—*

3 *(A) the proportion determined under para-*
4 *graph (3); by*

5 *(B) the amounts authorized to be appro-*
6 *priated for each such program for such fiscal*
7 *year; and*

8 *(5) distribute the obligation limitation for Fed-*
9 *eral-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not dis-*
10 *tributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and the*
11 *amounts distributed under paragraph (4), for Fed-*
12 *eral-aid highway and highway safety construction*
13 *programs that are apportioned by the Secretary*
14 *under title 23, United States Code (other than the*
15 *amounts apportioned for the National Highway Per-*
16 *formance Program in section 119 of title 23, United*
17 *States Code, that are exempt from the limitation*
18 *under subsection (b)(12) and the amounts appor-*
19 *tioned under sections 202 and 204 of that title) in the*
20 *proportion that—*

21 *(A) amounts authorized to be appropriated*
22 *for the programs that are apportioned under title*
23 *23, United States Code, to each State for such*
24 *fiscal year; bears to*

1 (B) the total of the amounts authorized to
2 be appropriated for the programs that are ap-
3 portioned under title 23, United States Code, to
4 all States for such fiscal year.

5 (b) *EXCEPTIONS FROM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.*—
6 The obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways shall
7 not apply to obligations under or for—

8 (1) section 125 of title 23, United States Code;

9 (2) section 147 of the Surface Transportation As-
10 sistance Act of 1978 (23 U.S.C. 144 note; 92 Stat.
11 2714);

12 (3) section 9 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of
13 1981 (95 Stat. 1701);

14 (4) subsections (b) and (j) of section 131 of the
15 Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (96
16 Stat. 2119);

17 (5) subsections (b) and (c) of section 149 of the
18 Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation As-
19 sistance Act of 1987 (101 Stat. 198);

20 (6) sections 1103 through 1108 of the Intermodal
21 Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105
22 Stat. 2027);

23 (7) section 157 of title 23, United States Code
24 (as in effect on June 8, 1998);

1 (8) *section 105 of title 23, United States Code*
2 *(as in effect for fiscal years 1998 through 2004, but*
3 *only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each of*
4 *those fiscal years);*

5 (9) *Federal-aid highway programs for which ob-*
6 *ligation authority was made available under the*
7 *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (112*
8 *Stat. 107) or subsequent Acts for multiple years or to*
9 *remain available until expended, but only to the ex-*
10 *tent that the obligation authority has not lapsed or*
11 *been used;*

12 (10) *section 105 of title 23, United States Code*
13 *(as in effect for fiscal years 2005 through 2012, but*
14 *only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each of*
15 *those fiscal years);*

16 (11) *section 1603 of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C.*
17 *118 note; 119 Stat. 1248), to the extent that funds ob-*
18 *ligated in accordance with that section were not sub-*
19 *ject to a limitation on obligations at the time at*
20 *which the funds were initially made available for ob-*
21 *ligation; and*

22 (12) *section 119 of title 23, United States Code*
23 *(but, for each of fiscal years 2013 through 2024, only*
24 *in an amount equal to \$639,000,000).*

1 (c) *REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED OBLIGATION AU-*
2 *THORITY.*—*Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary*
3 *shall, after August 1 of such fiscal year—*

4 (1) *revise a distribution of the obligation limita-*
5 *tion made available under subsection (a) if an*
6 *amount distributed cannot be obligated during that*
7 *fiscal year; and*

8 (2) *redistribute sufficient amounts to those States*
9 *able to obligate amounts in addition to those pre-*
10 *viously distributed during that fiscal year, giving pri-*
11 *ority to those States having large unobligated bal-*
12 *ances of funds apportioned under sections 144 (as in*
13 *effect on the day before the date of enactment of Pub-*
14 *lic Law 112–141) and 104 of title 23, United States*
15 *Code.*

16 (d) *APPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION LIMITATIONS TO*
17 *TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PROGRAMS.*—

18 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in para-*
19 *graph (2), the obligation limitation for Federal-aid*
20 *highways shall apply to contract authority for trans-*
21 *portation research programs carried out under—*

22 (A) *chapter 5 of title 23, United States*
23 *Code;*

24 (B) *title VI of the Fixing America’s Surface*
25 *Transportation Act; and*

1 (C) title III of division A of the Infrastruc-
2 ture Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-
3 58).

4 (2) *EXCEPTION.*—Obligation authority made
5 available under paragraph (1) shall—

6 (A) remain available for a period of 4 fiscal
7 years; and

8 (B) be in addition to the amount of any
9 limitation imposed on obligations for Federal-
10 aid highway and highway safety construction
11 programs for future fiscal years.

12 (e) *REDISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED*
13 *FUNDS.*—

14 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 30 days after
15 the date of distribution of obligation limitation under
16 subsection (a), the Secretary shall distribute to the
17 States any funds (excluding funds authorized for the
18 program under section 202 of title 23, United States
19 Code) that—

20 (A) are authorized to be appropriated for
21 such fiscal year for Federal-aid highway pro-
22 grams; and

23 (B) the Secretary determines will not be al-
24 located to the States (or will not be apportioned
25 to the States under section 204 of title 23,

1 *United States Code*), and will not be available
2 for obligation, for such fiscal year because of the
3 imposition of any obligation limitation for such
4 fiscal year.

5 (2) *RATIO*.—Funds shall be distributed under
6 paragraph (1) in the same proportion as the distribu-
7 tion of obligation authority under subsection (a)(5).

8 (3) *AVAILABILITY*.—Funds distributed to each
9 State under paragraph (1) shall be available for any
10 purpose described in section 133(b) of title 23, *United*
11 *States Code*.

12 *SEC. 121. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds re-*
13 *ceived by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the*
14 *sale of data products, for necessary expenses incurred pur-*
15 *suant to chapter 63 of title 49, United States Code, may*
16 *be credited to the Federal-aid highways account for the pur-*
17 *pose of reimbursing the Bureau for such expenses.*

18 *SEC. 122. Not less than 15 days prior to waiving,*
19 *under his or her statutory authority, any Buy America re-*
20 *quirement for Federal-aid highways projects, the Secretary*
21 *of Transportation shall make an informal public notice and*
22 *comment opportunity on the intent to issue such waiver and*
23 *the reasons therefor: Provided, That the Secretary shall post*
24 *on a website any waivers granted under the Buy America*
25 *requirements.*

1 *SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this*
2 *Act may be used to make a grant for a project under section*
3 *117 of title 23, United States Code, unless the Secretary,*
4 *at least 60 days before making a grant under that section,*
5 *provides written notification to the House and Senate Com-*
6 *mittees on Appropriations of the proposed grant, including*
7 *an evaluation and justification for the project and the*
8 *amount of the proposed grant award.*

9 *SEC. 124. (a) A State or territory, as defined in section*
10 *165 of title 23, United States Code, may use for any project*
11 *eligible under section 133(b) of title 23 or section 165 of*
12 *title 23 and located within the boundary of the State or*
13 *territory any earmarked amount, and any associated obli-*
14 *gation limitation: Provided, That the Department of Trans-*
15 *portation for the State or territory for which the earmarked*
16 *amount was originally designated or directed notifies the*
17 *Secretary of its intent to use its authority under this section*
18 *and submits an annual report to the Secretary identifying*
19 *the projects to which the funding would be applied. Notwith-*
20 *standing the original period of availability of funds to be*
21 *obligated under this section, such funds and associated obli-*
22 *gation limitation shall remain available for obligation for*
23 *a period of 3 fiscal years after the fiscal year in which the*
24 *Secretary is notified. The Federal share of the cost of a*

1 *project carried out with funds made available under this*
2 *section shall be the same as associated with the earmark.*

3 *(b) In this section, the term “earmarked amount”*
4 *means—*

5 *(1) congressionally directed spending, as defined*
6 *in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate,*
7 *identified in a prior law, report, or joint explanatory*
8 *statement, which was authorized to be appropriated*
9 *or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to*
10 *the current fiscal year, and administered by the Fed-*
11 *eral Highway Administration; or*

12 *(2) a congressional earmark, as defined in rule*
13 *XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives,*
14 *identified in a prior law, report, or joint explanatory*
15 *statement, which was authorized to be appropriated*
16 *or appropriated more than 10 fiscal years prior to*
17 *the current fiscal year, and administered by the Fed-*
18 *eral Highway Administration.*

19 *(c) The authority under subsection (a) shall be applied*
20 *to projects within the same general geographic area within*
21 *25 miles for which the funding was designated.*

22 *(d) The Secretary shall submit consolidated reports of*
23 *the information provided by the States and territories an-*
24 *nually to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-*
25 *tions.*

1 *SEC. 125. (a) Of the unallocated and unobligated bal-*
2 *ances available to the Federal Highway Administration, the*
3 *following funds are hereby permanently rescinded, subject*
4 *to subsections (b) and (c), from the following accounts and*
5 *programs in the specified amounts:*

6 (1) *\$33,437,074.13 from funds available in the*
7 *“Surface Transportation Priorities” account (69 X*
8 *0538) (other than funds made available for projects in*
9 *Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, or West Virginia);*

10 (2) *\$1,839,129.40 from funds available in the*
11 *“Delta Regional Transportation Development Pro-*
12 *gram” account (69 X 0551);*

13 (3) *\$11,064,579.57 from funds available in the*
14 *“Appalachian Development Highway System” ac-*
15 *count (69 X 0640);*

16 (4) *\$9,264.22 from funds available in the “High-*
17 *way Beautification” account (69 X 0540);*

18 (5) *\$1,375,400 from funds available in the*
19 *“State Infrastructure Banks” account (69 X 0549);*

20 (6) *\$90,435 from funds available in the “Rail-*
21 *road-Highway Crossings Demonstration Projects” ac-*
22 *count (69 X 0557);*

23 (7) *\$5,211,248.53 from funds available in the*
24 *“Interstate Transfer Grants—Highway” account (69*
25 *X 0560);*

1 (8) \$133,231.12 from funds available in the
2 “Kentucky Bridge Project” account (69 X 0572);

3 (9) \$2,887.56 from funds available in the “High-
4 way Demonstration Project—Preliminary Engineer-
5 ing” account (69 X 0583);

6 (10) \$149,083.06 from funds available in the
7 “Highway Demonstration Projects” account (69 X
8 0598);

9 (11) \$68,438.40 from funds available in the
10 “Miscellaneous Highway Projects” account (69 X
11 0641);

12 (b) No amounts may be cancelled under subsection (a)
13 from any funds for which a State exercised its authority
14 under section 125 of division L of Public Law 114–113,
15 section 422 of division K of Public Law 115–31, section
16 126 of division L of Public Law 115–141, section 125 of
17 division G of Public Law 116–6, section 125 of division
18 H of Public Law 116–94, section 124 of division L of Public
19 Law 116–260, section 124 of division L of Public Law 117–
20 103, or section 124 of division L of Public Law 117–328.

21 (c) No amounts may be cancelled under subsection (a)
22 from any amounts that were designated by the Congress as
23 an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-
24 tion on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency
25 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1 *SEC. 126. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of*
2 *law, of the funds described in subsection (b)—*

3 (1) *\$20,000,000 shall be made available to the*
4 *Secretary to carry out the national scenic byways*
5 *program under section 162 of title 23, United States*
6 *Code: Provided, That, except as otherwise provided*
7 *under this section, the funds made available under*
8 *this paragraph shall be administered as if appor-*
9 *tioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States*
10 *Code: Provided further, That section 11101(e) of Pub-*
11 *lic Law 117–58 shall apply to funds made available*
12 *under this paragraph;*

13 (2) *\$30,000,000 shall be made available to the*
14 *Secretary to carry out the nationally significant Fed-*
15 *eral lands and Tribal projects program under section*
16 *1123 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. 201 note); and*

17 (3) *\$150,000,000 shall be made available to the*
18 *Secretary for competitive awards for activities eligible*
19 *under section 176(d)(4) of title 23, United States*
20 *Code, of which \$125,000,000 shall be for such activi-*
21 *ties eligible under subparagraph (A) of such section*
22 *and \$25,000,000 shall be for such activities eligible*
23 *under subparagraph (C) of such section: Provided,*
24 *That, except as otherwise provided under this section,*
25 *the funds made available under this paragraph shall*

1 *be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of*
2 *title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That,*
3 *except as otherwise provided under this section, funds*
4 *made available under this paragraph shall be admin-*
5 *istered as if made available to carry out section*
6 *176(d) of such title: Provided further, That, for pur-*
7 *poses of the calculation under section 176(d)(5)(G)(ii)*
8 *of such title, amounts made available under this*
9 *paragraph shall be included in the calculation of the*
10 *total amount provided for fiscal year 2024 under sec-*
11 *tion 176(d) of such title: Provided further, That for*
12 *purposes of applying the set-asides under section*
13 *176(d)(5)(H)(ii) and (iii) of such title, amounts made*
14 *available under this paragraph for competitive*
15 *awards for activities eligible under sections*
16 *176(d)(4)(A) and 176(d)(4)(C) of such title shall be*
17 *included in the calculation of the amounts made*
18 *available to carry out section 176(d) of such title for*
19 *fiscal year 2024: Provided further, That, the Sec-*
20 *retary may retain not more than a total of 5 percent*
21 *of the amounts made available under this paragraph*
22 *to carry out this paragraph and to review applica-*
23 *tions for grants under this paragraph, and may*
24 *transfer portions of the funds retained under this pro-*
25 *viso to the relevant Administrators to fund the award*

1 *and oversight of grants provided under this para-*
2 *graph: Provided further, That a project assisted with*
3 *funds made available under this paragraph shall be*
4 *treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway: Pro-*
5 *vided further, That section 11101(e) of Public Law*
6 *117–58 shall apply to funds made available under*
7 *this paragraph.*

8 *(b) Funds described in this subsection are any funds*
9 *that—*

10 *(1) are unobligated on the date of enactment of*
11 *this Act; and*

12 *(2) were made available for credit assistance*
13 *under—*

14 *(A) the transportation infrastructure fi-*
15 *nance and innovation program under subchapter*
16 *II of chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code,*
17 *as in effect prior to August 10, 2005; or*

18 *(B) the transportation infrastructure fi-*
19 *nance and innovation program under chapter 6*
20 *of title 23, United States Code.*

21 *(c) Funds made available under subsection (a) shall—*

22 *(1) be subject to the obligation limitation for*
23 *Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction*
24 *programs; and*

1 (2) *unless otherwise specified under this section,*
2 *be available until September 30, 2027.*

3 *SEC. 127. Section 127 of title 23, United States Code,*
4 *is amended by inserting at the end the following:*

5 “(x) *CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES IN THE*
6 *STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.—*

7 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The State of Mississippi*
8 *may allow, by special permit, the operation of a cov-*
9 *ered agricultural vehicle on the Interstate System in*
10 *the State of Mississippi if such vehicle does not ex-*
11 *ceed—*

12 “(A) *a gross vehicle weight of 88,000*
13 *pounds; and*

14 “(B) *110 percent of the maximum weight*
15 *on any axle or axle group described in subsection*
16 *(a)(2), including any enforcement tolerance.*

17 “(2) *COVERED AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE DE-*
18 *FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered agricul-*
19 *tural vehicle’ means a vehicle that is transporting un-*
20 *processed agricultural crops used for food, feed or*
21 *fiber, or raw or unfinished forest products, including*
22 *logs, pulpwood, biomass or wood chips.*

23 “(y) *OPERATION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES IN WEST VIR-*
24 *GINIA.—*

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The State of West Virginia*
2 *may allow, by special permit, the operation of a vehi-*
3 *cle that is transporting materials and equipment on*
4 *the Interstate System in the State of West Virginia if*
5 *such vehicle does not exceed 110 percent of the max-*
6 *imum weight on any axle or axle group described in*
7 *subsection (a)(2), including any enforcement toler-*
8 *ance, provided the remaining gross vehicle weight re-*
9 *quirements of subsection (a) are met.*

10 “(2) *DEFINITION.*—*In this subsection, the term*
11 *‘materials and equipment’ means materials and*
12 *equipment that are used on a project eligible under*
13 *this chapter.’.*

14 *SEC. 128. EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING. Using*
15 *amounts made available for the Federal Highway Adminis-*
16 *tration under this Act that are not otherwise obligated, the*
17 *Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Ad-*
18 *ministrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,*
19 *shall develop and publish guidelines and best practices for*
20 *States, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to use*
21 *when conducting local emergency evacuation route plan-*
22 *ning, including routing of emergency response supplies,*
23 *equipment, and workers, as part of natural disaster pre-*
24 *paredness efforts.*

1 *FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION*
2 *MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS*
3 *(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)*

4 *(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)*

5 *(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

6 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

7 *For payment of obligations incurred in the implemen-*
8 *tation, execution and administration of motor carrier safe-*
9 *ty operations and programs pursuant to section 31110 of*
10 *title 49, United States Code, as amended by the Infrastruc-*
11 *ture Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58),*
12 *\$346,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund*
13 *(other than the Mass Transit Account), together with ad-*
14 *vances and reimbursements received by the Federal Motor*
15 *Carrier Safety Administration, the sum of which shall re-*
16 *main available until expended: Provided, That funds avail-*
17 *able for implementation, execution, or administration of*
18 *motor carrier safety operations and programs authorized*
19 *under title 49, United States Code, shall not exceed total*
20 *obligations of \$435,000,000, for “Motor Carrier Safety Op-*
21 *erations and Programs” for fiscal year 2024, of which*
22 *\$60,000,000 is to be transferred and made available from*
23 *prior year unobligated contract authority provided for*
24 *Motor Carrier Safety Grants or Motor Carrier Safety Oper-*
25 *ations and Programs in the current or prior appropriations*

1 *or authorization Acts: Provided further, That of the sums*
2 *appropriated under this heading:*

3 (1) *\$14,073,000, to remain available for obliga-*
4 *tion until September 30, 2026, is for the research and*
5 *technology program;*

6 (2) *not less than \$99,098,000, to remain avail-*
7 *able for obligation until September 30, 2026, is for*
8 *development, modernization, enhancement, and con-*
9 *tinued operation and maintenance of information*
10 *technology and information management; and*

11 (3) *not less than \$24,000,000, to remain avail-*
12 *able for obligation until expended, is for a study of*
13 *the causal factors of fatal medium-duty truck crashes:*
14 *Provided, That the activities funded by the previous*
15 *proviso may be accomplished through direct expendi-*
16 *ture, direct research activities, grants, cooperative*
17 *agreements, contracts, intra- or inter agency agree-*
18 *ments, or other agreements with public organizations:*
19 *Provided further, That such amounts, payments, and*
20 *obligation limitation as may be necessary to carry*
21 *out the study of the causal factors of fatal medium*
22 *duty truck crashes may be transferred and credited to*
23 *appropriate accounts of other participating Federal*
24 *agencies.*

1 *MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS*
2 (*LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION*)
3 (*LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS*)
4 (*HIGHWAY TRUST FUND*)

5 *For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out*
6 *sections 31102, 31103, 31104, and 31313 of title 49, United*
7 *States Code, \$516,300,000, to be derived from the Highway*
8 *Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to*
9 *remain available until expended: Provided, That funds*
10 *available for the implementation or execution of motor car-*
11 *rier safety programs shall not exceed total obligations of*
12 *\$516,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 for “Motor Carrier Safety*
13 *Grants”: Provided further, That of the amounts made avail-*
14 *able under this heading—*

15 (1) *\$406,500,000, to remain available for obliga-*
16 *tion until September 30, 2025, shall be for the motor*
17 *carrier safety assistance program;*

18 (2) *\$43,500,000, to remain available for obliga-*
19 *tion until September 30, 2025, shall be for the com-*
20 *mercial driver’s license program implementation pro-*
21 *gram;*

22 (3) *\$60,000,000, to remain available for obliga-*
23 *tion until September 30, 2025, shall be for the high*
24 *priority program;*

1 *of the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 (7*
2 *U.S.C. 1471) or insects.*

3 *SEC. 132. None of the funds made available by this*
4 *or any other Act may be used to require the use of inward*
5 *facing cameras or require a motor carrier to register an*
6 *apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor as*
7 *a condition for participation in the Safe Driver Appren-*
8 *ticeship Pilot Program.*

9 *NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION*

10 *OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH*

11 *For expenses necessary to discharge the functions of the*
12 *Secretary, with respect to traffic and highway safety, au-*
13 *thorized under chapter 301 and part C of subtitle VI of*
14 *title 49, United States Code, \$222,000,000, to remain avail-*
15 *able through September 30, 2025.*

16 *OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH*

17 *(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)*

18 *(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)*

19 *(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

20 *For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out*
21 *the provisions of section 403 of title 23, United States Code,*
22 *including behavioral research on Automated Driving Sys-*
23 *tems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and improv-*
24 *ing consumer responses to safety recalls, section 25024 of*
25 *the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law*

1 117–58), and chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code,
2 \$201,200,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund
3 (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain avail-
4 able until expended: Provided, That none of the funds in
5 this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of
6 programs the total obligations for which, in fiscal year
7 2024, are in excess of \$201,200,000: Provided further, That
8 of the sums appropriated under this heading—

9 (1) \$194,000,000 shall be for programs author-
10 ized under section 403 of title 23, United States Code,
11 including behavioral research on Automated Driving
12 Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems
13 and improving consumer responses to safety recalls,
14 and section 25024 of the Infrastructure Investment
15 and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58); and

16 (2) \$7,200,000 shall be for the National Driver
17 Register authorized under chapter 303 of title 49,
18 United States Code:

19 Provided further, That within the \$201,200,000 obligation
20 limitation for operations and research, \$57,500,000 shall
21 remain available until September 30, 2025, and shall be
22 in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on
23 obligations for future years: Provided further, That
24 amounts for behavioral research on Automated Driving
25 Systems and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems and im-

1 *proving consumer responses to safety recalls are in addition*
2 *to any other funds provided for those purposes for fiscal*
3 *year 2024 in this Act.*

4 *HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS*

5 *(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)*

6 *(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)*

7 *(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

8 *For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out*
9 *provisions of sections 402, 404, and 405 of title 23, United*
10 *States Code, and grant administration expenses under*
11 *chapter 4 of title 23, United States Code, to remain avail-*
12 *able until expended, \$813,300,800, to be derived from the*
13 *Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Ac-*
14 *count): Provided, That none of the funds in this Act shall*
15 *be available for the planning or execution of programs for*
16 *which the total obligations in fiscal year 2024 are in excess*
17 *of \$813,300,800 for programs authorized under sections*
18 *402, 404, and 405 of title 23, United States Code, and grant*
19 *administration expenses under chapter 4 of title 23, United*
20 *States Code: Provided further, That of the sums appro-*
21 *priated under this heading—*

22 *(1) \$378,400,000 shall be for “Highway Safety*
23 *Programs” under section 402 of title 23, United*
24 *States Code;*

1 (2) \$353,500,000 shall be for “National Priority
2 *Safety Programs*” under section 405 of title 23,
3 *United States Code*;

4 (3) \$40,300,000 shall be for the “High Visibility
5 *Enforcement Program*” under section 404 of title 23,
6 *United States Code*; and

7 (4) \$41,100,800 shall be for grant administrative
8 *expenses under chapter 4 of title 23, United States*
9 *Code*:

10 *Provided further, That none of these funds shall be used for*
11 *construction, rehabilitation, or remodeling costs, or for of-*
12 *fice furnishings and fixtures for State, local or private*
13 *buildings or structures: Provided further, That not to exceed*
14 *\$500,000 of the funds made available for “National Priority*
15 *Safety Programs” under section 405 of title 23, United*
16 *States Code, for “Impaired Driving Countermeasures” (as*
17 *described in subsection (d) of that section) shall be available*
18 *for technical assistance to the States: Provided further, That*
19 *with respect to the “Transfers” provision under section*
20 *405(a)(8) of title 23, United States Code, any amounts*
21 *transferred to increase the amounts made available under*
22 *section 402 shall include the obligation authority for such*
23 *amounts: Provided further, That the Administrator shall*
24 *notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations*
25 *of any exercise of the authority granted under the preceding*

1 *proviso or under section 405(a)(8) of title 23, United States*
2 *Code, within 5 days.*

3 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY*

4 *TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION*

5 *SEC. 140. An additional \$130,000 shall be made avail-*
6 *able to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-*
7 *tion, out of the amount limited for section 402 of title 23,*
8 *United States Code, to pay for travel and related expenses*
9 *for State management reviews and to pay for core com-*
10 *petency development training and related expenses for high-*
11 *way safety staff.*

12 *SEC. 141. The limitations on obligations for the pro-*
13 *grams of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-*
14 *tion set in this Act shall not apply to obligations for which*
15 *obligation authority was made available in previous public*
16 *laws but only to the extent that the obligation authority*
17 *has not lapsed or been used.*

18 *SEC. 142. None of the funds in this Act or any other*
19 *Act shall be used to enforce the requirements of section*
20 *405(a)(9) of title 23, United States Code.*

21 *FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION*

22 *SAFETY AND OPERATIONS*

23 *For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Admin-*
24 *istration, not otherwise provided for, \$267,799,000, of which*
25 *\$25,000,000 shall remain available until expended.*

1 *vided, That of the amounts made available under this head-*
2 *ing in this Act—*

3 (1) *\$72,861,000 shall be made available for the*
4 *purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congression-*
5 *ally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congres-*
6 *sionally Directed Spending” included in the report*
7 *accompanying this Act: Provided further, That re-*
8 *quirements under subsections (g) and (l) of section*
9 *22907 of title 49, United States Code, shall not apply*
10 *to the preceding proviso: Provided further, That any*
11 *remaining funds available after the distribution of the*
12 *Congressionally Directed Spending described in this*
13 *paragraph shall be available to the Secretary to dis-*
14 *tribute as discretionary grants under this heading;*
15 *and*

16 (2) *not less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for*
17 *workforce development and training activities as au-*
18 *thorized under section 22907(c)(13) of title 49, United*
19 *States Code:*

20 *Provided further, That for amounts made available under*
21 *this heading in this Act, eligible projects under section*
22 *22907(c)(8) of title 49, United States Code, shall also in-*
23 *clude railroad systems planning (including the preparation*
24 *of regional intercity passenger rail plans and State Rail*
25 *Plans) and railroad project development activities (includ-*

1 *ing railroad project planning, preliminary engineering, de-*
2 *sign, environmental analysis, feasibility studies, and the de-*
3 *velopment and analysis of project alternatives): Provided*
4 *further, That section 22905(f) of title 49, United States*
5 *Code, shall not apply to amounts made available under this*
6 *heading in this Act for projects that implement or sustain*
7 *positive train control systems otherwise eligible under sec-*
8 *tion 22907(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code: Provided*
9 *further, That amounts made available under this heading*
10 *in this Act for projects selected for commuter rail passenger*
11 *transportation may be transferred by the Secretary, after*
12 *selection, to the appropriate agencies to be administered in*
13 *accordance with chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code:*
14 *Provided further, That for amounts made available under*
15 *this heading in this Act, eligible recipients under section*
16 *22907(b)(7) of title 49, United States Code, shall include*
17 *any holding company of a Class II railroad or Class III*
18 *railroad (as those terms are defined in section 20102 of title*
19 *49, United States Code): Provided further, That section*
20 *22907(e)(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code, shall not*
21 *apply to amounts made available under this heading in this*
22 *Act: Provided further, That section 22907(e)(1)(A) of title*
23 *49, United States Code, shall not apply to amounts made*
24 *available under this heading in previous fiscal years if such*
25 *funds are announced in a notice of funding opportunity*

1 *that includes funds made available under this heading in*
2 *this Act: Provided further, That the preceding proviso shall*
3 *not apply to funds made available under this heading in*
4 *the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (division J of*
5 *Public Law 117–58): Provided further, That unobligated*
6 *balances remaining after 6 years from the date of enactment*
7 *of this Act may be used for any eligible project under section*
8 *22907(c) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further,*
9 *That the Secretary may withhold up to 2 percent of the*
10 *amounts made available under this heading in this Act for*
11 *the costs of award and project management oversight of*
12 *grants carried out under title 49, United States Code.*

13 *NORTHEAST CORRIDOR GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL*

14 *RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION*

15 *To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make*
16 *grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for*
17 *activities associated with the Northeast Corridor as author-*
18 *ized by section 22101(a) of the Infrastructure Investment*
19 *and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), \$1,141,442,000, to re-*
20 *main available until expended: Provided, That the Sec-*
21 *retary may retain up to one-half of 1 percent of the*
22 *amounts made available under both this heading in this*
23 *Act and the “National Network Grants to the National*
24 *Railroad Passenger Corporation” heading in this Act to*
25 *fund the costs of project management and oversight of ac-*

1 *tivities authorized by section 22101(c) of the Infrastructure*
2 *Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58): Provided*
3 *further, That in addition to the project management over-*
4 *sight funds authorized under section 22101(c) of the Infra-*
5 *structure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58),*
6 *the Secretary may retain up to an additional \$5,000,000*
7 *of the amounts made available under this heading in this*
8 *Act to fund expenses associated with the Northeast Corridor*
9 *Commission established under section 24905 of title 49,*
10 *United States Code.*

11 *NATIONAL NETWORK GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD*
12 *PASSENGER CORPORATION*

13 *To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make*
14 *grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for*
15 *activities associated with the National Network as author-*
16 *ized by section 22101(b) of the Infrastructure Investment*
17 *and Jobs Act (division B of Public Law 117–58),*
18 *\$1,313,033,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
19 *vided, That the Secretary may retain up to an additional*
20 *\$3,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading in this*
21 *Act to fund expenses associated with the State-Supported*
22 *Route Committee established under section 24712 of title*
23 *49, United States Code: Provided further, That none of the*
24 *funds provided under this heading in this Act shall be used*
25 *by Amtrak to give notice under subsection (a) or (c) of sec-*

1 *tion 24706 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to*
2 *long-distance routes (as defined in section 24102 of title 49,*
3 *United States Code) on which Amtrak is the sole operator*
4 *on a host railroad's line and a positive train control system*
5 *is not required by law or regulation, or, except in an emer-*
6 *gency or during maintenance or construction outages im-*
7 *pacting such routes, to otherwise discontinue, reduce the fre-*
8 *quency of, suspend, or substantially alter the route of rail*
9 *service on any portion of such route operated in fiscal year*
10 *2018, including implementation of service permitted by sec-*
11 *tion 24305(a)(3)(A) of title 49, United States Code, in lieu*
12 *of rail service: Provided further, That the National Rail-*
13 *road Passenger Corporation may use up to \$66,000,000 of*
14 *the amounts made available under this heading in this Act*
15 *for corridor development activities as authorized by section*
16 *22101(h) of division B of Public Law 117-58.*

17 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD*

18 *ADMINISTRATION*

19 *(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)*

20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

21 *SEC. 150. None of the funds made available by this*
22 *Act may be used by the National Railroad Passenger Cor-*
23 *poration in contravention of the Worker Adjustment and*
24 *Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.).*

1 *SEC. 151. The amounts made available to the Sec-*
2 *retary or to the Federal Railroad Administration for the*
3 *costs of award, administration, and project management*
4 *oversight of financial assistance which are administered by*
5 *the Federal Railroad Administration, in this and prior*
6 *Acts, may be transferred to the Federal Railroad Adminis-*
7 *tration's "Financial Assistance Oversight and Technical*
8 *Assistance" account for the necessary expenses to support*
9 *the award, administration, project management oversight,*
10 *and technical assistance of financial assistance adminis-*
11 *tered by the Federal Railroad Administration, in the same*
12 *manner as appropriated for in this and prior Acts: Pro-*
13 *vided, That this section shall not apply to amounts that*
14 *were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency*
15 *requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the*
16 *budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-*
17 *trol Act of 1985.*

18 *SEC. 152. Of the unobligated balances of funds remain-*
19 *ing from—*

20 (1) *"Northeast Corridor Improvement Program"*
21 *account totaling \$126,348 appropriated by Public*
22 *Law 114–113 is hereby permanently rescinded;*

23 (2) *"Railroad Safety Grants" account totaling*
24 *\$81,257.66 appropriated by Public Law 113–235 is*
25 *hereby permanently rescinded;*

1 (3) “*Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail*
2 *Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service*” ac-
3 count totaling \$53,118,096.83 appropriated by Public
4 Law 111–117 is hereby permanently rescinded;

5 (4) “*Next Generation High-Speed Rail*” account
6 totaling \$94.94 appropriated by Public Law 108–447
7 is hereby permanently rescinded; and

8 (5) “*Grants to the National Railroad Passenger*
9 *Corporation*” account totaling \$678.16 appropriated
10 by Public Law 108–447.

11 SEC. 153. *None of the funds made available to the Na-*
12 *tional Railroad Passenger Corporation may be used to fund*
13 *any overtime costs in excess of \$35,000 for any individual*
14 *employee: Provided, That the President of Amtrak may*
15 *waive the cap set in the preceding proviso for specific em-*
16 *ployees when the President of Amtrak determines such a*
17 *cap poses a risk to the safety and operational efficiency of*
18 *the system: Provided further, That the President of Amtrak*
19 *shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appro-*
20 *priations no later than 60 days after the date of enactment*
21 *of this Act, a summary of all overtime payments incurred*
22 *by Amtrak for 2023 and the 3 prior calendar years: Pro-*
23 *vided further, That such summary shall include the total*
24 *number of employees that received waivers and the total*
25 *overtime payments Amtrak paid to employees receiving*

1 *waivers for each month for 2023 and for the 3 prior cal-*
2 *endar years.*

3 *SEC. 154. It is the sense of Congress that—*

4 *(1) long-distance passenger rail routes provide*
5 *much-needed transportation access for 4,700,000 rid-*
6 *ers in 325 communities in 40 States and are particu-*
7 *larly important in rural areas; and*

8 *(2) long-distance passenger rail routes and serv-*
9 *ices should be sustained to ensure connectivity*
10 *throughout the National Network (as defined in sec-*
11 *tion 24102 of title 49, United States Code).*

12 *FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION*

13 *TRANSIT FORMULA GRANTS*

14 *(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)*

15 *(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)*

16 *(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)*

17 *For payment of obligations incurred in the Federal*
18 *Public Transportation Assistance Program in this account,*
19 *and for payment of obligations incurred in carrying out*
20 *the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310, 5311, 5312,*
21 *5314, 5318, 5329(e)(6), 5334, 5335, 5337, 5339, and 5340,*
22 *section 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, and section*
23 *3006(b) of Public Law 114–94, \$13,990,000,000, to be de-*
24 *rived from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust*
25 *Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided,*

1 *That funds available for the implementation or execution*
2 *of programs authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5310,*
3 *5311, 5312, 5314, 5318, 5329(e)(6), 5334, 5335, 5337, 5339,*
4 *and 5340, section 20005(b) of Public Law 112–141, and*
5 *section 3006(b) of Public Law 114–94, shall not exceed total*
6 *obligations of \$13,990,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.*

7 *TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS*

8 *For an additional amount for buses and bus facilities*
9 *grants under section 5339(b) of title 49, United States Code,*
10 *low or no emission grants under section 5339(c) of such*
11 *title, ferry boats grants under section 5307(h) of such title,*
12 *bus testing facilities under section 5318 of such title, accel-*
13 *erating innovative mobility initiative grants under section*
14 *5312 of such title, accelerating the adoption of zero emission*
15 *buses under section 5312 of such title, Congressionally Di-*
16 *rected Spending for projects and activities eligible under*
17 *chapter 53 of such title, and ferry service for rural commu-*
18 *nities under section 71103 of division G of Public Law 117–*
19 *58, \$268,261,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
20 *vided, That of the sums provided under this heading in this*
21 *Act—*

22 *(1) \$80,000,000 shall be available for buses and*
23 *bus facilities competitive grants as authorized under*
24 *section 5339(b) of such title;*

1 (2) \$46,000,000 shall be available for the low or
2 no emission grants as authorized under section
3 5339(c) of such title: Provided, That the minimum
4 grant award shall be not less than \$750,000;

5 (3) \$20,000,000 shall be available for ferry boat
6 grants as authorized under section 5307(h) of such
7 title: Provided, That of the amounts provided under
8 this paragraph, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be
9 available for low or zero emission ferries or ferries
10 using electric battery or fuel cell components and the
11 infrastructure to support such ferries;

12 (4) \$2,000,000 shall be available for the oper-
13 ation and maintenance of the bus testing facilities se-
14 lected under section 5318 of such title;

15 (5) \$82,247,000 shall be available for the pur-
16 poses, and in amounts, specified for Congressionally
17 Directed Spending in the table entitled “Congression-
18 ally Directed Spending” included in the report ac-
19 companying this Act: Provided, That unless otherwise
20 specified, applicable requirements under chapter 53 of
21 title 49, United States Code, shall apply to amounts
22 made available in this paragraph, except that the
23 Federal share of the costs for a project in this para-
24 graph shall be in an amount equal to 80 percent of
25 the net costs of the project, unless the Secretary ap-

1 *proves a higher maximum Federal share of the net*
2 *costs of the project consistent with administration of*
3 *similar projects funded under chapter 53 of title 49,*
4 *United States Code;*

5 *(6) \$23,014,000 shall be available for ferry serv-*
6 *ice for rural communities under section 71103 of di-*
7 *vision G of Public Law 117–58: Provided, That for*
8 *amounts made available in this paragraph, notwith-*
9 *standing section 71103(a)(2)(B), eligible service shall*
10 *include passenger ferry service that serves at least two*
11 *rural areas with a single segment over 15 miles be-*
12 *tween the two rural areas and is not otherwise eligible*
13 *under section 5307(h) of title 49, United States Code:*
14 *Provided further, That entities that provide eligible*
15 *service pursuant to the preceding proviso may use*
16 *amounts made available in this paragraph for public*
17 *transportation capital projects to support any ferry*
18 *service between two rural areas: Provided further,*
19 *That entities eligible for amounts made available in*
20 *this paragraph shall only provide ferry service to*
21 *rural areas;*

22 *(7) \$10,000,000 shall be for the accelerating in-*
23 *novative mobility initiative as authorized under sec-*
24 *tion 5312 of title 49, United States Code: Provided,*
25 *That such amounts shall be available for competitive*

1 *grants or demonstration projects that improve mobil-*
2 *ity and operational effectiveness, enhance the rider ex-*
3 *perience, create innovative service delivery models, or*
4 *develop integrated payment solutions in order to help*
5 *disseminate proven innovation mobility practices*
6 *throughout the public transportation industry; and*

7 (8) *\$5,000,000 shall be available to support tech-*
8 *nical assistance, research, demonstration, or deploy-*
9 *ment activities or projects to accelerate the adoption*
10 *of zero emission buses in public transit as authorized*
11 *under section 5312 of title 49, United States Code:*

12 *Provided further, That amounts made available under this*
13 *heading in this Act shall be derived from the general fund:*

14 *Provided further, That amounts made available under this*
15 *heading in this Act shall not be subject to any limitation*
16 *on obligations for transit programs set forth in this or any*
17 *other Act.*

18 *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING*

19 *For necessary expenses to carry out section 5314 of*
20 *title 49, United States Code, \$7,500,000, to remain avail-*
21 *able until September 30, 2025: Provided, That the assist-*
22 *ance provided under this heading does not duplicate the ac-*
23 *tivities of section 5311(b) or section 5312 of title 49, United*
24 *States Code: Provided further, That amounts made avail-*
25 *able under this heading are in addition to any other*

1 *amounts made available for such purposes: Provided fur-*
2 *ther, That amounts made available under this heading shall*
3 *not be subject to any limitation on obligations set forth in*
4 *this or any other Act.*

5 *CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS*

6 *For necessary expenses to carry out fixed guideway*
7 *capital investment grants under section 5309 of title 49,*
8 *United States Code, and section 3005(b) of the Fixing*
9 *America's Surface Transportation Act (Public Law 114-*
10 *94), \$2,450,000,000, to remain available until expended:*
11 *Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this heading*
12 *in this Act—*

13 *(1) \$1,910,000,000 shall be available for projects*
14 *authorized under section 5309(d) of title 49, United*
15 *States Code;*

16 *(2) up to \$100,000,000 shall be available for*
17 *projects authorized under section 5309(e) of title 49,*
18 *United States Code;*

19 *(3) \$340,000,000 shall be available for projects*
20 *authorized under section 5309(h) of title 49, United*
21 *States Code; and*

22 *(4) up to \$100,000,000 shall be available for*
23 *projects authorized under section 3005(b) of the Fix-*
24 *ing America's Surface Transportation Act:*

1 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall continue to ad-*
2 *minister the capital investment grants program in accord-*
3 *ance with the procedural and substantive requirements of*
4 *section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, and of section*
5 *3005(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation*
6 *Act: Provided further, That projects that receive a grant*
7 *agreement under the Expedited Project Delivery for Capital*
8 *Investment Grants Pilot Program under section 3005(b) of*
9 *the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act shall be*
10 *deemed eligible for funding provided for projects under sec-*
11 *tion 5309 of title 49, United States Code, without further*
12 *evaluation or rating under such section: Provided further,*
13 *That such funding shall not exceed the Federal share under*
14 *section 3005(b): Provided further, That funds allocated to*
15 *any project during fiscal years 2015, 2016, or 2017 pursu-*
16 *ant to section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, shall*
17 *remain allocated to that project through fiscal year 2024:*
18 *Provided further, That upon submission to the Congress of*
19 *the fiscal year 2025 President's budget, the Secretary of*
20 *Transportation shall transmit to Congress the annual re-*
21 *port on capital investment grants, including proposed allo-*
22 *cations for fiscal year 2025.*

1 *SEC. 161. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
2 *funds appropriated or limited by this Act under the heading*
3 *“Capital Investment Grants” of the Federal Transit Ad-*
4 *ministration for projects specified in this Act not obligated*
5 *by September 30, 2027, and other recoveries, shall be di-*
6 *rected to projects eligible to use the funds for the purposes*
7 *for which they were originally provided.*

8 *SEC. 162. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
9 *any funds appropriated before October 1, 2023, under any*
10 *section of chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, that*
11 *remain available for expenditure, may be transferred to and*
12 *administered under the most recent appropriation heading*
13 *for any such section.*

14 *SEC. 163. None of the funds made available by this*
15 *Act or any other Act shall be used to adjust apportionments*
16 *or withhold funds from apportionments pursuant to section*
17 *9503(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.*
18 *9503(e)(4)).*

19 *SEC. 164. None of the funds made available by this*
20 *Act or any other Act shall be used to impede or hinder*
21 *project advancement or approval for any project seeking a*
22 *Federal contribution from the capital investment grants*
23 *program of greater than 40 percent of project costs as au-*
24 *thorized under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code.*

1 *SEC. 165. Of the unobligated balances made available*
2 *before October 1, 2013 for “Transit Research” in Treasury*
3 *Account 69–X–1137, \$581,046 is hereby permanently re-*
4 *scinded.*

5 *SEC. 166. (a) Of the unobligated balances made avail-*
6 *able for the “Clean Fuels Grant Program” under section*
7 *5308 of title 49, United States Code, \$4,009,637 shall be*
8 *transferred to and administered under section 5339(c) of*
9 *title 49, United States Code.*

10 *(b) Of the unobligated balances made available for the*
11 *“Rural Transportation Accessibility Incentive Program”*
12 *under section 3038 of Public Law 105–178, \$4,072,214*
13 *shall be transferred to and administered under section 5311*
14 *of title 49, United States Code.*

15 *(c) Of the unobligated balances made available for the*
16 *“Alternatives Analysis Program” under section 5339 of title*
17 *49, United States Code, \$1,975,409 shall be transferred to*
18 *and administered under section 5305 of title 49, United*
19 *States Code.*

20 *(d) Of the unobligated balances made available for “Al-*
21 *ternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands”*
22 *under section 5320 of title 49, United States Code,*
23 *\$2,148,414 shall be transferred to and administered under*
24 *section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.*

1 (e) *Of the unobligated balances made available for*
2 *“Job Access and Reverse Commute Formula Grants” under*
3 *section 5316 of title 49, United States Code, \$45,187,599*
4 *shall be available for competitive grants to eligible entities*
5 *to assist areas of persistent poverty as defined under section*
6 *6702(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, or historically*
7 *disadvantaged communities, for the same purposes for*
8 *which amounts were provided for grants to areas of per-*
9 *sistent poverty under the heading “Federal Transit Admin-*
10 *istration—Transit Infrastructure Grants” in the Consoli-*
11 *dated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103).*

12 (f) *Of the unobligated balances made available for*
13 *“New Freedom” under section 5317 of title 49, United*
14 *States Code, \$40,536,306 shall be transferred and adminis-*
15 *tered under section 5310 of title 49, United States Code.*

16 (g) *Of the unobligated balances made available for*
17 *“Bus Capital” under section 5039 of title 49, United States*
18 *Code, \$81,863,444 shall be transferred and administered*
19 *under section 5339 of title 49, United States Code.*

20 SEC. 167. (a) *Funds obligated in fiscal year 2024 for*
21 *grants under sections 5310 and 5311 of title 49, United*
22 *States Code, may be used for up to 100 percent of the eligi-*
23 *ble net costs of a project, notwithstanding subsection (d) of*
24 *section 5310 and subsection (g) of section 5311 of such title.*

1 (b) Notwithstanding section 5339(b)(6)(B) of title 49,
2 United States Code, the Federal share of the costs for which
3 an amount is provided in this Act to a federally recognized
4 Indian Tribe for activities carried out under section
5 5339(b) of title 49, United States Code, may be, at the op-
6 tion of such Indian Tribe, up to 100 percent.

7 (c) Notwithstanding section 5339(c)(7)(A) of title 49,
8 United States Code, the Federal share of the costs for which
9 an amount is provided in this Act to a federally recognized
10 Indian Tribe for activities carried out under section
11 5339(c) of title 49, United States Code, may be, at the op-
12 tion of such Indian Tribe, up to 100 percent.

13 SEC. 168. Section 5323 of title 49, United States Code,
14 is amended in subsection (q)—

15 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
16 striking “CORRIDOR PRESERVATION” and inserting
17 “REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS”;

18 (2) in paragraph (1)—

19 (A) by striking “right-of-way” each time it
20 appears and inserting “real property interests”;
21 and

22 (B) by inserting “acquired” after “may use
23 the”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “Right-of-way”
25 and inserting “Real property interests”.

1 *GREAT LAKES ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT*
2 *CORPORATION*

3 *The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development*
4 *Corporation is hereby authorized to make such expendi-*
5 *tures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority*
6 *available to the Corporation, and in accord with law, and*
7 *to make such contracts and commitments without regard*
8 *to fiscal year limitations, as provided by section 9104 of*
9 *title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in car-*
10 *rying out the programs set forth in the Corporation's budget*
11 *for the current fiscal year.*

12 *OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE*
13 *(HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)*

14 *For necessary expenses to conduct the operations,*
15 *maintenance, and capital infrastructure activities on por-*
16 *tions of the St. Lawrence Seaway owned, operated, and*
17 *maintained by the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway De-*
18 *velopment Corporation, \$40,288,000, to be derived from the*
19 *Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to section 210*
20 *of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C.*
21 *2238): Provided, That of the amounts made available under*
22 *this heading, not less than \$16,300,000 shall be for the sea-*
23 *way infrastructure program.*

1 *MARITIME ADMINISTRATION*2 *MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM*

3 *For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a*
4 *U.S.-flag merchant fleet as authorized under chapter 531*
5 *of title 46, United States Code, to serve the national security*
6 *needs of the United States, \$318,000,000, to remain avail-*
7 *able until expended.*

8 *CABLE SECURITY FLEET*

9 *For the cable security fleet program, as authorized*
10 *under chapter 532 of title 46, United States Code,*
11 *\$10,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

12 *TANKER SECURITY PROGRAM*

13 *For Tanker Security Fleet payments, as authorized*
14 *under section 53406 of title 46, United States Code,*
15 *\$120,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

16 *OPERATIONS AND TRAINING*

17 *For necessary expenses of operations and training ac-*
18 *tivities authorized by law, \$283,546,000: Provided, That of*
19 *the sums appropriated under this heading—*

20 *(1) \$103,500,000 shall remain available until*
21 *September 30, 2025, for the operations of the United*
22 *States Merchant Marine Academy;*

23 *(2) \$22,000,000 shall remain available until ex-*
24 *pended for facilities maintenance and repair, and*

1 *equipment, at the United States Merchant Marine*
2 *Academy;*

3 (3) *\$70,000,000 shall remain available until ex-*
4 *pended for capital improvements at the United States*
5 *Merchant Marine Academy;*

6 (4) *\$7,500,000 shall remain available until Sep-*
7 *tember 30, 2025, for the Maritime Environmental*
8 *and Technical Assistance program authorized under*
9 *section 50307 of title 46, United States Code; and*

10 (5) *\$10,000,000 shall remain available until ex-*
11 *pended, for the United States Marine Highway Pro-*
12 *gram to make grants for the purposes authorized*
13 *under section 55601 of title 46, United States Code:*

14 *Provided further, That the Administrator of the Maritime*
15 *Administration shall transmit to the House and Senate*
16 *Committees on Appropriations the annual report on sexual*
17 *assault and sexual harassment at the United States Mer-*
18 *chant Marine Academy as required pursuant to section*
19 *3510 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal*
20 *year 2017 (46 U.S.C. 51318): Provided further, That avail-*
21 *able balances under this heading for the Short Sea Trans-*
22 *portation Program or America's Marine Highway Program*
23 *(now known as the United States Marine Highway Pro-*
24 *gram) from prior year recoveries shall be available to carry*

1 *out activities authorized under section 55601 of title 46,*
2 *United States Code.*

3 *STATE MARITIME ACADEMY OPERATIONS*

4 *For necessary expenses of operations, support, and*
5 *training activities for State Maritime Academies,*
6 *\$131,000,000: Provided, That of the sums appropriated*
7 *under this heading—*

8 *(1) \$22,000,000 shall remain available until ex-*
9 *pended for maintenance, repair, and life extension of*
10 *training ships at the State Maritime Academies;*

11 *(2) \$91,800,000 shall remain available until ex-*
12 *pended for the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel*
13 *Program, including funds for construction, planning,*
14 *administration, and design of school ships and, as de-*
15 *termined by the Secretary, necessary expenses to de-*
16 *sign, plan, construct infrastructure, and purchase*
17 *equipment necessary to berth such ships, of which up*
18 *to \$8,900,000 may be used for expenses related to the*
19 *oversight and management of school ships to include*
20 *the purchase of equipment and the repair and main-*
21 *tenance of training vessels: Provided, That such funds*
22 *may be used to reimburse State Maritime Academies*
23 *for costs incurred prior to the date of enactment of*
24 *this Act;*

1 *expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, which*
2 *shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriations*
3 *for “Maritime Administration—Operations and Train-*
4 *ing”.*

5 *PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM*

6 *To make grants to improve port facilities as authorized*
7 *under section 54301 of title 46, United States Code,*
8 *\$213,000,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
9 *vided, That projects eligible for amounts made available*
10 *under this heading in this Act shall be projects for coastal*
11 *seaports, inland river ports, or Great Lakes ports: Provided*
12 *further, That of the amounts made available under this*
13 *heading in this Act, not less than \$188,000,000 shall be for*
14 *coastal seaports or Great Lakes ports: Provided further,*
15 *That the requirements under section 3501(a)(9) of the Na-*
16 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub-*
17 *lic Law 117–263) shall apply to amounts made available*
18 *under this heading in this Act: Provided further, That for*
19 *grants awarded under this heading in this Act, the min-*
20 *imum grant size shall be \$1,000,000: Provided further, That*
21 *for amounts made available under this heading in this Act,*
22 *the requirement under section 54301(a)(6)(A)(ii) of title 46,*
23 *United States Code, shall not apply to projects located in*
24 *noncontiguous States or territories.*

1 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION*

2 *SEC. 170. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
3 *Act, in addition to any existing authority, the Maritime*
4 *Administration is authorized to furnish utilities and serv-*
5 *ices and make necessary repairs in connection with any*
6 *lease, contract, or occupancy involving Government prop-*
7 *erty under control of the Maritime Administration: Pro-*
8 *vided, That payments received therefor shall be credited to*
9 *the appropriation charged with the cost thereof and shall*
10 *remain available until expended: Provided further, That*
11 *rental payments under any such lease, contract, or occu-*
12 *pancy for items other than such utilities, services, or repairs*
13 *shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous re-*
14 *ceipts.*

15 *PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY*16 *ADMINISTRATION*17 *OPERATIONAL EXPENSES*

18 *For necessary operational expenses of the Pipeline and*
19 *Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, \$31,681,000,*
20 *of which \$4,500,000 shall remain available until September*
21 *30, 2026.*

22 *HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY*

23 *For expenses necessary to discharge the hazardous ma-*
24 *terials safety functions of the Pipeline and Hazardous Ma-*
25 *terials Safety Administration, \$74,556,000, of which*

1 \$12,070,000 shall remain available until September 30,
2 2026, of which \$1,000,000 shall be made available for car-
3 rying out section 5107(i) of title 49, United States Code:
4 Provided, That up to \$800,000 in fees collected under sec-
5 tion 5108(g) of title 49, United States Code, shall be depos-
6 ited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting re-
7 ceipts: Provided further, That there may be credited to this
8 appropriation, to be available until expended, funds re-
9 ceived from States, counties, municipalities, other public
10 authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for
11 training, for reports publication and dissemination, and for
12 travel expenses incurred in performance of hazardous mate-
13 rials exemptions and approvals functions.

14 *PIPELINE SAFETY*

15 *(PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)*

16 *(OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND)*

17 *For expenses necessary to carry out a pipeline safety*
18 *program, as authorized by section 60107 of title 49, United*
19 *States Code, and to discharge the pipeline program respon-*
20 *sibilities of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–*
21 *380), \$226,228,000, to remain available until September*
22 *30, 2026, of which \$30,000,000 shall be derived from the*
23 *Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; of which \$188,828,000 shall*
24 *be derived from the Pipeline Safety Fund; of which*
25 *\$400,000 shall be derived from the fees collected under sec-*

1 *tion 60303 of title 49, United States Code, and deposited*
2 *in the Liquefied Natural Gas Siting Account for compliance*
3 *reviews of liquefied natural gas facilities; and of which*
4 *\$7,000,000 shall be derived from fees collected under section*
5 *60302 of title 49, United States Code, and deposited in the*
6 *Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Safety Account*
7 *for the purpose of carrying out section 60141 of title 49,*
8 *United States Code: Provided, That not less than*
9 *\$1,058,000 of the amounts made available under this head-*
10 *ing shall be for the One-Call State grant program: Provided*
11 *further, That any amounts made available under this head-*
12 *ing in this Act or in prior Acts for research contracts,*
13 *grants, cooperative agreements or research other trans-*
14 *actions agreements (“OTAs”) shall require written notifica-*
15 *tion to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-*
16 *tions not less than 3 full business days before such research*
17 *contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or research OTAs*
18 *are announced by the Department of Transportation: Pro-*
19 *vided further, That the Secretary shall transmit to the*
20 *House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the report*
21 *on pipeline safety testing enhancement as required pursu-*
22 *ant to section 105 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of*
23 *Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 (division R*
24 *of Public Law 116–260): Provided further, That the Sec-*
25 *retary may obligate amounts made available under this*

1 heading to engineer, erect, alter, and repair buildings or
2 make any other public improvements for research facilities
3 at the Transportation Technology Center after the Secretary
4 submits an updated research plan and the report in the pre-
5 ceding proviso to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-
6 propriations and after such plan and report in the pre-
7 ceding proviso are approved by the House and Senate Com-
8 mittees on Appropriations.

9 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

10 (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

11 (EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

12 For expenses necessary to carry out the Emergency
13 Preparedness Grants program, not more than \$46,825,000
14 shall remain available until September 30, 2026, from
15 amounts made available by section 5116(h) and subsections
16 (b) and (c) of section 5128 of title 49, United States Code:
17 Provided, That notwithstanding section 5116(h)(4) of title
18 49, United States Code, not more than 4 percent of the
19 amounts made available from this account shall be avail-
20 able to pay the administrative costs of carrying out sections
21 5116, 5107(e), and 5108(g)(2) of title 49, United States
22 Code: Provided further, That notwithstanding subsections
23 (b) and (c) of section 5128 of title 49, United States Code,
24 and the limitation on obligations provided under this head-
25 ing, prior year recoveries recognized in the current year

1 *shall be available to develop and deliver hazardous mate-*
2 *rials emergency response training for emergency responders,*
3 *including response activities for the transportation of crude*
4 *oil, ethanol, flammable liquids, and other hazardous com-*
5 *modities by rail, consistent with National Fire Protection*
6 *Association standards, and to make such training available*
7 *through an electronic format: Provided further, That the*
8 *prior year recoveries made available under this heading*
9 *shall also be available to carry out sections 5116(a)(1)(C),*
10 *5116(h), 5116(i), 5116(j), and 5107(e) of title 49, United*
11 *States Code.*

12 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

13 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

14 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
15 *eral to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General*
16 *Act of 1978, as amended, \$116,452,000: Provided, That the*
17 *Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in car-*
18 *rying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act,*
19 *as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), to investigate allegations of*
20 *fraud, including false statements to the government (18*
21 *U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to*
22 *regulation by the Department of Transportation.*

1 *GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF*
2 *TRANSPORTATION*

3 *SEC. 180. (a) During the current fiscal year, applica-*
4 *ble appropriations to the Department of Transportation*
5 *shall be available for maintenance and operation of air-*
6 *craft; hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; pur-*
7 *chase of liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in*
8 *foreign countries on official department business; and uni-*
9 *forms or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 5901*
10 *and 5902 of title 5, United States Code.*

11 *(b) During the current fiscal year, applicable appro-*
12 *priations to the Department and its operating administra-*
13 *tions shall be available for the purchase, maintenance, oper-*
14 *ation, and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems that*
15 *advance the missions of the Department of Transportation*
16 *or an operating administration of the Department of*
17 *Transportation.*

18 *(c) Any unmanned aircraft system purchased, pro-*
19 *cured, or contracted for by the Department prior to the date*
20 *of enactment of this Act shall be deemed authorized by Con-*
21 *gress as if this provision was in effect when the system was*
22 *purchased, procured, or contracted for.*

23 *SEC. 181. Appropriations contained in this Act for the*
24 *Department of Transportation shall be available for services*
25 *as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,*

1 *but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate*
2 *equivalent to the rate for an Executive Level IV.*

3 *SEC. 182. (a) No recipient of amounts made available*
4 *by this Act shall disseminate personal information (as de-*
5 *fin ed in section 2725(3) of title 18, United States Code)*
6 *obtained by a State department of motor vehicles in connec-*
7 *tion with a motor vehicle record as defined in section*
8 *2725(1) of title 18, United States Code, except as provided*
9 *in section 2721 of title 18, United States Code, for a use*
10 *permitted under section 2721 of title 18, United States*
11 *Code.*

12 *(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall*
13 *not withhold amounts made available by this Act for any*
14 *grantee if a State is in noncompliance with this provision.*

15 *SEC. 183. None of the funds made available by this*
16 *Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than*
17 *125 political and Presidential appointees in the Depart-*
18 *ment of Transportation: Provided, That none of the per-*
19 *sonnel covered by this provision may be assigned on tem-*
20 *porary detail outside the Department of Transportation.*

21 *SEC. 184. Funds received by the Federal Highway Ad-*
22 *ministration and Federal Railroad Administration from*
23 *States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities,*
24 *and private sources for expenses incurred for training may*
25 *be credited respectively to the Federal Highway Adminis-*

1 *tration’s “Federal-Aid Highways” account and to the Fed-*
2 *eral Railroad Administration’s “Safety and Operations”*
3 *account, except for State rail safety inspectors participating*
4 *in training pursuant to section 20105 of title 49, United*
5 *States Code.*

6 *SEC. 185. None of the funds made available by this*
7 *Act or in title VIII of division J of Public Law 117–58*
8 *to the Department of Transportation may be used to make*
9 *a loan, loan guarantee, line of credit, letter of intent, feder-*
10 *ally funded cooperative agreement, full funding grant agree-*
11 *ment, or discretionary grant unless the Secretary of Trans-*
12 *portation notifies the House and Senate Committees on Ap-*
13 *propriations not less than 3 full business days before any*
14 *project competitively selected to receive any discretionary*
15 *grant award, letter of intent, loan commitment, loan guar-*
16 *antee commitment, line of credit commitment, federally*
17 *funded cooperative agreement, or full funding grant agree-*
18 *ment is announced by the Department or its operating ad-*
19 *ministrations: Provided, That the Secretary of Transpor-*
20 *tation shall provide the House and Senate Committees on*
21 *Appropriations with a comprehensive list of all such loans,*
22 *loan guarantees, lines of credit, letters of intent, federally*
23 *funded cooperative agreements, full funding grant agree-*
24 *ments, and discretionary grants prior to the notification*
25 *required under the preceding proviso: Provided further,*

1 *That the Secretary gives concurrent notification to the*
2 *House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for any*
3 *“quick release” of funds from the emergency relief program:*
4 *Provided further, That no notification shall involve funds*
5 *that are not available for obligation.*

6 *SEC. 186. Rebates, refunds, incentive payments, minor*
7 *fees, and other funds received by the Department of Trans-*
8 *portation from travel management centers, charge card pro-*
9 *grams, the subleasing of building space, and miscellaneous*
10 *sources are to be credited to appropriations of the Depart-*
11 *ment of Transportation and allocated to organizational*
12 *units of the Department of Transportation using fair and*
13 *equitable criteria and such funds shall be available until*
14 *expended.*

15 *SEC. 187. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
16 *if any funds provided by or limited by this Act are subject*
17 *to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be pro-*
18 *vided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-*
19 *tions, transmission of such reprogramming notice shall be*
20 *provided solely to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-*
21 *propriations, and such reprogramming action shall be ap-*
22 *proved or denied solely by the House and Senate Commit-*
23 *tees on Appropriations: Provided, That the Secretary of*
24 *Transportation may provide notice to other congressional*
25 *committees of the action of the House and Senate Commit-*

1 *tees on Appropriations on such reprogramming but not*
2 *sooner than 30 days after the date on which the reprogram-*
3 *ming action has been approved or denied by the House and*
4 *Senate Committees on Appropriations.*

5 *SEC. 188. Funds appropriated by this Act to the oper-*
6 *ating administrations may be obligated for the Office of the*
7 *Secretary for the costs related to assessments or reimburs-*
8 *able agreements only when such amounts are for the costs*
9 *of goods and services that are purchased to provide a direct*
10 *benefit to the applicable operating administration or ad-*
11 *ministrations.*

12 *SEC. 189. The Secretary of Transportation is author-*
13 *ized to carry out a program that establishes uniform stand-*
14 *ards for developing and supporting agency transit pass and*
15 *transit benefits authorized under section 7905 of title 5,*
16 *United States Code, including distribution of transit bene-*
17 *fits by various paper and electronic media.*

18 *SEC. 190. The Department of Transportation may use*
19 *funds provided by this Act, or any other Act, to assist a*
20 *contract under title 49 or 23 of the United States Code uti-*
21 *lizing geographic, economic, or any other hiring preference*
22 *not otherwise authorized by law, or to amend a rule, regula-*
23 *tion, policy or other measure that forbids a recipient of a*
24 *Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Ad-*
25 *ministration grant from imposing such hiring preference*

1 *on a contract or construction project with which the De-*
2 *partment of Transportation is assisting, only if the grant*
3 *recipient certifies the following:*

4 (1) *that except with respect to apprentices or*
5 *trainees, a pool of readily available but unemployed*
6 *individuals possessing the knowledge, skill, and abil-*
7 *ity to perform the work that the contract requires re-*
8 *sides in the jurisdiction;*

9 (2) *that the grant recipient will include appro-*
10 *propriate provisions in its bid document ensuring that*
11 *the contractor does not displace any of its existing*
12 *employees in order to satisfy such hiring preference;*
13 *and*

14 (3) *that any increase in the cost of labor, train-*
15 *ing, or delays resulting from the use of such hiring*
16 *preference does not delay or displace any transpor-*
17 *tation project in the applicable Statewide Transpor-*
18 *tation Improvement Program or Transportation Im-*
19 *provement Program.*

20 *SEC. 191. The Secretary of Transportation shall co-*
21 *ordinate with the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure*
22 *that best practices for Industrial Control Systems Procure-*
23 *ment are up-to-date and shall ensure that systems procured*
24 *with funds provided under this title were procured using*
25 *such practices.*

1 *SEC. 192. None of the funds appropriated or made*
2 *available by this division for the Department of Transpor-*
3 *tation for fiscal year 2024 may be used to enforce a mask*
4 *mandate in response to the COVID–19 virus.*

5 *SEC. 193. None of the funds made available by this*
6 *Act for the Federal Aviation Administration related to un-*
7 *manned aircraft systems may be used to make awards to*
8 *any entity that, after the date of enactment of this Act, in-*
9 *tends to use such funds to partner with or otherwise trans-*
10 *act business related to unmanned aircraft systems with the*
11 *People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Is-*
12 *lamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic*
13 *of Korea, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, or the Re-*
14 *public of Cuba. No such entity may receive awards for any*
15 *project related to unmanned aircraft systems if the entity*
16 *is:*

17 *(1) included on the Consolidated Screening List*
18 *maintained by the Under Secretary of Commerce for*
19 *International Trade;*

20 *(2) domiciled in the People’s Republic of China,*
21 *the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran,*
22 *the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the*
23 *Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, or the Republic of*
24 *Cuba;*

1 (3) *subject to influence or control by the govern-*
2 *ment of the People’s Republic of China, the Russian*
3 *Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Demo-*
4 *cratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Bolivarian Re-*
5 *public of Venezuela, or the Republic of Cuba; or*

6 (4) *owned by the People’s Republic of China, the*
7 *Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the*
8 *Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the*
9 *Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, or the Republic of*
10 *Cuba.*

11 *SEC. 194. None of the funds made available by the Act*
12 *for the Federal Aviation Administration related to un-*
13 *manned aircraft systems may be used by the Secretary of*
14 *Transportation to operate an unmanned aircraft system or*
15 *to enter into, extend, or renew a contract for the procure-*
16 *ment of an unmanned aircraft system or a contract with*
17 *an entity that operates an unmanned aircraft system in*
18 *the performance of any Department of Transportation con-*
19 *tract if the unmanned aircraft system is manufactured by*
20 *an entity that is included on the Consolidated Screening*
21 *List maintained by the Under Secretary of Commerce for*
22 *International Trade, domiciled in the People’s Republic of*
23 *China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of*
24 *Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the*
25 *Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, or the Republic of Cuba,*

1 *subject to influence or control by the government of any such*
2 *country, or owned by any such country unless—*

3 *(1) the operation, procurement, or contracting*
4 *action is for the purpose of—*

5 *(A) detection or counter-UAS system surro-*
6 *gate testing and training (including at Federal*
7 *Aviation Administration-approved testing sites);*

8 *(B) intelligence, electronic warfare, cyberse-*
9 *curity, and information warfare operations, test-*
10 *ing (including at Federal Aviation Administra-*
11 *tion-approved testing sites), analysis, and train-*
12 *ing; or*

13 *(C) research to inform unmanned aircraft*
14 *system data-driven policy decisions, safety as-*
15 *essments, procedures, rulemaking, and stand-*
16 *ards to safely integrate emerging entrants into*
17 *the national airspace system (including at Fed-*
18 *eral Aviation Administration-approved testing*
19 *sites); and*

20 *(2) the Secretary of Transportation, on a case-*
21 *by-case basis, certifies in writing to the Secretary of*
22 *Homeland Security, the Committee on Commerce,*
23 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the*
24 *Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of*
25 *the House of Representatives that such operation, pro-*

1 *curement, or contracting action is required in the*
2 *public interest.*

3 *This title may be cited as the “Department of Trans-*
4 *portation Appropriations Act, 2024”.*

1 (2) \$127,400,000 shall be available for the Office
2 of the General Counsel, of which not less than
3 \$21,700,000 shall be for the Departmental Enforcement
4 Center;

5 (3) \$241,800,000 shall be available for the Office
6 of Administration;

7 (4) \$55,800,000 shall be available for the Office
8 of the Chief Human Capital Officer;

9 (5) \$32,400,000 shall be available for the Office
10 of the Chief Procurement Officer;

11 (6) \$68,300,000 shall be available for the Office
12 of Field Policy and Management;

13 (7) \$4,900,000 shall be available for the Office of
14 Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity; and

15 (8) \$72,400,000 shall be available for the Office
16 of the Chief Information Officer:

17 *Provided further, That funds made available under this*
18 *heading may be used for necessary administrative and non-*
19 *administrative expenses of the Department, not otherwise*
20 *provided for, including purchase of uniforms, or allowances*
21 *therefor, as authorized by sections 5901 and 5902 of title*
22 *5, United States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and*
23 *services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United*
24 *States Code: Provided further, That notwithstanding any*
25 *other provision of law, funds appropriated under this head-*

1 *ing may be used for advertising and promotional activities*
2 *that directly support program activities funded in this title:*
3 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide the*
4 *House and Senate Committees on Appropriations quarterly*
5 *written notification regarding the status of pending con-*
6 *gressional reports: Provided further, That the Secretary*
7 *shall provide in electronic form all signed reports required*
8 *by Congress.*

9 *PROGRAM OFFICES*

10 *For necessary salaries and expenses for Program Of-*
11 *fices, \$1,114,100,000, to remain available until September*
12 *30, 2025: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under*
13 *this heading—*

14 *(1) \$288,500,000 shall be available for the Office*
15 *of Public and Indian Housing;*

16 *(2) \$170,500,000 shall be available for the Office*
17 *of Community Planning and Development;*

18 *(3) \$497,000,000 shall be available for the Office*
19 *of Housing;*

20 *(4) \$44,000,000 shall be available for the Office*
21 *of Policy Development and Research;*

22 *(5) \$102,900,000 shall be available for the Office*
23 *of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and*

24 *(6) \$11,200,000 shall be available for the Office*
25 *of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.*

1 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 *For the working capital fund for the Department of*
4 *Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this para-*
5 *graph as the “Fund”), pursuant, in part, to section 7(f)*
6 *of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act*
7 *(42 U.S.C. 3535(f)), amounts transferred, including reim-*
8 *bursements pursuant to section 7(f), to the Fund under this*
9 *heading shall be available only for Federal shared services*
10 *used by offices and agencies of the Department, and for any*
11 *such portion of any office or agency’s printing, records*
12 *management, space renovation, furniture, or supply serv-*
13 *ices the Secretary has determined shall be provided through*
14 *the Fund, and the operational expenses of the Fund: Pro-*
15 *vided, That amounts within the Fund shall not be available*
16 *to provide services not specifically authorized under this*
17 *heading: Provided further, That upon a determination by*
18 *the Secretary that any other service (or portion thereof) au-*
19 *thorized under this heading shall be provided through the*
20 *Fund, amounts made available in this title for salaries and*
21 *expenses under the headings “Executive Offices”, “Adminis-*
22 *trative Support Offices”, “Program Offices”, and “Govern-*
23 *ment National Mortgage Association”, for such services*
24 *shall be transferred to the Fund, to remain available until*
25 *expended: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify*

1 *the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of its*
2 *plans for executing such transfers at least 15 days in ad-*
3 *vance of such transfers.*

4 *PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING*

5 *TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE*

6 *For activities and assistance for the provision of ten-*
7 *ant-based rental assistance authorized under the United*
8 *States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437*
9 *et seq.) (in this title “the Act”), not otherwise provided for,*
10 *\$27,737,961,000, to remain available until expended, which*
11 *shall be available on October 1, 2023 (in addition to the*
12 *\$4,000,000,000 previously appropriated under this heading*
13 *that shall be available on October 1, 2023), and*
14 *\$4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, which*
15 *shall be available on October 1, 2024: Provided, That of the*
16 *sums appropriated under this heading—*

17 *(1) \$27,765,512,000 shall be available for renew-*
18 *als of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual con-*
19 *tributions contracts (including renewals of enhanced*
20 *vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such*
21 *assistance under section 8(t) of the Act) and includ-*
22 *ing renewal of other special purpose incremental*
23 *vouchers: Provided, That notwithstanding any other*
24 *provision of law, from amounts provided under this*
25 *paragraph and any carryover, the Secretary for the*

1 *calendar year 2024 funding cycle shall provide re-*
2 *newal funding for each public housing agency based*
3 *on validated voucher management system (VMS) leas-*
4 *ing and cost data for the prior calendar year and by*
5 *applying an inflation factor as established by the Sec-*
6 *retary, by notice published in the Federal Register,*
7 *and by making any necessary adjustments for the*
8 *costs associated with the first-time renewal of vouch-*
9 *ers under this paragraph including tenant protection*
10 *and Choice Neighborhoods vouchers: Provided further,*
11 *That none of the funds provided under this paragraph*
12 *may be used to fund a total number of unit months*
13 *under lease which exceeds a public housing agency's*
14 *authorized level of units under contract, except for*
15 *public housing agencies participating in the Moving*
16 *to Work (MTW) demonstration, which are instead*
17 *governed in accordance with the requirements of the*
18 *MTW demonstration program or their MTW agree-*
19 *ments, if any: Provided further, That the Secretary*
20 *shall, to the extent necessary to stay within the*
21 *amount specified under this paragraph (except as oth-*
22 *erwise modified under this paragraph), prorate each*
23 *public housing agency's allocation otherwise estab-*
24 *lished pursuant to this paragraph: Provided further,*
25 *That except as provided in the following provisos, the*

1 *entire amount specified under this paragraph (except*
2 *as otherwise modified under this paragraph) shall be*
3 *obligated to the public housing agencies based on the*
4 *allocation and pro rata method described above, and*
5 *the Secretary shall notify public housing agencies of*
6 *their annual budget by the latter of 60 days after en-*
7 *actment of this Act or March 1, 2024: Provided fur-*
8 *ther, That the Secretary may extend the notification*
9 *period only after the House and Senate Committees*
10 *on Appropriations are notified at least 10 business*
11 *days in advance of the extension: Provided further,*
12 *That public housing agencies participating in the*
13 *MTW demonstration shall be funded in accordance*
14 *with the requirements of the MTW demonstration pro-*
15 *gram or their MTW agreements, if any, and shall be*
16 *subject to the same pro rata adjustments under the*
17 *preceding provisos: Provided further, That the Sec-*
18 *retary may offset public housing agencies' calendar*
19 *year 2024 allocations based on the excess amounts of*
20 *public housing agencies' net restricted assets accounts,*
21 *including HUD-held programmatic reserves (in ac-*
22 *cordance with VMS data in calendar year 2023 that*
23 *is verifiable and complete), as determined by the Sec-*
24 *retary: Provided further, That public housing agencies*
25 *participating in the MTW demonstration shall also be*

1 *subject to the offset, as determined by the Secretary,*
2 *excluding amounts subject to the single fund budget*
3 *authority provisions of their MTW agreements, from*
4 *the agencies' calendar year 2024 MTW funding allo-*
5 *cation: Provided further, That the Secretary shall use*
6 *any offset referred to in the preceding two provisos*
7 *throughout the calendar year to prevent the termi-*
8 *nation of rental assistance for families as the result*
9 *of insufficient funding, as determined by the Sec-*
10 *retary, and to avoid or reduce the proration of re-*
11 *newal funding allocations: Provided further, That up*
12 *to \$200,000,000 shall be available only:*

13 *(A) for adjustments in the allocations for*
14 *public housing agencies, after application for an*
15 *adjustment by a public housing agency that ex-*
16 *perienced a significant increase, as determined*
17 *by the Secretary, in renewal costs of vouchers re-*
18 *sulting from unforeseen circumstances or from*
19 *portability under section 8(r) of the Act;*

20 *(B) for vouchers that were not in use during*
21 *the previous 12-month period in order to be*
22 *available to meet a commitment pursuant to sec-*
23 *tion 8(o)(13) of the Act, or an adjustment for a*
24 *funding obligation not yet expended in the pre-*
25 *vious calendar year for a MTW-eligible activity*

1 to develop affordable housing for an agency
2 added to the MTW demonstration under the ex-
3 pansion authority provided in section 239 of the
4 Transportation, Housing and Urban Develop-
5 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
6 2016 (division L of Public Law 114–113);

7 (C) for adjustments for costs associated with
8 HUD–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
9 (HUD–VASH) vouchers;

10 (D) for public housing agencies that despite
11 taking reasonable cost savings measures, as de-
12 termined by the Secretary, would otherwise be
13 required to terminate rental assistance for fami-
14 lies as a result of insufficient funding;

15 (E) for adjustments in the allocations for
16 public housing agencies that—

17 (i) are leasing a lower-than-average
18 percentage of their authorized vouchers,

19 (ii) have low amounts of budget au-
20 thority in their net restricted assets ac-
21 counts and HUD-held programmatic re-
22 serves, relative to other agencies, and

23 (iii) are not participating in the Mov-
24 ing to Work demonstration, to enable such
25 agencies to lease more vouchers;

1 (F) for withheld payments in accordance
2 with section 8(o)(8)(A)(ii) of the Act for months
3 in the previous calendar year that were subse-
4 quently paid by the public housing agency after
5 the agency's actual costs were validated; and

6 (G) for public housing agencies that have
7 experienced increased costs or loss of units in an
8 area for which the President declared a disaster
9 under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
10 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
11 5170 et seq.):

12 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate*
13 *amounts under the preceding proviso based on need,*
14 *as determined by the Secretary: Provided further,*
15 *That the Secretary may establish a demonstration*
16 *program to continue through fiscal year 2027 at up*
17 *to 8 public housing agencies in difficult rental mar-*
18 *kets, as determined by the Secretary, for the purpose*
19 *of testing whether the provision of additional assist-*
20 *ance to facilitate leasing increases the ability of fami-*
21 *lies participating in the program to lease a unit: Pro-*
22 *vided further, That amounts made available under*
23 *this paragraph in this and prior Acts to public hous-*
24 *ing agencies participating in such demonstration pro-*
25 *gram shall be available for making utility and secu-*

1 *urity deposit assistance payments (including last*
2 *month's rent) and other costs consistent with the*
3 *terms of the demonstration, in addition to the pur-*
4 *poses for which such funds were appropriated and ob-*
5 *ligated and in addition to amounts for administra-*
6 *tive and other expenses otherwise available for such*
7 *payments and costs: Provided further, That any such*
8 *utility or security deposit payments returned to the*
9 *public housing agency, including any interest earned*
10 *while such amounts were held by the owner, shall be*
11 *available only for future housing assistance payment*
12 *expenses (including eligible uses during the term of*
13 *the demonstration): Provided further, That of the*
14 *amounts provided under this paragraph,*
15 *\$5,289,210,000 is designated by the Congress as being*
16 *for an emergency requirement pursuant to section*
17 *251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-*
18 *gency Deficit Control Act of 1985;*

19 (2) *\$445,000,000 shall be available for section 8*
20 *rental assistance for relocation and replacement of*
21 *housing units that are demolished or disposed of pur-*
22 *suant to section 18 of the Act, conversion of section*
23 *23 projects to assistance under section 8, relocation of*
24 *witnesses (including victims of violent crimes) in con-*
25 *nection with efforts to combat crime in public and as-*

1 *sisted housing pursuant to a request from a law en-*
2 *forcement or prosecution agency, enhanced vouchers*
3 *under any provision of law authorizing such assist-*
4 *ance under section 8(t) of the Act, Choice Neighbor-*
5 *hood vouchers, mandatory and voluntary conversions,*
6 *and tenant protection assistance including replace-*
7 *ment and relocation assistance or for project-based as-*
8 *sistance to prevent the displacement of unassisted el-*
9 *derly tenants currently residing in section 202 prop-*
10 *erties financed between 1959 and 1974 that are refi-*
11 *nanced pursuant to Public Law 106–569, as amend-*
12 *ed, or under the authority as provided under this Act:*
13 *Provided, That when a public housing development is*
14 *submitted for demolition or disposition under section*
15 *18 of the Act, the Secretary may provide section 8*
16 *rental assistance when the units pose an imminent*
17 *health and safety risk to residents: Provided further,*
18 *That the Secretary may provide section 8 rental as-*
19 *sistance from amounts made available under this*
20 *paragraph for units assisted under a project-based*
21 *subsidy contract funded under the “Project-Based*
22 *Rental Assistance” heading under this title where the*
23 *owner has received a Notice of Default and the units*
24 *pose an imminent health and safety risk to residents:*
25 *Provided further, That of the amounts made available*

1 *under this paragraph, no less than \$5,000,000 may be*
2 *available to provide tenant protection assistance, not*
3 *otherwise provided under this paragraph, to residents*
4 *residing in low vacancy areas and who may have to*
5 *pay rents greater than 30 percent of household in-*
6 *come, as the result of: (A) the maturity of a HUD-*
7 *insured, HUD-held or section 202 loan that requires*
8 *the permission of the Secretary prior to loan prepay-*
9 *ment; (B) the expiration of a rental assistance con-*
10 *tract for which the tenants are not eligible for en-*
11 *hanced voucher or tenant protection assistance under*
12 *existing law; or (C) the expiration of affordability re-*
13 *strictions accompanying a mortgage or preservation*
14 *program administered by the Secretary: Provided fur-*
15 *ther, That such tenant protection assistance made*
16 *available under the preceding proviso may be pro-*
17 *vided under the authority of section 8(t) or section*
18 *8(o)(13) of the Act: Provided further, That any tenant*
19 *protection voucher made available from amounts*
20 *under this paragraph shall not be reissued by any*
21 *public housing agency, except the replacement vouch-*
22 *ers as defined by the Secretary by notice, when the*
23 *initial family that received any such voucher no*
24 *longer receives such voucher, and the authority for*
25 *any public housing agency to issue any such voucher*

1 *shall cease to exist: Provided further, That the Sec-*
2 *retary may only provide replacement vouchers for*
3 *units that were occupied within the previous 24*
4 *months that cease to be available as assisted housing,*
5 *subject only to the availability of funds;*

6 (3) *\$2,781,449,000 shall be available for admin-*
7 *istrative and other expenses of public housing agencies*
8 *in administering the section 8 tenant-based rental as-*
9 *stance program, of which up to \$30,000,000 shall be*
10 *available to the Secretary to allocate to public hous-*
11 *ing agencies that need additional funds to administer*
12 *their section 8 programs, including fees associated*
13 *with section 8 tenant protection rental assistance, the*
14 *administration of disaster related vouchers, HUD-*
15 *VASH vouchers, and other special purpose incre-*
16 *mental vouchers: Provided, That no less than*
17 *\$2,751,449,000 of the amount provided in this para-*
18 *graph shall be allocated to public housing agencies for*
19 *the calendar year 2024 funding cycle based on section*
20 *8(q) of the Act (and related Appropriation Act provi-*
21 *sions) as in effect immediately before the enactment*
22 *of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act*
23 *of 1998 (Public Law 105–276): Provided further,*
24 *That if the amounts made available under this para-*
25 *graph are insufficient to pay the amounts determined*

1 *under the preceding proviso, the Secretary may de-*
2 *crease the amounts allocated to agencies by a uniform*
3 *percentage applicable to all agencies receiving fund-*
4 *ing under this paragraph or may, to the extent nec-*
5 *essary to provide full payment of amounts determined*
6 *under the preceding proviso, utilize unobligated bal-*
7 *ances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining*
8 *from funds appropriated under this heading from*
9 *prior fiscal years, excluding special purpose vouchers,*
10 *notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts*
11 *were appropriated: Provided further, That all public*
12 *housing agencies participating in the MTW dem-*
13 *onstration shall be funded in accordance with the re-*
14 *quirements of the MTW demonstration program or*
15 *their MTW agreements, if any, and shall be subject to*
16 *the same uniform percentage decrease as under the*
17 *preceding proviso: Provided further, That amounts*
18 *provided under this paragraph shall be only for ac-*
19 *tivities related to the provision of tenant-based rental*
20 *assistance authorized under section 8, including re-*
21 *lated development activities;*

22 *(4) \$686,000,000 shall be available for the re-*
23 *newal of tenant-based assistance contracts under sec-*
24 *tion 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable*
25 *Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), including necessary*

1 *administrative expenses: Provided, That administra-*
2 *tive and other expenses of public housing agencies in*
3 *administering the special purpose vouchers in this*
4 *paragraph shall be funded under the same terms and*
5 *be subject to the same pro rata reduction as the per-*
6 *cent decrease for administrative and other expenses to*
7 *public housing agencies under paragraph (3) of this*
8 *heading: Provided further, That up to \$10,000,000*
9 *shall be available only—*

10 *(A) for adjustments in the allocation for*
11 *public housing agencies, after applications for an*
12 *adjustment by a public housing agency that ex-*
13 *perienced a significant increase, as determined*
14 *by the Secretary, in Mainstream renewal costs*
15 *resulting from unforeseen circumstances; and*

16 *(B) for public housing agencies that despite*
17 *taking reasonable cost savings measures, as de-*
18 *termined by the Secretary, would otherwise be*
19 *required to terminate the rental assistance for*
20 *Mainstream families as a result of insufficient*
21 *funding:*

22 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall allocate*
23 *amounts under the preceding proviso based on need,*
24 *as determined by the Secretary: Provided further,*
25 *That upon turnover, section 811 special purpose*

1 *vouchers funded under this heading in this or prior*
2 *Acts, or under any other heading in prior Acts, shall*
3 *be provided to non-elderly persons with disabilities;*

4 *(5) of the amounts provided under paragraph*
5 *(1), up to \$7,500,000 shall be available for rental as-*
6 *sistance and associated administrative fees for Tribal*
7 *HUD-VASH to serve Native American veterans that*
8 *are homeless or at-risk of homelessness living on or*
9 *near a reservation or other Indian areas: Provided,*
10 *That such amount shall be made available for renewal*
11 *grants to recipients that received assistance under*
12 *prior Acts under the Tribal HUD-VASH program:*
13 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall be author-*
14 *ized to specify criteria for renewal grants, including*
15 *data on the utilization of assistance reported by grant*
16 *recipients: Provided further, That such assistance*
17 *shall be administered in accordance with program re-*
18 *quirements under the Native American Housing As-*
19 *sistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and*
20 *modeled after the HUD-VASH program: Provided*
21 *further, That the Secretary shall be authorized to*
22 *waive, or specify alternative requirements for any*
23 *provision of any statute or regulation that the Sec-*
24 *retary administers in connection with the use of*
25 *funds made available under this paragraph (except*

1 *for requirements related to fair housing, non-*
2 *discrimination, labor standards, and the environ-*
3 *ment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such*
4 *waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for*
5 *the effective delivery and administration of such as-*
6 *stance: Provided further, That grant recipients shall*
7 *report to the Secretary on utilization of such rental*
8 *assistance and other program data, as prescribed by*
9 *the Secretary: Provided further, That the Secretary*
10 *may reallocate, as determined by the Secretary,*
11 *amounts returned or recaptured from awards under*
12 *the Tribal HUD–VASH program under prior Acts to*
13 *existing recipients under the Tribal HUD–VASH*
14 *program;*

15 (6) *\$30,000,000 shall be available for incre-*
16 *mental rental voucher assistance for use through a*
17 *supported housing program administered in conjunc-*
18 *tion with the Department of Veterans Affairs as au-*
19 *thorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States*
20 *Housing Act of 1937: Provided, That the Secretary of*
21 *Housing and Urban Development shall make such*
22 *funding available, notwithstanding section 203 (com-*
23 *petition provision) of this title, to public housing*
24 *agencies that partner with eligible VA Medical Cen-*
25 *ters or other entities as designated by the Secretary*

1 *of the Department of Veterans Affairs, based on geo-*
2 *graphical need for such assistance as identified by the*
3 *Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, pub-*
4 *lic housing agency administrative performance, and*
5 *other factors as specified by the Secretary of Housing*
6 *and Urban Development in consultation with the Sec-*
7 *retary of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Pro-*
8 *vided further, That the Secretary of Housing and*
9 *Urban Development may waive, or specify alternative*
10 *requirements for (in consultation with the Secretary*
11 *of the Department of Veterans Affairs), any provision*
12 *of any statute or regulation that the Secretary of*
13 *Housing and Urban Development administers in con-*
14 *nection with the use of funds made available under*
15 *this paragraph (except for requirements related to*
16 *fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and*
17 *the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary*
18 *that any such waivers or alternative requirements are*
19 *necessary for the effective delivery and administration*
20 *of such voucher assistance: Provided further, That as-*
21 *sistance made available under this paragraph shall*
22 *continue to remain available for homeless veterans*
23 *upon turn-over: Provided further, That of the total*
24 *amount made available under this paragraph, up to*
25 *\$10,000,000 may be for additional fees established by*

1 *and allocated pursuant to a method determined by the*
2 *Secretary for administrative and other expenses (in-*
3 *cluding those eligible activities defined by notice to fa-*
4 *facilitate leasing, such as security deposit assistance*
5 *and costs related to the retention and support of par-*
6 *ticipating owners) of public housing agencies in ad-*
7 *ministering HUD–VASH vouchers;*

8 *(7) \$30,000,000 shall be available for the family*
9 *unification program as authorized under section 8(x)*
10 *of the Act: Provided, That the amounts made avail-*
11 *able under this paragraph are provided as follows:*

12 *(A) \$5,000,000 shall be available for new*
13 *incremental voucher assistance, which shall con-*
14 *tinue to remain available for family unification*
15 *upon turnover; and*

16 *(B) \$25,000,000 shall be available for new*
17 *incremental voucher assistance to assist eligible*
18 *youth as defined by such section 8(x)(2)(B) of*
19 *the Act, which shall continue to remain available*
20 *for such eligible youth upon turnover: Provided,*
21 *That such amounts shall be available on a non-*
22 *competitive basis to public housing agencies that*
23 *partner with public child welfare agencies to*
24 *identify such eligible youth, that request such as-*
25 *sistance to timely assist such eligible youth, and*

1 *that meet any other criteria as specified by the*
2 *Secretary: Provided further, That the Secretary*
3 *shall review utilization of such assistance and*
4 *assistance originating from appropriations made*
5 *available for youth under this heading in any*
6 *prior Act that the Secretary made available on*
7 *a noncompetitive basis, at an interval to be de-*
8 *termined by the Secretary, and unutilized vouch-*
9 *er assistance that is no longer needed based on*
10 *such review shall be recaptured by the Secretary*
11 *and reallocated pursuant to the preceding pro-*
12 *viso:*

13 *Provided further, That any public housing agency ad-*
14 *ministering new incremental voucher assistance origi-*
15 *nating from appropriations made available for the*
16 *family unification program under this heading in*
17 *this or any prior Act that the Secretary made avail-*
18 *able on a competitive basis that determines it no*
19 *longer has an identified need for such assistance upon*
20 *turnover shall notify the Secretary, and the Secretary*
21 *shall recapture such assistance from the agency and*
22 *reallocate it to any other public housing agency or*
23 *agencies based on need for voucher assistance in con-*
24 *nection with such specified program or eligible youth,*
25 *as applicable; and*

1 (8) *the Secretary shall separately track all spe-*
2 *cial purpose vouchers funded under this heading.*

3 *HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND*

4 *(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)*

5 *Unobligated balances, including recaptures and carry-*
6 *over, remaining from funds appropriated to the Depart-*
7 *ment of Housing and Urban Development under this head-*
8 *ing, the heading “Annual Contributions for Assisted Hous-*
9 *ing” and the heading “Project-Based Rental Assistance”,*
10 *for fiscal year 2024 and prior years may be used for re-*
11 *newal of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts*
12 *and for performance-based contract administrators, not-*
13 *withstanding the purposes for which such funds were appro-*
14 *priated: Provided, That any obligated balances of contract*
15 *authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior fiscal years that*
16 *have been terminated shall be rescinded: Provided further,*
17 *That amounts heretofore recaptured, or recaptured during*
18 *the current fiscal year, from section 8 project-based con-*
19 *tracts from source years fiscal year 1975 through fiscal year*
20 *1987 are hereby rescinded, and an amount of additional*
21 *new budget authority, equivalent to the amount rescinded*
22 *is hereby appropriated, to remain available until expended,*
23 *for the purposes set forth under this heading, in addition*
24 *to amounts otherwise available.*

PUBLIC HOUSING FUND

1
2 *For 2024 payments to public housing agencies for the*
3 *operation and management of public housing, as authorized*
4 *by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937*
5 *(42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)) (the “Act”), and to carry out capital*
6 *and management activities for public housing agencies, as*
7 *authorized under section 9(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C.*
8 *1437g(d)), \$8,875,000,000, to remain available until Sep-*
9 *tember 30, 2027: Provided, That of the sums appropriated*
10 *under this heading—*

11 (1) *\$5,530,000,000 shall be available for the Sec-*
12 *retary to allocate pursuant to the Operating Fund*
13 *formula at part 990 of title 24, Code of Federal Regu-*
14 *lations, for 2024 payments;*

15 (2) *\$35,000,000 shall be available for the Sec-*
16 *retary to allocate pursuant to a need-based applica-*
17 *tion process notwithstanding section 203 of this title*
18 *and not subject to such Operating Fund formula to*
19 *public housing agencies that experience, or are at risk*
20 *of, financial shortfalls, as determined by the Sec-*
21 *retary: Provided, That after all such shortfall needs*
22 *are met, the Secretary may distribute any remaining*
23 *funds to all public housing agencies on a pro-rata*
24 *basis pursuant to such Operating Fund formula;*

1 (3) \$3,200,000,000 shall be available for the Sec-
2 retary to allocate pursuant to the Capital Fund for-
3 mula at section 905.400 of title 24, Code of Federal
4 Regulations: Provided, That for funds provided under
5 this paragraph, the limitation in section 9(g)(1) of
6 the Act shall be 25 percent: Provided further, That the
7 Secretary may waive the limitation in the preceding
8 proviso to allow public housing agencies to fund ac-
9 tivities authorized under section 9(e)(1)(C) of the Act:
10 Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify pub-
11 lic housing agencies requesting waivers under the pre-
12 ceding proviso if the request is approved or denied
13 within 14 days of submitting the request: Provided
14 further, That from the funds made available under
15 this paragraph, the Secretary shall provide bonus
16 awards in fiscal year 2024 to public housing agencies
17 that are designated high performers: Provided further,
18 That the Department shall notify public housing
19 agencies of their formula allocation within 60 days of
20 enactment of this Act;

21 (4) \$30,000,000 shall be available for the Sec-
22 retary to make grants, notwithstanding section 203 of
23 this title, to public housing agencies for emergency
24 capital needs, including safety and security measures
25 necessary to address crime and drug-related activity,

1 *as well as needs resulting from unforeseen or unpre-*
2 *ventable emergencies and natural disasters excluding*
3 *Presidentially declared emergencies and natural dis-*
4 *asters under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief*
5 *and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occur-*
6 *ring in fiscal year 2024: Provided, That of the*
7 *amount made available under this paragraph, not*
8 *less than \$10,000,000 shall be for safety and security*
9 *measures: Provided further, That in addition to the*
10 *amount in the preceding proviso for such safety and*
11 *security measures, any amounts that remain avail-*
12 *able, after all applications received on or before Sep-*
13 *tember 30, 2025, for emergency capital needs have*
14 *been processed, shall be allocated to public housing*
15 *agencies for such safety and security measures;*

16 *(5) \$65,000,000 shall be available for competitive*
17 *grants to public housing agencies to evaluate and re-*
18 *duce residential health hazards in public housing, in-*
19 *cluding lead-based paint (by carrying out the activi-*
20 *ties of risk assessments, abatement, and interim con-*
21 *trols, as those terms are defined in section 1004 of the*
22 *Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act*
23 *of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851b)), carbon monoxide, mold,*
24 *radon, and fire safety: Provided, That not less than*
25 *\$25,000,000 of the amounts provided under this para-*

1 *graph shall be awarded for evaluating and reducing*
2 *lead-based paint hazards: Provided further, That for*
3 *purposes of environmental review, a grant under this*
4 *paragraph shall be considered funds for projects or*
5 *activities under title I of the Act for purposes of sec-*
6 *tion 26 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437x) and shall be sub-*
7 *ject to the regulations implementing such section; and*
8 *(6) \$15,000,000 shall be available to support the*
9 *costs of administrative and judicial receiverships and*
10 *for competitive grants to PHAs in receivership, des-*
11 *ignated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at risk,*
12 *as determined by the Secretary, for costs associated*
13 *with public housing asset improvement, in addition*
14 *to other amounts for that purpose provided under any*
15 *heading under this title:*
16 *Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision*
17 *of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2024, the Secretary*
18 *of Housing and Urban Development may not delegate to*
19 *any Department official other than the Deputy Secretary*
20 *and the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing*
21 *any authority under paragraph (2) of section 9(j) of the*
22 *Act regarding the extension of the time periods under such*
23 *section: Provided further, That for purposes of such section*
24 *9(j), the term “obligate” means, with respect to amounts,*

1 *that the amounts are subject to a binding agreement that*
2 *will result in outlays, immediately or in the future.*

3 *ASSISTED HOUSING INSPECTIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS*

4 *For the Department’s inspection and assessment pro-*
5 *grams, including travel, training, and program support*
6 *contracts, \$50,000,000 to remain available until September*
7 *30, 2025: Provided, That unobligated balances, including*
8 *recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appro-*
9 *priated under the heading “Public Housing Fund” to sup-*
10 *port ongoing public housing financial and physical assess-*
11 *ment activities shall be available for the purposes author-*
12 *ized under this heading in addition to the purposes for*
13 *which such funds originally were appropriated.*

14 *CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE*

15 *For competitive grants under the Choice Neighborhoods*
16 *Initiative (subject to section 24 of the United States Hous-*
17 *ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v) (the “Act”) unless other-*
18 *wise specified under this heading), for transformation, re-*
19 *habilitation, and replacement housing needs of both public*
20 *and HUD-assisted housing and to transform neighborhoods*
21 *of poverty into functioning, sustainable, mixed-income*
22 *neighborhoods with appropriate services, schools, public as-*
23 *sets, transportation, and access to jobs, \$150,000,000, to re-*
24 *main available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That*
25 *grant funds may be used for resident and community serv-*

1 ices, community development, and affordable housing needs
2 in the community, and for conversion of vacant or fore-
3 closed properties to affordable housing: Provided further,
4 That the use of amounts made available under this heading
5 shall not be deemed to be for public housing, notwith-
6 standing section 3(b)(1) of the Act: Provided further, That
7 grantees shall commit to an additional period of afford-
8 ability determined by the Secretary of not fewer than 20
9 years: Provided further, That grantees shall provide a
10 match in State, local, other Federal, or private funds: Pro-
11 vided further, That grantees may include local governments,
12 Tribal entities, public housing agencies, and nonprofit or-
13 ganizations: Provided further, That for-profit developers
14 may apply jointly with a public entity: Provided further,
15 That for purposes of environmental review, a grantee shall
16 be treated as a public housing agency under section 26 of
17 the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437x), and grants made with amounts
18 available under this heading shall be subject to the regula-
19 tions issued by the Secretary to implement such section:
20 Provided further, That of the amounts made available
21 under this heading, not less than \$75,000,000 shall be
22 awarded to public housing agencies: Provided further, That
23 such grantees shall create partnerships with other local or-
24 ganizations, including assisted housing owners, service
25 agencies, and resident organizations: Provided further,

1 *That the Secretary shall consult with the Secretaries of*
2 *Education, Labor, Transportation, Health and Human*
3 *Services, Agriculture, and Commerce, the Attorney General,*
4 *and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection*
5 *Agency to coordinate and leverage other appropriate Fed-*
6 *eral resources: Provided further, That not more than*
7 *\$10,000,000 of the amounts made available under this head-*
8 *ing may be provided as grants to undertake comprehensive*
9 *local planning with input from residents and the commu-*
10 *nity: Provided further, That none of the funds made avail-*
11 *able under this heading may be obligated for main street*
12 *housing grants under section 24(n) of the Act (42 U.S.C.*
13 *1437v(n)): Provided further, That unobligated balances, in-*
14 *cluding recaptures, remaining from amounts made avail-*
15 *able under the heading “Revitalization of Severely Dis-*
16 *tressed Public Housing (HOPE VI)” in fiscal year 2011*
17 *and prior fiscal years may be used for purposes under this*
18 *heading, notwithstanding the purposes for which such*
19 *amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That the Sec-*
20 *retary shall make grant awards not later than 1 year after*
21 *the date of enactment of this Act in such amounts that the*
22 *Secretary determines: Provided further, That notwith-*
23 *standing section 24(o) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437v(o)), the*
24 *Secretary may, until September 30, 2024, obligate any*

1 *available unobligated balances made available under this*
2 *heading in this or any prior Act.*

3 *SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS*

4 *For activities and assistance related to Self-Sufficiency*
5 *Programs, to remain available until September 30, 2027,*
6 *\$198,000,000: Provided, That of the sums appropriated*
7 *under this heading—*

8 *(1) \$140,500,000 shall be available for the Fam-*
9 *ily Self-Sufficiency program to support family self-*
10 *sufficiency coordinators under section 23 of the*
11 *United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.*
12 *1437u), to promote the development of local strategies*
13 *to coordinate the use of assistance under sections 8*
14 *and 9 of such Act with public and private resources,*
15 *and enable eligible families to achieve economic inde-*
16 *pendence and self-sufficiency;*

17 *(2) \$42,500,000 shall be available for the Resi-*
18 *dent Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program to*
19 *provide for supportive services, service coordinators,*
20 *and congregate services as authorized by section 34 of*
21 *the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.*
22 *1437z–6) and the Native American Housing Assist-*
23 *ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.*
24 *4101 et seq.); and*

1 (3) \$15,000,000 shall be available for a Jobs-Plus
2 Initiative, modeled after the Jobs-Plus demonstration:
3 Provided, That funding provided under this para-
4 graph shall be available for competitive grants to
5 partnerships between public housing authorities, local
6 workforce investment boards established under section
7 107 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
8 of 2014 (29 U.S.C. 3122), and other agencies and or-
9 ganizations that provide support to help public hous-
10 ing residents obtain employment and increase earn-
11 ings: Provided further, That applicants must dem-
12 onstrate the ability to provide services to residents,
13 partner with workforce investment boards, and lever-
14 age service dollars: Provided further, That the Sec-
15 retary may allow public housing agencies to request
16 exemptions from rent and income limitation require-
17 ments under sections 3 and 6 of the United States
18 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a, 1437d), as
19 necessary to implement the Jobs-Plus program, on
20 such terms and conditions as the Secretary may ap-
21 prove upon a finding by the Secretary that any such
22 waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for
23 the effective implementation of the Jobs-Plus Initia-
24 tive as a voluntary program for residents: Provided
25 further, That the Secretary shall publish by notice in

1 *notify grantees of their formula allocation not later*
2 *than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act;*

3 (2) *\$150,000,000 shall be available for competi-*
4 *tive grants under the Native American Housing Block*
5 *Grants program, as authorized under title I of*
6 *NAHASDA: Provided, That the Secretary shall obli-*
7 *gate such amount for competitive grants to eligible re-*
8 *cipients authorized under NAHASDA that apply for*
9 *funds: Provided further, That in awarding amounts*
10 *made available in this paragraph, the Secretary shall*
11 *consider need and administrative capacity, and shall*
12 *give priority to projects that will spur construction*
13 *and rehabilitation of housing: Provided further, That*
14 *a grant funded pursuant to this paragraph shall be*
15 *in an amount not greater than \$10,000,000: Provided*
16 *further, That any amounts transferred for the nec-*
17 *essary costs of administering and overseeing the obli-*
18 *gation and expenditure of such additional amounts in*
19 *prior Acts may also be used for the necessary costs of*
20 *administering and overseeing such additional*
21 *amount;*

22 (3) *\$1,000,000 shall be available for the cost of*
23 *guaranteed notes and other obligations, as authorized*
24 *by title VI of NAHASDA: Provided, That such costs,*
25 *including the cost of modifying such notes and other*

1 *obligations, shall be as defined in section 502 of the*
2 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a):*
3 *Provided further, That amounts made available in*
4 *this and prior Acts for the cost of such guaranteed*
5 *notes and other obligations that are unobligated, in-*
6 *cluding recaptures and carryover, shall be available to*
7 *subsidize the total principal amount of any notes and*
8 *other obligations, any part of which is to be guaran-*
9 *teed, not to exceed \$50,000,000, to remain available*
10 *until September 30, 2025;*

11 *(4) \$75,000,000 shall be available for grants to*
12 *Indian tribes for carrying out the Indian Community*
13 *Development Block Grant program under title I of the*
14 *Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,*
15 *notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such Act, of*
16 *which, notwithstanding any other provision of law*
17 *(including section 203 of this Act), not more than*
18 *\$5,000,000 may be used for emergencies that con-*
19 *stitute imminent threats to health and safety: Pro-*
20 *vided, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant*
21 *made with amounts made available in this paragraph*
22 *shall be expended for planning and management de-*
23 *velopment and administration; and*

24 *(5) \$7,000,000, in addition to amounts otherwise*
25 *available for such purpose, shall be available for pro-*

1 *viding training and technical assistance to Indian*
2 *tribes, Indian housing authorities, and tribally des-*
3 *ignated housing entities, to support the inspection of*
4 *Indian housing units, for contract expertise, and for*
5 *training and technical assistance related to amounts*
6 *made available under this heading and other headings*
7 *in this Act for the needs of Native American families*
8 *and Indian country: Provided, That of the amounts*
9 *made available in this paragraph, not less than*
10 *\$2,000,000 shall be for a national organization as au-*
11 *thorized under section 703 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C.*
12 *4212): Provided further, That amounts made avail-*
13 *able in this paragraph may be used, contracted, or*
14 *competed as determined by the Secretary: Provided*
15 *further, That notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31,*
16 *United States Code (commonly known as the Federal*
17 *Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977), the*
18 *amounts made available in this paragraph may be*
19 *used by the Secretary to enter into cooperative agree-*
20 *ments with public and private organizations, agen-*
21 *cies, institutions, and other technical assistance pro-*
22 *viders to support the administration of negotiated*
23 *rulemaking under section 106 of NAHASDA (25*
24 *U.S.C. 4116), the administration of the allocation for-*
25 *mula under section 302 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C.*

1 *tion 812(b) of such Act, the Department of Hawaiian Home*
 2 *Lands may not invest grant amounts made available under*
 3 *this heading in investment securities and other obligations:*
 4 *Provided further, That amounts made available under this*
 5 *heading in this and prior fiscal years may be used to pro-*
 6 *vide rental assistance to eligible Native Hawaiian families*
 7 *both on and off the Hawaiian Home Lands, notwith-*
 8 *standing any other provision of law: Provided further, That*
 9 *up to \$1,000,000 of the amounts made available under this*
 10 *heading may be for training and technical assistance re-*
 11 *lated to amounts made available under this heading and*
 12 *other headings in this Act for the needs of Native Hawai-*
 13 *ians and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.*

14 *NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND*

15 *PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

16 *New commitments to guarantee loans, as authorized*
 17 *by section 184A of the Housing and Community Develop-*
 18 *ment Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b), any part of which*
 19 *is to be guaranteed, shall not exceed \$28,000,000 in total*
 20 *loan principal, to remain available until September 30,*
 21 *2025: Provided, That the Secretary may enter into commit-*
 22 *ments to guarantee loans used for refinancing.*

1 *COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT*2 *HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS*

3 *For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Per-*
4 *sons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Hous-*
5 *ing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.),*
6 *\$505,000,000, to remain available until September 30,*
7 *2027: Provided, That the Secretary shall renew or replace*
8 *all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing*
9 *that initially were funded under section 854(c)(5) of such*
10 *Act from funds made available under this heading in fiscal*
11 *year 2010 and prior fiscal years that meet all program re-*
12 *quirements before awarding funds for new contracts under*
13 *such section: Provided further, That the process for submit-*
14 *ting amendments and approving replacement contracts*
15 *shall be established by the Secretary in a notice: Provided*
16 *further, That the Department shall notify grantees of their*
17 *formula allocation within 60 days of enactment of this Act.*

18 *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND*

19 *For assistance to States and units of general local gov-*
20 *ernment, and other entities, for economic and community*
21 *development activities, and other purposes, \$4,491,483,000,*
22 *to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided,*
23 *That of the sums appropriated under this heading—*

24 (1) *\$3,300,000,000 shall be available for car-*
25 *rying out the community development block grant*

1 *program under title I of the Housing and Community*
2 *Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C.*
3 *5301 et seq.) (in this heading “the Act”): Provided,*
4 *That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with*
5 *funds made available under this paragraph shall be*
6 *expended for planning and management development*
7 *and administration: Provided further, That a metro-*
8 *politan city, urban county, unit of general local gov-*
9 *ernment, or insular area that directly or indirectly*
10 *receives funds under this paragraph may not sell,*
11 *trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of such*
12 *funds to another such entity in exchange for any*
13 *other funds, credits, or non-Federal considerations,*
14 *but shall use such funds for activities eligible under*
15 *title I of the Act: Provided further, That notwith-*
16 *standing section 105(e)(1) of the Act, no funds made*
17 *available under this paragraph may be provided to a*
18 *for-profit entity for an economic development project*
19 *under section 105(a)(17) unless such project has been*
20 *evaluated and selected in accordance with guidelines*
21 *required under subsection (e)(2) of section 105;*

22 *(2) \$100,000,000 shall be available for the Sec-*
23 *retary to award grants on a competitive basis to*
24 *State and local governments, metropolitan planning*
25 *organizations, and multijurisdictional entities for ad-*

1 *ditional activities under title I of the Act for the iden-*
2 *tification and removal of barriers to affordable hous-*
3 *ing production and preservation: Provided, That eli-*
4 *gible uses of such grants include activities to further*
5 *develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy*
6 *plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate af-*
7 *fordable housing production and preservation: Pro-*
8 *vided further, That the Secretary shall prioritize ap-*
9 *plicants that are able to (A) demonstrate progress and*
10 *a commitment to overcoming local barriers to facili-*
11 *tate the increase in affordable housing production and*
12 *preservation; and (B) demonstrate an acute need for*
13 *housing affordable to households with incomes below*
14 *100 percent of the area median income: Provided fur-*
15 *ther, That funds allocated for such grants shall not*
16 *adversely affect the amount of any formula assistance*
17 *received by a jurisdiction under paragraph (1) of this*
18 *heading: Provided further, That in administering*
19 *such amounts the Secretary may waive or specify al-*
20 *ternative requirements for any provision of such title*
21 *I except for requirements related to fair housing, non-*
22 *discrimination, labor standards, the environment,*
23 *and requirements that activities benefit persons of*
24 *low- and moderate-income, upon a finding that any*
25 *such waivers or alternative requirements are nec-*

1 *essary to expedite or facilitate the use of such*
2 *amounts;*

3 (3) *\$30,000,000 shall be available for activities*
4 *authorized under section 8071 of the SUPPORT for*
5 *Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115–*
6 *271): Provided, That funds allocated pursuant to this*
7 *paragraph shall not adversely affect the amount of*
8 *any formula assistance received by a State under*
9 *paragraph (1) of this heading: Provided further, That*
10 *the Secretary shall allocate the funds for such activi-*
11 *ties based on the notice establishing the funding for-*
12 *mula published in 84 FR 16027 (April 17, 2019) ex-*
13 *cept that the formula shall use age-adjusted rates of*
14 *drug overdose deaths for 2021 based on data from the*
15 *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and*

16 (4) *\$1,061,483,000 shall be available for grants*
17 *for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for*
18 *the purposes, and in amounts, specified for Congres-*
19 *sionally Directed Spending in the table entitled “Con-*
20 *gressionally Directed Spending” included in the re-*
21 *port accompanying this Act: Provided, That eligible*
22 *expenses of such grants in this and prior Acts may*
23 *include administrative, planning, operations and*
24 *maintenance, and other costs: Provided further, That*
25 *such grants for the EDI shall be available for reim-*

1 *ments to guarantee loans under section 108 of the Housing*
2 *and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.*
3 *5308), any part of which is guaranteed, shall not exceed*
4 *a total principal amount of \$400,000,000, notwithstanding*
5 *any aggregate limitation on outstanding obligations guar-*
6 *anteed in subsection (k) of such section 108: Provided, That*
7 *the Secretary shall collect fees from borrowers, notwith-*
8 *standing subsection (m) of such section 108, to result in*
9 *a credit subsidy cost of zero for guaranteeing such loans,*
10 *and any such fees shall be collected in accordance with sec-*
11 *tion 502(7) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Pro-*
12 *vided further, That such commitment authority funded by*
13 *fees may be used to guarantee, or make commitments to*
14 *guarantee, notes or other obligations issued by any State*
15 *on behalf of non-entitlement communities in the State in*
16 *accordance with the requirements of such section 108: Pro-*
17 *vided further, That any State receiving such a guarantee*
18 *or commitment under the preceding proviso shall distribute*
19 *all funds subject to such guarantee to the units of general*
20 *local government in non-entitlement areas that received the*
21 *commitment.*

22 *HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM*

23 *For the HOME Investment Partnerships program, as*
24 *authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National*
25 *Affordable Housing Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12721 et*

1 *seq.), \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until September*
2 *30, 2027: Provided, That the Department shall notify*
3 *grantees of their formula allocations within 60 days after*
4 *enactment of this Act: Provided further, That section 218(g)*
5 *of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12748(g)) shall not apply with re-*
6 *spect to the right of a jurisdiction to draw funds from its*
7 *HOME Investment Trust Fund that otherwise expired or*
8 *would expire in any calendar year from 2018 through 2026*
9 *under that section: Provided further, That section 231(b)*
10 *of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12771(b)) shall not apply to any*
11 *uninvested funds that otherwise were deducted or would be*
12 *deducted from the line of credit in the participating juris-*
13 *isdiction's HOME Investment Trust Fund in any calendar*
14 *year from 2018 through 2026 under that section.*

15 *SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY*
16 *PROGRAM*

17 *For the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Op-*
18 *portunity Program, as authorized under section 11 of the*
19 *Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (42*
20 *U.S.C. 12805 note), and for related activities and assist-*
21 *ance, \$61,500,000, to remain available until September 30,*
22 *2026: Provided, That of the sums appropriated under this*
23 *heading—*

1 *available until September 30, 2026: Provided, That of the*
2 *sums appropriated under this heading—*

3 (1) *\$290,000,000 shall be available for the Emer-*
4 *gency Solutions Grants program authorized under*
5 *subtitle B of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.):*
6 *Provided, That the Department shall notify grantees*
7 *of their formula allocation from amounts allocated*
8 *(which may represent initial or final amounts allo-*
9 *cated) for the Emergency Solutions Grant program*
10 *not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act;*

11 (2) *\$3,401,000,000 shall be available for the Con-*
12 *tinuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C*
13 *of such title IV (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) and the*
14 *Rural Housing Stability Assistance programs author-*
15 *ized under subtitle D of such title IV (42 U.S.C.*
16 *11408): Provided, That the Secretary shall prioritize*
17 *funding under the Continuum of Care program to*
18 *continuums of care that have demonstrated a capacity*
19 *to reallocate funding from lower performing projects*
20 *to higher performing projects: Provided further, That*
21 *the Secretary may make reasonable adjustments to re-*
22 *newal amounts to enable renewal projects to operate*
23 *at substantially the same levels, including cost-of-liv-*
24 *ing adjustments for supportive services from the prior*
25 *grant: Provided further, That the Secretary shall pro-*

1 *vide incentives to create projects that coordinate with*
2 *housing providers and healthcare organizations to*
3 *provide permanent supportive housing and rapid re-*
4 *housing services: Provided further, That of the*
5 *amounts made available for the Continuum of Care*
6 *program under this paragraph, \$25,000,000 shall be*
7 *for additional non-renewable grants to improve co-*
8 *ordination and establish partnerships between or*
9 *among housing providers, homeless services providers,*
10 *healthcare organizations, and government entities to*
11 *address housing-related supportive services needs or*
12 *improve access to health services for chronically home-*
13 *less individuals and other homeless individuals: Pro-*
14 *vided further, That amounts in the previous proviso*
15 *may be awarded only to applicants that identify sig-*
16 *nificant available resources that could be leveraged to*
17 *assist people transitioning from homelessness to per-*
18 *manent community-based housing: Provided further,*
19 *That the Secretary may establish by notice an alter-*
20 *native maximum amount for administrative costs re-*
21 *lated to the requirements described in sections*
22 *402(f)(1) and 402(f)(2) of subtitle A of such title IV*
23 *of no more than 5 percent or \$50,000, whichever is*
24 *greater, notwithstanding the 3 percent limitation in*
25 *section 423(a)(10) of such subtitle C: Provided fur-*

1 *ther, That of the amounts made available for the Con-*
2 *tinuum of Care program under this paragraph,*
3 *\$52,000,000 shall be for grants for new rapid re-hous-*
4 *ing projects and supportive service projects providing*
5 *coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the*
6 *Secretary determines to be critical in order to assist*
7 *survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual*
8 *assault, or stalking, except that the Secretary may*
9 *make additional grants for such projects and purposes*
10 *from amounts made available for such Continuum of*
11 *Care program: Provided further, That amounts made*
12 *available for the Continuum of Care program under*
13 *this paragraph and any remaining unobligated bal-*
14 *ances under this heading in prior Acts may be used*
15 *to competitively or non-competitively renew or replace*
16 *grants for youth homeless demonstration projects*
17 *under the Continuum of Care program, notwith-*
18 *standing any conflict with the requirements of the*
19 *Continuum of Care program;*

20 *(3) \$10,000,000 shall be available for the na-*
21 *tional homeless data analysis project: Provided, That*
22 *notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Grant*
23 *and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977 (31 U.S.C.*
24 *6301–6308), the amounts made available under this*
25 *paragraph and any remaining unobligated balances*

1 *under this heading for such purposes in prior Acts*
2 *may be used by the Secretary to enter into cooperative*
3 *agreements with such entities as may be determined*
4 *by the Secretary, including public and private orga-*
5 *nizations, agencies, and institutions;*

6 *(4) \$107,000,000 shall be available to implement*
7 *projects to demonstrate how a comprehensive ap-*
8 *proach to serving homeless youth, age 24 and under,*
9 *in up to 25 communities with a priority for commu-*
10 *nities with substantial rural populations in up to*
11 *eight locations, can dramatically reduce youth home-*
12 *lessness: Provided, That of the amount made available*
13 *under this paragraph, not less than \$25,000,000 shall*
14 *be for youth homelessness system improvement grants*
15 *to support communities, including but not limited to*
16 *the communities assisted under the matter preceding*
17 *this proviso, in establishing and implementing a re-*
18 *sponse system for youth homelessness, or for improv-*
19 *ing their existing system: Provided further, That of*
20 *the amount made available under this paragraph, up*
21 *to \$10,000,000 shall be to provide technical assistance*
22 *to communities, including but not limited to the com-*
23 *munities assisted in the preceding proviso and the*
24 *matter preceding such proviso, on improving system*
25 *responses to youth homelessness, and collection, anal-*

1 *ysis, use, and reporting of data and performance*
2 *measures under the comprehensive approaches to serve*
3 *homeless youth, in addition to and in coordination*
4 *with other technical assistance funds provided under*
5 *this title: Provided further, That the Secretary may*
6 *use up to 10 percent of the amount made available*
7 *under the preceding proviso to build the capacity of*
8 *current technical assistance providers or to train new*
9 *technical assistance providers with verifiable prior ex-*
10 *perience with systems and programs for youth experi-*
11 *encing homelessness; and*

12 *(5) \$100,000,000 shall be available for one-time*
13 *awards under the Continuum of Care program for*
14 *new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of*
15 *new permanent supportive housing, of which not more*
16 *than 20 percent of such awards may be used for other*
17 *Continuum of Care eligible activities associated with*
18 *such projects and not more than 10 percent of such*
19 *awards may be used for project administration: Pro-*
20 *vided, That these amounts shall be awarded on a com-*
21 *petitive basis, based on need and other factors to be*
22 *determined by the Secretary, including incentives to*
23 *establish projects that coordinate with housing pro-*
24 *viders, healthcare organizations and social service*
25 *providers: Provided further, That not less than*

1 \$35,000,000 shall be awarded to applicants for
2 projects within States with populations less than
3 2,500,000, except that if such amount is undersub-
4 scribed any remaining amounts may be awarded to
5 qualified applicants for projects in any State: Pro-
6 vided further, That the grants for ongoing costs asso-
7 ciated with such projects shall be eligible for renewal
8 under the Continuum of Care program subject to the
9 same terms and conditions as other renewal appli-
10 cants:

11 Provided further, That youth aged 24 and under seeking
12 assistance under this heading shall not be required to pro-
13 vide third party documentation to establish their eligibility
14 under subsection (a) or (b) of section 103 of the McKinney-
15 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302) to receive
16 services: Provided further, That unaccompanied youth aged
17 24 and under or families headed by youth aged 24 and
18 under who are living in unsafe situations may be served
19 by youth-serving providers funded under this heading: Pro-
20 vided further, That persons eligible under section 103(a)(5)
21 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act may be
22 served by any project funded under this heading to provide
23 both transitional housing and rapid re-housing: Provided
24 further, That for all matching funds requirements applica-
25 ble to funds made available under this heading for this fis-

1 cal year and prior fiscal years, a grantee may use (or could
2 have used) as a source of match funds other funds adminis-
3 tered by the Secretary and other Federal agencies unless
4 there is (or was) a specific statutory prohibition on any
5 such use of any such funds: Provided further, That none
6 of the funds made available under this heading shall be
7 available to provide funding for new projects, except for
8 projects created through reallocation, unless the Secretary
9 determines that the continuum of care has demonstrated
10 that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree
11 to which they improve the continuum of care's system per-
12 formance: Provided further, That any unobligated amounts
13 remaining from funds made available under this heading
14 in fiscal year 2012 and prior years for project-based rental
15 assistance for rehabilitation projects with 10-year grant
16 terms may be used for purposes under this heading, not-
17 withstanding the purposes for which such funds were appro-
18 priated: Provided further, That unobligated balances, in-
19 cluding recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds
20 transferred to or appropriated under this heading in fiscal
21 year 2019 or prior years, except for rental assistance
22 amounts that were recaptured and made available until ex-
23 pended, shall be available for the current purposes author-
24 ized under this heading in addition to the purposes for
25 which such funds originally were appropriated.

*HOUSING PROGRAMS**PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE*

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3 *For activities and assistance for the provision of*
4 *project-based subsidy contracts under the United States*
5 *Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) (“the Act”),*
6 *not otherwise provided for, \$15,390,924,000, to remain*
7 *available until expended, shall be available on October 1,*
8 *2023 (in addition to the \$400,000,000 previously appro-*
9 *priated under this heading that became available October*
10 *1, 2023), and \$400,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
11 *pended, shall be available on October 1, 2024: Provided,*
12 *That the amounts made available under this heading shall*
13 *be available for expiring or terminating section 8 project-*
14 *based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate reha-*
15 *bilitation contracts), for amendments to section 8 project-*
16 *based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate reha-*
17 *bilitation contracts), for contracts entered into pursuant to*
18 *section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*
19 *(42 U.S.C. 11401), for renewal of section 8 contracts for*
20 *units in projects that are subject to approved plans of action*
21 *under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation*
22 *Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation and*
23 *Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and for administra-*
24 *tive and other expenses associated with project-based activi-*
25 *ties and assistance funded under this heading: Provided fur-*

1 *ther, That of the total amounts provided under this heading,*
2 *not to exceed \$448,000,000 shall be available for perform-*
3 *ance-based contract administrators for section 8 project-*
4 *based assistance, for carrying out 42 U.S.C. 1437(f): Pro-*
5 *vided further, That the Secretary may also use such*
6 *amounts in the preceding proviso for performance-based*
7 *contract administrators for the administration of: interest*
8 *reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the Na-*
9 *tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(a)); rent supple-*
10 *ment payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing and*
11 *Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s); section*
12 *236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C. 1715z-*
13 *1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the elderly*
14 *under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12*
15 *U.S.C. 1701q); project rental assistance contracts for sup-*
16 *portive housing for persons with disabilities under section*
17 *811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable*
18 *Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2)); project assistance con-*
19 *tracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959*
20 *(Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667); and loans under section*
21 *202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73*
22 *Stat. 667): Provided further, That amounts recaptured*
23 *under this heading, the heading “Annual Contributions for*
24 *Assisted Housing”, or the heading “Housing Certificate*
25 *Fund”, may be used for renewals of or amendments to sec-*

1 *tion 8 project-based contracts or for performance-based con-*
2 *tract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for*
3 *which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further,*
4 *That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the*
5 *request of the Secretary, project funds that are held in resid-*
6 *ual receipts accounts for any project subject to a section*
7 *8 project-based Housing Assistance Payments contract that*
8 *authorizes the Department or a housing finance agency to*
9 *require that surplus project funds be deposited in an inter-*
10 *est-bearing residual receipts account and that are in excess*
11 *of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be*
12 *remitted to the Department and deposited in this account,*
13 *to be available until expended: Provided further, That*
14 *amounts deposited pursuant to the preceding proviso shall*
15 *be available in addition to the amount otherwise provided*
16 *by this heading for uses authorized under this heading: Pro-*
17 *vided further, That of the total amounts provided under this*
18 *heading, \$32,924,000 shall be available for rent adjustments*
19 *as authorized by section 515(d) of the Multifamily Assisted*
20 *Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C.*
21 *1437f note): Provided further, That of the amounts made*
22 *available under this heading, \$5,081,790,000 is designated*
23 *by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-*
24 *suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and*
25 *Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

1
2 *For capital advances, including amendments to cap-*
3 *ital advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as au-*
4 *thorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12*
5 *U.S.C. 1701q), for project rental assistance for the elderly*
6 *under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including amendments*
7 *to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring con-*
8 *tracts for such assistance for up to a 5-year term, for senior*
9 *preservation rental assistance contracts, including renew-*
10 *als, as authorized by section 811(e) of the American Home-*
11 *ownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (12*
12 *U.S.C. 1701q note), and for supportive services associated*
13 *with the housing, \$1,075,000,000, to remain available until*
14 *September 30, 2027: Provided, That of the amount made*
15 *available under this heading, up to \$120,000,000 shall be*
16 *for service coordinators and the continuation of existing*
17 *congregate service grants for residents of assisted housing*
18 *projects: Provided further, That any funding for existing*
19 *service coordinators under the preceding proviso shall be*
20 *provided within 120 days of enactment of this Act: Provided*
21 *further, That the Secretary may waive the provisions of sec-*
22 *tion 202 governing the terms and conditions of project rent-*
23 *al assistance, except that the initial contract term for such*
24 *assistance shall not exceed 5 years in duration: Provided*
25 *further, That upon request of the Secretary, project funds*

1 *that are held in residual receipts accounts for any project*
2 *subject to a section 202 project rental assistance contract,*
3 *and that upon termination of such contract are in excess*
4 *of an amount to be determined by the Secretary, shall be*
5 *remitted to the Department and deposited in this account,*
6 *to remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided fur-*
7 *ther, That amounts deposited in this account pursuant to*
8 *the preceding proviso shall be available, in addition to the*
9 *amounts otherwise provided by this heading, for the pur-*
10 *poses authorized under this heading: Provided further, That*
11 *unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover,*
12 *remaining from funds transferred to or appropriated under*
13 *this heading shall be available for the current purposes au-*
14 *thorized under this heading in addition to the purposes for*
15 *which such funds originally were appropriated: Provided*
16 *further, That for the purposes of the preceding proviso the*
17 *Secretary may waive, or specify alternative requirements*
18 *for, any provision of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959*
19 *(12 U.S.C. 1701q) in order to facilitate the development of*
20 *such units, except for requirements related to fair housing,*
21 *nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment:*
22 *Provided further, That of the total amount made available*
23 *under this heading, up to \$6,000,000 shall be used by the*
24 *Secretary to support preservation transactions of housing*
25 *for the elderly originally developed with a capital advance*

1 *and assisted by a project rental assistance contract under*
2 *the provisions of section 202(c) of the Housing Act of 1959.*

3 *HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES*

4 *For capital advances, including amendments to cap-*
5 *ital advance contracts, for supportive housing for persons*
6 *with disabilities, as authorized by section 811 of the Cran-*
7 *ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.*
8 *8013), for project rental assistance for supportive housing*
9 *for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of such*
10 *Act, for project assistance contracts pursuant to subsection*
11 *(h) of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as added*
12 *by section 205(a) of the Housing and Community Develop-*
13 *ment Amendments of 1978 (Public Law 95–557: 92 Stat.*
14 *2090), including amendments to contracts for such assist-*
15 *ance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance*
16 *for up to a 5-year term, for project rental assistance to*
17 *State housing finance agencies and other appropriate enti-*
18 *ties as authorized under section 811(b)(3) of the Cranston-*
19 *Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and for sup-*
20 *portive services associated with the housing for persons with*
21 *disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act,*
22 *\$360,000,000, to remain available until September 30,*
23 *2027: Provided, That, upon the request of the Secretary,*
24 *project funds that are held in residual receipts accounts for*
25 *any project subject to a section 811 project rental assistance*

1 *contract, and that upon termination of such contract are*
2 *in excess of an amount to be determined by the Secretary,*
3 *shall be remitted to the Department and deposited in this*
4 *account, to remain available until September 30, 2027: Pro-*
5 *vided further, That amounts deposited in this account pur-*
6 *suant to the preceding proviso shall be available in addition*
7 *to the amounts otherwise provided by this heading for the*
8 *purposes authorized under this heading: Provided further,*
9 *That unobligated balances, including recaptures and carry-*
10 *over, remaining from funds transferred to or appropriated*
11 *under this heading shall be used for the current purposes*
12 *authorized under this heading in addition to the purposes*
13 *for which such funds originally were appropriated.*

14 *HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE*

15 *For contracts, grants, and other assistance excluding*
16 *loans, as authorized under section 106 of the Housing and*
17 *Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, \$57,500,000,*
18 *to remain available until September 30, 2025, including*
19 *up to \$4,500,000 for administrative contract services: Pro-*
20 *vided, That funds shall be used for providing counseling*
21 *and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and*
22 *prospective, with respect to property maintenance, finan-*
23 *cial management or literacy, and such other matters as*
24 *may be appropriate to assist them in improving their hous-*
25 *ing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling*

1 *the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership; for pro-*
2 *gram administration; and for housing counselor training:*
3 *Provided further, That for purposes of awarding grants*
4 *from amounts provided under this heading, the Secretary*
5 *may enter into multiyear agreements, as appropriate, sub-*
6 *ject to the availability of annual appropriations.*

7 *PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND*

8 *For necessary expenses as authorized by the National*
9 *Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards*
10 *Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to \$14,000,000,*
11 *to remain available until expended, of which \$14,000,000*
12 *shall be derived from the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust*
13 *Fund (established under section 620(e) of such Act (42*
14 *U.S.C. 5419(e)): Provided, That not to exceed the total*
15 *amount appropriated under this heading shall be available*
16 *from the general fund of the Treasury to the extent nec-*
17 *essary to incur obligations and make expenditures pending*
18 *the receipt of collections to the Fund pursuant to section*
19 *620 of such Act: Provided further, That the amount made*
20 *available under this heading from the general fund shall*
21 *be reduced as such collections are received during fiscal year*
22 *2024 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2024 appropria-*
23 *tion from the general fund estimated at zero, and fees pur-*
24 *suant to such section 620 shall be modified as necessary*
25 *to ensure such a final fiscal year 2024 appropriation: Pro-*

1 *vided further, That for the dispute resolution and installa-*
2 *tion programs, the Secretary may assess and collect fees*
3 *from any program participant: Provided further, That such*
4 *collections shall be deposited into the Trust Fund, and the*
5 *Secretary, as provided herein, may use such collections, as*
6 *well as fees collected under section 620 of such Act, for nec-*
7 *essary expenses of such Act: Provided further, That, not-*
8 *withstanding the requirements of section 620 of such Act,*
9 *the Secretary may carry out responsibilities of the Sec-*
10 *retary under such Act through the use of approved service*
11 *providers that are paid directly by the recipients of their*
12 *services.*

13 *FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION*

14 *MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

15 *New commitments to guarantee single family loans in-*
16 *sured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund shall not*
17 *exceed \$400,000,000,000, to remain available until Sep-*
18 *tember 30, 2025: Provided, That during fiscal year 2024,*
19 *obligations to make direct loans to carry out the purposes*
20 *of section 204(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended,*
21 *shall not exceed \$1,000,000: Provided further, That the fore-*
22 *going amount in the preceding proviso shall be for loans*
23 *to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with*
24 *sales of single family real properties owned by the Secretary*
25 *and formerly insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance*

1 *Fund: Provided further, That for administrative contract*
2 *expenses of the Federal Housing Administration,*
3 *\$150,000,000, to remain available until September 30,*
4 *2025: Provided further, That to the extent guaranteed loan*
5 *commitments exceed \$200,000,000,000 on or before April 1,*
6 *2024, an additional \$1,400 for administrative contract ex-*
7 *penses shall be available for each \$1,000,000 in additional*
8 *guaranteed loan commitments (including a pro rata*
9 *amount for any amount below \$1,000,000), but in no case*
10 *shall funds made available by this proviso exceed*
11 *\$30,000,000: Provided further, That notwithstanding the*
12 *limitation in the first sentence of section 255(g) of the Na-*
13 *tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–20(g)), during fiscal*
14 *year 2024 the Secretary may insure and enter into new*
15 *commitments to insure mortgages under section 255 of the*
16 *National Housing Act only to the extent that the net credit*
17 *subsidy cost for such insurance does not exceed zero.*

18 *GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

19 *New commitments to guarantee loans insured under*
20 *the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds, as author-*
21 *ized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act*
22 *(12 U.S.C. 1715z–3 and 1735c), shall not exceed*
23 *\$35,000,000,000 in total loan principal, any part of which*
24 *is to be guaranteed, to remain available until September*
25 *30, 2025: Provided, That during fiscal year 2024, gross ob-*

1 *ligations for the principal amount of direct loans, as au-*
2 *thorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 519(a) of the*
3 *National Housing Act, shall not exceed \$1,000,000, which*
4 *shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities*
5 *in connection with the sale of single family real properties*
6 *owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under such*
7 *Act.*

8 *GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION*
9 *GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN*
10 *GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

11 *New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out the*
12 *purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act, as*
13 *amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed*
14 *\$900,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,*
15 *2025: Provided, That \$54,000,000, to remain available*
16 *until September 30, 2025, shall be for necessary salaries*
17 *and expenses of the Government National Mortgage Associa-*
18 *tion: Provided further, That to the extent that guaranteed*
19 *loan commitments exceed \$155,000,000,000 on or before*
20 *April 1, 2024, an additional \$100 for necessary salaries*
21 *and expenses shall be available until expended for each*
22 *\$1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments*
23 *(including a pro rata amount for any amount below*
24 *\$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by*
25 *this proviso exceed \$3,000,000: Provided further, That re-*

1 *ceipts from Commitment and Multiclass fees collected pur-*
2 *suant to title III of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.*
3 *1716 et seq.) shall be credited as offsetting collections to this*
4 *account.*

5 *POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH*

6 *RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY*

7 *For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-*
8 *grams of research and studies relating to housing and*
9 *urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized*
10 *by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of*
11 *1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying out*
12 *the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-*
13 *opment under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No.*
14 *2 of 1968, and for technical assistance, \$125,400,000, to re-*
15 *main available until September 30, 2025: Provided, That*
16 *with respect to amounts made available under this heading,*
17 *notwithstanding section 203 of this title, the Secretary may*
18 *enter into cooperative agreements with philanthropic enti-*
19 *ties, other Federal agencies, State or local governments and*
20 *their agencies, Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing*
21 *entities, colleges or universities, or international organiza-*
22 *tions for research projects: Provided further, That with re-*
23 *spect to the preceding proviso, such partners to the coopera-*
24 *tive agreements shall contribute at least a 50 percent match*
25 *toward the cost of the project: Provided further, That for*

1 *non-competitive agreements entered into in accordance with*
2 *the preceding two provisos, the Secretary shall comply with*
3 *section 2(b) of the Federal Funding Accountability and*
4 *Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–282, 31 U.S.C.*
5 *note) in lieu of compliance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the*
6 *Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform*
7 *Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545(a)(4)(C)) with respect to docu-*
8 *mentation of award decisions: Provided further, That prior*
9 *to obligation of technical assistance funding, the Secretary*
10 *shall submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees*
11 *on Appropriations on how the Secretary will allocate fund-*
12 *ing for this activity at least 30 days prior to obligation:*
13 *Provided further, That none of the funds provided under*
14 *this heading may be available for the doctoral dissertation*
15 *research grant program: Provided further, That an addi-*
16 *tional \$20,000,000, to remain available until September 30,*
17 *2026, shall be for competitive grants to nonprofit or govern-*
18 *mental entities to provide legal assistance (including assist-*
19 *ance related to pretrial activities, trial activities, post-trial*
20 *activities and alternative dispute resolution) at no cost to*
21 *eligible low-income tenants at risk of or subject to eviction:*
22 *Provided further, That in awarding grants under the pre-*
23 *ceding proviso, the Secretary shall give preference to appli-*
24 *cants that include a marketing strategy for residents of*
25 *areas with high rates of eviction, have experience providing*

1 *no-cost legal assistance to low-income individuals, includ-*
2 *ing those with limited English proficiency or disabilities,*
3 *and have sufficient capacity to administer such assistance:*
4 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall ensure, to the ex-*
5 *tent practicable, that the proportion of eligible tenants liv-*
6 *ing in rural areas who will receive legal assistance with*
7 *grant funds made available under this heading is not less*
8 *than the overall proportion of eligible tenants who live in*
9 *rural areas.*

10 *FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY*

11 *FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES*

12 *For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not other-*
13 *wise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil*
14 *Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), and section*
15 *561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of*
16 *1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616a), \$86,355,000, to remain available*
17 *until September 30, 2025: Provided, That notwithstanding*
18 *section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary*
19 *may assess and collect fees to cover the costs of the Fair*
20 *Housing Training Academy, and may use such funds to*
21 *develop on-line courses and provide such training: Provided*
22 *further, That none of the funds made available under this*
23 *heading may be used to lobby the executive or legislative*
24 *branches of the Federal Government in connection with a*
25 *specific contract, grant, or loan: Provided further, That of*

1 *the funds made available under this heading, \$1,355,000*
 2 *shall be available to the Secretary for the creation and pro-*
 3 *motion of translated materials and other programs that*
 4 *support the assistance of persons with limited English pro-*
 5 *ficiency in utilizing the services provided by the Depart-*
 6 *ment of Housing and Urban Development.*

7 *OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY*

8 *HOMES*

9 *LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

11 *For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as author-*
 12 *ized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint*
 13 *Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4852), the*
 14 *Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and*
 15 *502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970*
 16 *(12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 and 1701z-2), and for related activities*
 17 *and assistance, \$350,000,000, to remain available until*
 18 *September 30, 2026: Provided, That the amounts made*
 19 *available under this heading are provided as follows—*

20 *(1) \$245,000,000 shall be for the award of grants*
 21 *pursuant to such section 1011, of which not less than*
 22 *\$105,000,000 shall be provided to areas with the high-*
 23 *est lead-based paint abatement needs;*

24 *(2) \$105,000,000 shall be for the Healthy Homes*
 25 *Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the*

1 *Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, which*
2 *shall include research, studies, testing, and dem-*
3 *onstration efforts, including education and outreach*
4 *concerning lead-based paint poisoning and other*
5 *housing-related diseases and hazards, and mitigating*
6 *housing-related health and safety hazards in housing*
7 *of low-income families, of which—*

8 (A) \$5,000,000 shall be for the implementa-
9 tion of projects in communities that are served
10 by both the Healthy Homes Initiative and the
11 Department of Energy weatherization programs
12 to demonstrate whether the coordination of
13 Healthy Homes remediation activities with
14 weatherization activities achieves cost savings
15 and better outcomes in improving the safety and
16 quality of homes; and

17 (B) \$30,000,000 shall be for grants to expe-
18 rienced non-profit organizations, States, local
19 governments, or public housing agencies for safe-
20 ty and functional home modification repairs and
21 renovations to meet the needs of low-income sen-
22 iors to enable them to remain in their primary
23 residence: Provided, That of the total amount
24 made available under this subparagraph no less
25 than \$10,000,000 shall be available to meet such

1 *needs in communities with substantial rural*
2 *populations; and*

3 (3) *Up to \$2,000,000 in total of the amounts*
4 *made available under paragraph (2) may be trans-*
5 *ferred to the heading “Research and Technology” for*
6 *the purposes of conducting research and studies and*
7 *for use in accordance with the provisos under that*
8 *heading for non-competitive agreements:*

9 *Provided further, That for purposes of environmental re-*
10 *view, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act*
11 *of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other provisions of*
12 *law that further the purposes of such Act, a grant under*
13 *the Healthy Homes Initiative, or the Lead Technical Stud-*
14 *ies program, or other demonstrations or programs under*
15 *this heading or under prior appropriations Acts for such*
16 *purposes under this heading, or under the heading “Hous-*
17 *ing for the Elderly” under prior Appropriations Acts, shall*
18 *be considered to be funds for a special project for purposes*
19 *of section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Dis-*
20 *position Reform Act of 1994: Provided further, That each*
21 *applicant for a grant or cooperative agreement under this*
22 *heading shall certify adequate capacity that is acceptable*
23 *to the Secretary to carry out the proposed use of funds pur-*
24 *suant to a notice of funding opportunity: Provided further,*
25 *That amounts made available under this heading, except*

1 *for amounts in paragraph (2)(B) for home modification re-*
2 *pairs and renovations, in this or prior appropriations Acts,*
3 *still remaining available, may be used for any purpose*
4 *under this heading notwithstanding the purpose for which*
5 *such amounts were appropriated if a program competition*
6 *is undersubscribed and there are other program competi-*
7 *tions under this heading that are oversubscribed.*

8 *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND*

9 *For Department-wide and program-specific informa-*
10 *tion technology systems and infrastructure, \$374,750,000,*
11 *to remain available until September 30, 2026, of which up*
12 *to \$23,950,000 shall be for development, modernization, and*
13 *enhancement projects, including planning for such projects:*
14 *Provided, That not later than 30 days after the end of each*
15 *quarter, the Secretary shall brief the House and Senate*
16 *Committees on Appropriations on all information tech-*
17 *nology modernization efforts as required by the report ac-*
18 *companying this Act.*

19 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

20 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of In-*
21 *spector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act*
22 *of 1978, as amended, \$152,924,000: Provided, That the In-*
23 *spector General shall have independent authority over all*
24 *personnel issues within this office.*

1 *GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND*
2 *URBAN DEVELOPMENT*

3 *(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)*

4 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

5 *SEC. 201. Fifty percent of the amounts of budget au-*
6 *thority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts*
7 *associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured*
8 *from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart*
9 *B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988*
10 *(42 U.S.C. 1437f note) shall be rescinded or in the case of*
11 *cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such amounts*
12 *of budget authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded*
13 *or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by State housing*
14 *finance agencies or local governments or local housing agen-*
15 *cies with projects approved by the Secretary of Housing and*
16 *Urban Development for which settlement occurred after*
17 *January 1, 1992, in accordance with such section. Notwith-*
18 *standing the previous sentence, the Secretary may award*
19 *up to 15 percent of the budget authority or cash recaptured*
20 *and not rescinded or remitted to the Treasury to provide*
21 *project owners with incentives to refinance their project at*
22 *a lower interest rate.*

23 *SEC. 202. None of the funds made available by this*
24 *Act may be used to investigate or prosecute under the Fair*
25 *Housing Act any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by*

1 *one or more persons, including the filing or maintaining*
2 *of a nonfrivolous legal action, that is engaged in solely for*
3 *the purpose of achieving or preventing action by a Govern-*
4 *ment official or entity, or a court of competent jurisdiction.*

5 *SEC. 203. Except as explicitly provided in law, any*
6 *grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance made pur-*
7 *suant to title II of this Act shall be made on a competitive*
8 *basis and in accordance with section 102 of the Department*
9 *of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989*
10 *(42 U.S.C. 3545).*

11 *SEC. 204. Funds of the Department of Housing and*
12 *Urban Development subject to the Government Corporation*
13 *Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of 1950 shall*
14 *be available, without regard to the limitations on adminis-*
15 *trative expenses, for legal services on a contract or fee basis,*
16 *and for utilizing and making payment for services and fa-*
17 *cilities of the Federal National Mortgage Association, Gov-*
18 *ernment National Mortgage Association, Federal Home*
19 *Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financing Bank, Fed-*
20 *eral Reserve banks or any member thereof, Federal Home*
21 *Loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of*
22 *the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, as amended*
23 *(12 U.S.C. 1811–1).*

24 *SEC. 205. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act*
25 *or through a reprogramming of funds, no part of any ap-*

1 *proprietion for the Department of Housing and Urban De-*
2 *velopment shall be available for any program, project or*
3 *activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget esti-*
4 *mates submitted to Congress.*

5 *SEC. 206. Corporations and agencies of the Depart-*
6 *ment of Housing and Urban Development which are subject*
7 *to the Government Corporation Control Act are hereby au-*
8 *thorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of*
9 *funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-*
10 *poration or agency and in accordance with law, and to*
11 *make such contracts and commitments without regard to*
12 *fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of such*
13 *Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set*
14 *forth in the budget for 2024 for such corporation or agency*
15 *except as hereinafter provided: Provided, That collections*
16 *of these corporations and agencies may be used for new loan*
17 *or mortgage purchase commitments only to the extent ex-*
18 *pressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans are in*
19 *support of other forms of assistance provided for in this or*
20 *prior appropriations Acts), except that this proviso shall*
21 *not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty operations*
22 *of these corporations, or where loans or mortgage purchases*
23 *are necessary to protect the financial interest of the United*
24 *States Government.*

1 *SEC. 207. The Secretary shall provide quarterly re-*
2 *ports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-*
3 *tions regarding all uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured*
4 *and excess funds in each program and activity within the*
5 *jurisdiction of the Department and shall submit additional,*
6 *updated budget information to these Committees upon re-*
7 *quest.*

8 *SEC. 208. None of the funds made available by this*
9 *title may be used for an audit of the Government National*
10 *Mortgage Association that makes applicable requirements*
11 *under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661*
12 *et seq.).*

13 *SEC. 209. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of*
14 *law, subject to the conditions listed under this section, for*
15 *fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the Secretary of Housing and*
16 *Urban Development may authorize the transfer of some or*
17 *all project-based assistance, debt held or insured by the Sec-*
18 *retary and statutorily required low-income and very low-*
19 *income use restrictions if any, associated with one or more*
20 *multifamily housing project or projects to another multi-*
21 *family housing project or projects.*

22 *(b) PHASED TRANSFERS.—Transfers of project-based*
23 *assistance under this section may be done in phases to ac-*
24 *commodate the financing and other requirements related to*
25 *rehabilitating or constructing the project or projects to*

1 *which the assistance is transferred, to ensure that such*
2 *project or projects meet the standards under subsection (c).*

3 *(c) The transfer authorized in subsection (a) is subject*
4 *to the following conditions:*

5 *(1) NUMBER AND BEDROOM SIZE OF UNITS.—*

6 *(A) For occupied units in the transferring*
7 *project: The number of low-income and very low-*
8 *income units and the configuration (i.e., bed-*
9 *room size) provided by the transferring project*
10 *shall be no less than when transferred to the re-*
11 *ceiving project or projects and the net dollar*
12 *amount of Federal assistance provided to the*
13 *transferring project shall remain the same in the*
14 *receiving project or projects.*

15 *(B) For unoccupied units in the transfer-*
16 *ring project: The Secretary may authorize a re-*
17 *duction in the number of dwelling units in the*
18 *receiving project or projects to allow for a recon-*
19 *figuration of bedroom sizes to meet current mar-*
20 *ket demands, as determined by the Secretary and*
21 *provided there is no increase in the project-based*
22 *assistance budget authority.*

23 *(2) The transferring project shall, as determined*
24 *by the Secretary, be either physically obsolete or eco-*
25 *nomically nonviable, or be reasonably expected to be-*

1 *come economically nonviable when complying with*
2 *State or Federal requirements for community integra-*
3 *tion and reduced concentration of individuals with*
4 *disabilities.*

5 *(3) The receiving project or projects shall meet or*
6 *exceed applicable physical standards established by*
7 *the Secretary.*

8 *(4) The owner or mortgagor of the transferring*
9 *project shall notify and consult with the tenants re-*
10 *siding in the transferring project and provide a cer-*
11 *tification of approval by all appropriate local govern-*
12 *mental officials.*

13 *(5) The tenants of the transferring project who*
14 *remain eligible for assistance to be provided by the re-*
15 *ceiving project or projects shall not be required to va-*
16 *cate their units in the transferring project or projects*
17 *until new units in the receiving project are available*
18 *for occupancy.*

19 *(6) The Secretary determines that this transfer is*
20 *in the best interest of the tenants.*

21 *(7) If either the transferring project or the re-*
22 *ceiving project or projects meets the condition speci-*
23 *fied in subsection (d)(2)(A), any lien on the receiving*
24 *project resulting from additional financing obtained*
25 *by the owner shall be subordinate to any FHA-in-*

1 *sured mortgage lien transferred to, or placed on, such*
2 *project by the Secretary, except that the Secretary*
3 *may waive this requirement upon determination that*
4 *such a waiver is necessary to facilitate the financing*
5 *of acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of*
6 *the receiving project or projects.*

7 (8) *If the transferring project meets the require-*
8 *ments of subsection (d)(2), the owner or mortgagor of*
9 *the receiving project or projects shall execute and*
10 *record either a continuation of the existing use agree-*
11 *ment or a new use agreement for the project where,*
12 *in either case, any use restrictions in such agreement*
13 *are of no lesser duration than the existing use restric-*
14 *tions.*

15 (9) *The transfer does not increase the cost (as de-*
16 *finied in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act*
17 *of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a)) of any FHA-insured mort-*
18 *gage, except to the extent that appropriations are pro-*
19 *vided in advance for the amount of any such in-*
20 *creased cost.*

21 (d) *For purposes of this section—*

22 (1) *the terms “low-income” and “very low-in-*
23 *come” shall have the meanings provided by the statute*
24 *and/or regulations governing the program under*
25 *which the project is insured or assisted;*

1 (2) the term “multifamily housing project”
2 means housing that meets one of the following condi-
3 tions—

4 (A) housing that is subject to a mortgage
5 insured under the National Housing Act;

6 (B) housing that has project-based assist-
7 ance attached to the structure including projects
8 undergoing mark to market debt restructuring
9 under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform
10 and Affordability Housing Act;

11 (C) housing that is assisted under section
12 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
13 1701q);

14 (D) housing that is assisted under section
15 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
16 1701q), as such section existed before the enact-
17 ment of the Cranston-Gonzales National Afford-
18 able Housing Act;

19 (E) housing that is assisted under section
20 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Afford-
21 able Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013); or

22 (F) housing or vacant land that is subject
23 to a use agreement;

24 (3) the term “project-based assistance” means—

1 (A) assistance provided under section 8(b)
2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
3 U.S.C. 1437f(b));

4 (B) assistance for housing constructed or
5 substantially rehabilitated pursuant to assistance
6 provided under section 8(b)(2) of such Act (as
7 such section existed immediately before October
8 1, 1983);

9 (C) rent supplement payments under sec-
10 tion 101 of the Housing and Urban Development
11 Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s);

12 (D) interest reduction payments under sec-
13 tion 236 and/or additional assistance payments
14 under section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing
15 Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1);

16 (E) assistance payments made under sec-
17 tion 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12
18 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(2)); and

19 (F) assistance payments made under section
20 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
21 fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2));

22 (4) the term “receiving project or projects”
23 means the multifamily housing project or projects to
24 which some or all of the project-based assistance, debt,

1 *and statutorily required low-income and very low-in-*
2 *come use restrictions are to be transferred;*

3 (5) *the term “transferring project” means the*
4 *multifamily housing project which is transferring*
5 *some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and*
6 *the statutorily required low-income and very low-in-*
7 *come use restrictions to the receiving project or*
8 *projects; and*

9 (6) *the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
10 *Housing and Urban Development.*

11 (e) *RESEARCH REPORT.—The Secretary shall conduct*
12 *an evaluation of the transfer authority under this section,*
13 *including the effect of such transfers on the operational effi-*
14 *ciency, contract rents, physical and financial conditions,*
15 *and long-term preservation of the affected properties.*

16 *SEC. 210. (a) No assistance shall be provided under*
17 *section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42*
18 *U.S.C. 1437f) to any individual who—*

19 (1) *is enrolled as a student at an institution of*
20 *higher education (as defined under section 102 of the*
21 *Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002));*

22 (2) *is under 24 years of age;*

23 (3) *is not a veteran;*

24 (4) *is unmarried;*

25 (5) *does not have a dependent child;*

1 (6) is not a person with disabilities, as such
2 term is defined in section 3(b)(3)(E) of the United
3 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
4 1437a(b)(3)(E)) and was not receiving assistance
5 under such section 8 as of November 30, 2005;

6 (7) is not a youth who left foster care at age 14
7 or older and is at risk of becoming homeless; and

8 (8) is not otherwise individually eligible, or has
9 parents who, individually or jointly, are not eligible,
10 to receive assistance under section 8 of the United
11 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

12 (b) For purposes of determining the eligibility of a per-
13 son to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States
14 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), any financial as-
15 sistance (in excess of amounts received for tuition and any
16 other required fees and charges) that an individual receives
17 under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001
18 et seq.), from private sources, or from an institution of high-
19 er education (as defined under section 102 of the Higher
20 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be consid-
21 ered income to that individual, except for a person over the
22 age of 23 with dependent children.

23 SEC. 211. The funds made available for Native Alas-
24 kans under paragraph (1) under the heading “Native Amer-
25 ican Programs” in title II of this Act shall be allocated to

1 *the same Native Alaskan housing block grant recipients that*
2 *received funds in fiscal year 2005, and only such recipients*
3 *shall be eligible to apply for funds made available under*
4 *paragraph (2) of such heading.*

5 *SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
6 *in fiscal year 2024, in managing and disposing of any mul-*
7 *tifamily property that is owned or has a mortgage held by*
8 *the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and dur-*
9 *ing the process of foreclosure on any property with a con-*
10 *tract for rental assistance payments under section 8 of the*
11 *United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) or*
12 *any other Federal programs, the Secretary shall maintain*
13 *any rental assistance payments under section 8 of the*
14 *United States Housing Act of 1937 and other programs that*
15 *are attached to any dwelling units in the property. To the*
16 *extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the*
17 *tenants and the local government that such a multifamily*
18 *property owned or having a mortgage held by the Secretary*
19 *is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments*
20 *under such section 8 or other programs, based on consider-*
21 *ation of (1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the*
22 *property and all available Federal, State, and local re-*
23 *sources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the*
24 *Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability*
25 *Act of 1997 (in this section “MAHRAA”) (42 U.S.C. 1437f*

1 note), and (2) environmental conditions that cannot be rem-
2 edied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary may, in con-
3 sultation with the tenants of that property, contract for
4 project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or
5 owners of other existing housing properties, or provide other
6 rental assistance. The Secretary shall also take appropriate
7 steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect
8 prior to foreclosure, subject to the exercise of contractual
9 abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for immi-
10 nent major threats to health and safety after written notice
11 to and informed consent of the affected tenants and use of
12 other available remedies, such as partial abatements or re-
13 ceivership. After disposition of any multifamily property
14 described in this section, the contract and allowable rent
15 levels on such properties shall be subject to the requirements
16 under section 524 of MAHRAA.

17 *SEC. 213. Public housing agencies that own and oper-*
18 *ate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be exempt*
19 *from any asset management requirement imposed by the*
20 *Secretary in connection with the operating fund rule: Pro-*
21 *vided, That an agency seeking a discontinuance of a reduc-*
22 *tion of subsidy under the operating fund formula shall not*
23 *be exempt from asset management requirements.*

24 *SEC. 214. With respect to the use of amounts provided*
25 *in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, capital*

1 *improvement, and management of public housing as au-*
2 *thorized by sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the United States*
3 *Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d), (e)), the Sec-*
4 *retary shall not impose any requirement or guideline relat-*
5 *ing to asset management that restricts or limits in any way*
6 *the use of capital funds for central office costs pursuant to*
7 *paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g) of the United States*
8 *Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)(1), (2)): Provided,*
9 *That a public housing agency may not use capital funds*
10 *authorized under section 9(d) for activities that are eligible*
11 *under section 9(e) for assistance with amounts from the op-*
12 *erating fund in excess of the amounts permitted under*
13 *paragraph (1) or (2) of section 9(g).*

14 *SEC. 215. No official or employee of the Department*
15 *of Housing and Urban Development shall be designated as*
16 *an allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Financial*
17 *Officer has determined that such allotment holder has im-*
18 *plemented an adequate system of funds control and has re-*
19 *ceived training in funds control procedures and directives.*
20 *The Chief Financial Officer shall ensure that there is a*
21 *trained allotment holder for each HUD appropriation*
22 *under the accounts “Executive Offices”, “Administrative*
23 *Support Offices”, “Program Offices”, “Government Na-*
24 *tional Mortgage Association—Guarantees of Mortgage-*
25 *Backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account”, and*

1 *“Office of Inspector General” within the Department of*
2 *Housing and Urban Development.*

3 *SEC. 216. The Secretary shall, for fiscal year 2024,*
4 *notify the public through the Federal Register and other*
5 *means, as determined appropriate, of the issuance of a no-*
6 *tice of the availability of assistance or notice of funding*
7 *opportunity (NOFO) for any program or discretionary*
8 *fund administered by the Secretary that is to be competi-*
9 *tively awarded. Notwithstanding any other provision of*
10 *law, for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary may make the*
11 *NOFO available only on the Internet at the appropriate*
12 *Government website or through other electronic media, as*
13 *determined by the Secretary.*

14 *SEC. 217. Payment of attorney fees in program-related*
15 *litigation shall be paid from the individual program office*
16 *and Office of General Counsel salaries and expenses appro-*
17 *priations.*

18 *SEC. 218. The Secretary is authorized to transfer up*
19 *to 10 percent or \$5,000,000, whichever is less, of funds ap-*
20 *propriated for any office under the headings “Administra-*
21 *tive Support Offices” or “Program Offices” to any other*
22 *such office under such headings: Provided, That no appro-*
23 *priation for any such office under such headings shall be*
24 *increased or decreased by more than 10 percent or*
25 *\$5,000,000, whichever is less, without prior written ap-*

1 *proval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-*
2 *tions: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide no-*
3 *tification to such Committees 3 business days in advance*
4 *of any such transfers under this section up to 10 percent*
5 *or \$5,000,000, whichever is less.*

6 *SEC. 219. (a) Any entity receiving housing assistance*
7 *payments shall maintain decent, safe, and sanitary condi-*
8 *tions, as determined by the Secretary, and comply with any*
9 *standards under applicable State or local laws, rules, ordi-*
10 *nances, or regulations relating to the physical condition of*
11 *any property covered under a housing assistance payment*
12 *contract.*

13 *(b) The Secretary shall take action under subsection*
14 *(c) when a multifamily housing project with a contract*
15 *under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937*
16 *(42 U.S.C. 1437f) or a contract for similar project-based*
17 *assistance—*

18 *(1) receives a failing score under the Uniform*
19 *Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) or successor*
20 *standard; or*

21 *(2) fails to certify in writing to the Secretary*
22 *within 3 days that all Exigent Health and Safety de-*
23 *ficiencies, or those deficiencies requiring correction*
24 *within 24 hours, identified by the inspector at the*
25 *project have been corrected.*

1 *Such requirements shall apply to insured and non-*
2 *insured projects with assistance attached to the units under*
3 *section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42*
4 *U.S.C. 1437f), but shall not apply to such units assisted*
5 *under section 8(o)(13) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13))*
6 *or to public housing units assisted with capital or operating*
7 *funds under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of*
8 *1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).*

9 *(c)(1) Within 15 days of the issuance of the Real Es-*
10 *tate Assessment Center (“REAC”) inspection, the Secretary*
11 *shall provide the owner with a Notice of Default with a*
12 *specified timetable, determined by the Secretary, for cor-*
13 *recting all deficiencies. The Secretary shall provide a copy*
14 *of the Notice of Default to the tenants, the local government,*
15 *any mortgagees, and any contract administrator. If the*
16 *owner’s appeal results in a passing score, the Secretary may*
17 *withdraw the Notice of Default.*

18 *(2) At the end of the time period for correcting all defi-*
19 *ciencies specified in the Notice of Default, if the owner fails*
20 *to fully correct such deficiencies, the Secretary may—*

21 *(A) require immediate replacement of project*
22 *management with a management agent approved by*
23 *the Secretary;*

24 *(B) impose civil money penalties, which shall be*
25 *used solely for the purpose of supporting safe and*

1 *sanitary conditions at applicable properties, as des-*
2 *ignated by the Secretary, with priority given to the*
3 *tenants of the property affected by the penalty;*

4 *(C) abate the section 8 contract, including par-*
5 *tial abatement, as determined by the Secretary, until*
6 *all deficiencies have been corrected;*

7 *(D) pursue transfer of the project to an owner,*
8 *approved by the Secretary under established proce-*
9 *dures, who will be obligated to promptly make all re-*
10 *quired repairs and to accept renewal of the assistance*
11 *contract if such renewal is offered;*

12 *(E) transfer the existing section 8 contract to an-*
13 *other project or projects and owner or owners;*

14 *(F) pursue exclusionary sanctions, including*
15 *suspensions or debarments from Federal programs;*

16 *(G) seek judicial appointment of a receiver to*
17 *manage the property and cure all project deficiencies*
18 *or seek a judicial order of specific performance requir-*
19 *ing the owner to cure all project deficiencies;*

20 *(H) work with the owner, lender, or other related*
21 *party to stabilize the property in an attempt to pre-*
22 *serve the property through compliance, transfer of*
23 *ownership, or an infusion of capital provided by a*
24 *third-party that requires time to effectuate; or*

1 (I) take any other regulatory or contractual rem-
2 edies available as deemed necessary and appropriate
3 by the Secretary.

4 (d) The Secretary shall take appropriate steps to en-
5 sure that project-based contracts remain in effect, subject
6 to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist
7 relocation of tenants for major threats to health and safety
8 after written notice to the affected tenants. To the extent
9 the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants
10 and the local government, that the property is not feasible
11 for continued rental assistance payments under such section
12 8 or other programs, based on consideration of—

13 (1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the
14 property and all available Federal, State, and local
15 resources, including rent adjustments under section
16 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and
17 Affordability Act of 1997 (“MAHRAA”); and

18 (2) environmental conditions that cannot be
19 remedied in a cost-effective fashion, the Secretary
20 may contract for project-based rental assistance pay-
21 ments with an owner or owners of other existing hous-
22 ing properties, or provide other rental assistance.

23 (e) The Secretary shall report semi-annually on all
24 properties covered by this section that are assessed through
25 the Real Estate Assessment Center and have failing phys-

1 ical inspection scores or have received an unsatisfactory
2 management and occupancy review within the past 36
3 months. The report shall include—

4 (1) identification of the enforcement actions
5 being taken to address such conditions, including im-
6 position of civil money penalties and termination of
7 subsidies, and identification of properties that have
8 such conditions multiple times;

9 (2) identification of actions that the Department
10 of Housing and Urban Development is taking to pro-
11 tect tenants of such identified properties; and

12 (3) any administrative or legislative rec-
13 ommendations to further improve the living condi-
14 tions at properties covered under a housing assistance
15 payment contract.

16 The first report shall be submitted to the Senate and
17 House Committees on Appropriations not later than 30
18 days after the enactment of this Act, and the second report
19 shall be submitted within 180 days of the transmittal of
20 the first report.

21 SEC. 220. None of the funds made available by this
22 Act, or any other Act, for purposes authorized under section
23 8 (only with respect to the tenant-based rental assistance
24 program) and section 9 of the United States Housing Act
25 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.), may be used by any public

1 *housing agency for any amount of salary, including bo-*
2 *nuses, for the chief executive officer of which, or any other*
3 *official or employee of which, that exceeds the annual rate*
4 *of basic pay payable for a position at level IV of the Execu-*
5 *tive Schedule at any time during any public housing agen-*
6 *cy fiscal year 2024.*

7 *SEC. 221. None of the funds made available by this*
8 *Act and provided to the Department of Housing and Urban*
9 *Development may be used to make a grant award unless*
10 *the Secretary notifies the House and Senate Committees on*
11 *Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before any*
12 *project, State, locality, housing authority, Tribe, nonprofit*
13 *organization, or other entity selected to receive a grant*
14 *award is announced by the Department or its offices: Pro-*
15 *vided, That such notification shall list each grant award*
16 *by State and congressional district.*

17 *SEC. 222. None of the funds made available in this*
18 *Act shall be used by the Federal Housing Administration,*
19 *the Government National Mortgage Association, or the De-*
20 *partment of Housing and Urban Development to insure,*
21 *securitize, or establish a Federal guarantee of any mortgage*
22 *or mortgage backed security that refinances or otherwise re-*
23 *places a mortgage that has been subject to eminent domain*
24 *condemnation or seizure, by a State, municipality, or any*
25 *other political subdivision of a State.*

1 *SEC. 223. None of the funds made available by this*
2 *Act may be used to terminate the status of a unit of general*
3 *local government as a metropolitan city (as defined in sec-*
4 *tion 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act*
5 *of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302)) with respect to grants under sec-*
6 *tion 106 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5306).*

7 *SEC. 224. Amounts made available by this Act that*
8 *are appropriated, allocated, advanced on a reimbursable*
9 *basis, or transferred to the Office of Policy Development and*
10 *Research of the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-*
11 *opment and functions thereof, for research, evaluation, or*
12 *statistical purposes, and that are unexpended at the time*
13 *of completion of a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement,*
14 *may be deobligated and shall immediately become available*
15 *and may be reobligated in that fiscal year or the subsequent*
16 *fiscal year for the research, evaluation, or statistical pur-*
17 *poses for which the amounts are made available to that Of-*
18 *fice subject to reprogramming requirements in section 405*
19 *of this Act.*

20 *SEC. 225. None of the funds provided in this Act or*
21 *any other Act may be used for awards, including perform-*
22 *ance, special act, or spot, for any employee of the Depart-*
23 *ment of Housing and Urban Development subject to admin-*
24 *istrative discipline (including suspension from work), in*
25 *this fiscal year, but this prohibition shall not be effective*

1 *prior to the effective date of any such administrative dis-*
2 *cipline or after any final decision over-turning such dis-*
3 *cipline.*

4 *SEC. 226. With respect to grant amounts awarded*
5 *under the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants” for fiscal*
6 *years 2015 through 2024 for the Continuum of Care (CoC)*
7 *program as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the*
8 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, costs paid by*
9 *program income of grant recipients may count toward*
10 *meeting the recipient’s matching requirements, provided the*
11 *costs are eligible CoC costs that supplement the recipient’s*
12 *CoC program.*

13 *SEC. 227. (a) From amounts made available under*
14 *this title under the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants”,*
15 *the Secretary may award 1-year transition grants to recipi-*
16 *ents of funds for activities under subtitle C of the McKin-*
17 *ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et*
18 *seq.) to transition from one Continuum of Care program*
19 *component to another.*

20 *(b) In order to be eligible to receive a transition grant,*
21 *the funding recipient must have the consent of the con-*
22 *tinuum of care and meet standards determined by the Sec-*
23 *retary.*

24 *SEC. 228. The Promise Zone designations and Promise*
25 *Zone Designation Agreements entered into pursuant to such*

1 *designations, made by the Secretary in prior fiscal years,*
2 *shall remain in effect in accordance with the terms and con-*
3 *ditions of such agreements.*

4 *SEC. 229. None of the amounts made available in this*
5 *Act may be used to consider Family Self-Sufficiency per-*
6 *formance measures or performance scores in determining*
7 *funding awards for programs receiving Family Self-Suffi-*
8 *ciency program coordinator funding provided in this Act.*

9 *SEC. 230. Any public housing agency designated as a*
10 *Moving to Work agency pursuant to section 239 of division*
11 *L of Public Law 114–113 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note; 129 Stat.*
12 *2897) may, upon such designation, use funds (except for*
13 *special purpose funding, including special purpose vouch-*
14 *ers) previously allocated to any such public housing agency*
15 *under section 8 or 9 of the United States Housing Act of*
16 *1937, including any reserve funds held by the public hous-*
17 *ing agency or funds held by the Department of Housing*
18 *and Urban Development, pursuant to the authority for use*
19 *of section 8 or 9 funding provided under such section and*
20 *section 204 of title II of the Departments of Veterans Affairs*
21 *and Housing and Urban Development and Independent*
22 *Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104–134;*
23 *110 Stat. 1321–28), notwithstanding the purposes for which*
24 *such funds were appropriated.*

1 *SEC. 231. None of the amounts made available by this*
2 *Act may be used to prohibit any public housing agency*
3 *under receivership or the direction of a Federal monitor*
4 *from applying for, receiving, or using funds made available*
5 *under the heading “Public Housing Fund” for competitive*
6 *grants to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in*
7 *this Act or that remain available and not awarded from*
8 *prior Acts, or be used to prohibit a public housing agency*
9 *from using such funds to carry out any required work pur-*
10 *suant to a settlement agreement, consent decree, voluntary*
11 *agreement, or similar document for a violation of the Lead*
12 *Safe Housing or Lead Disclosure Rules.*

13 *SEC. 232. (a) Funds previously made available in the*
14 *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–*
15 *31) for the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were*
16 *available for obligation through fiscal year 2019 are to re-*
17 *main available through fiscal year 2025 for the liquidation*
18 *of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2017 through*
19 *2019.*

20 *(b) Funds previously made available in the Consoli-*
21 *dated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) for*
22 *the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available*
23 *for obligation through fiscal year 2020 are to remain avail-*
24 *able through fiscal year 2026 for the liquidation of valid*
25 *obligations incurred in fiscal years 2018 through 2020.*

1 (c) Funds previously made available in the Consoli-
2 dated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6) for the
3 “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available for
4 obligation through fiscal year 2021 are to remain available
5 through fiscal year 2027 for the liquidation of valid obliga-
6 tions incurred in fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

7 (d) Funds previously made available in the Further
8 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–
9 94) for the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were
10 available for obligation through fiscal year 2022 are to re-
11 main available through fiscal year 2028 for the liquidation
12 of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2020 through
13 2022.

14 (e) Funds previously made available in the Consoli-
15 dated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) for
16 the “Choice Neighborhoods Initiative” that were available
17 for obligation through fiscal year 2023 are to remain avail-
18 able through fiscal year 2029 for the liquidation of valid
19 obligations incurred in fiscal years 2021 through 2023.

20 SEC. 233. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used by the Department of Housing and Urban
22 Development to direct a grantee to undertake specific
23 changes to existing zoning laws as part of carrying out the
24 final rule entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Hous-
25 ing” (80 Fed. Reg. 42272 (July 16, 2015)) or the notice

1 entitled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assess-
2 ment Tool” (79 Fed. Reg. 57949 (September 26, 2014)).

3 SEC. 234. For fiscal year 2024, if the Secretary deter-
4 mines or has determined, for any prior formula grant allo-
5 cation administered by the Secretary through the Offices of
6 Public and Indian Housing, Community Planning and De-
7 velopment, or Housing, that a recipient received an alloca-
8 tion greater than the amount such recipient should have
9 received for a formula allocation cycle pursuant to applica-
10 ble statutes and regulations, the Secretary may adjust for
11 any such funding error in the next applicable formula allo-
12 cation cycle by (a) offsetting each such recipient’s formula
13 allocation (if eligible for a formula allocation in the next
14 applicable formula allocation cycle) by the amount of any
15 such funding error, and (b) reallocating any available bal-
16 ances that are attributable to the offset to the recipient or
17 recipients that would have been allocated additional funds
18 in the formula allocation cycle in which any such error oc-
19 curred (if such recipient or recipients are eligible for a for-
20 mula allocation in the next applicable formula allocation
21 cycle) in an amount proportionate to such recipient’s eligi-
22 bility under the next applicable formula allocation cycle:
23 Provided, That all offsets and reallocations from such avail-
24 able balances shall be recorded against funds available for
25 the next applicable formula allocation cycle: Provided fur-

1 *ther, That the term “next applicable formula allocation*
2 *cycle” means the first formula allocation cycle for a pro-*
3 *gram that is reasonably available for correction following*
4 *such a Secretarial determination: Provided further, That*
5 *if, upon request by a recipient and giving consideration to*
6 *all Federal resources available to the recipient for the same*
7 *grant purposes, the Secretary determines that the offset in*
8 *the next applicable formula allocation cycle would critically*
9 *impair the recipient’s ability to accomplish the purpose of*
10 *the formula grant, the Secretary may adjust for the funding*
11 *error across two or more formula allocation cycles.*

12 *SEC. 235. The Secretary may transfer from amounts*
13 *made available for salaries and expenses under this title*
14 *(excluding amounts made available under the heading “Of-*
15 *fice of Inspector General”) up to \$500,000 from each office*
16 *to the heading “Information Technology Fund” for infor-*
17 *mation technology needs, including for additional develop-*
18 *ment, modernization, and enhancement, to remain avail-*
19 *able until September 30, 2025: Provided, That the total*
20 *amount of such transfers shall not exceed \$5,000,000: Pro-*
21 *vided further, That this transfer authority shall not be used*
22 *to fund information technology projects or activities that*
23 *have known out-year development, modernization, or en-*
24 *hancement costs in excess of \$500,000: Provided further,*
25 *That the Secretary shall provide notification to the House*

1 *and Senate Committees on Appropriations no fewer than*
2 *three business days in advance of any such transfer.*

3 *SEC. 236. (a) Funds previously made available in the*
4 *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–*
5 *31) for “Lead Hazard Reduction” that were available for*
6 *obligation through fiscal year 2018 are to remain available*
7 *through fiscal year 2025 for the liquidation of valid obliga-*
8 *tions incurred in fiscal years 2017 through 2018.*

9 *(b) Funds previously made available in the Consoli-*
10 *dated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) for*
11 *“Lead Hazard Reduction” that were available for obliga-*
12 *tion through fiscal year 2019 are to remain available*
13 *through fiscal year 2026 for the liquidation of valid obliga-*
14 *tions incurred in fiscal years 2018 through 2019.*

15 *SEC. 237. The Secretary shall comply with all process*
16 *requirements, including public notice and comment, when*
17 *seeking to revise any annual contributions contract.*

18 *SEC. 238. (a) Of the unobligated balances remaining*
19 *from amounts made available under the heading “Lead*
20 *Hazard Reduction” in title II of division L of the Consoli-*
21 *dated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103),*
22 *\$65,000,000 is hereby rescinded, which shall be applied to*
23 *the funds remaining available for activities under para-*
24 *graph (1) under such heading (excluding amounts for areas*
25 *with the highest lead-based paint abatement needs).*

1 (b) *Of the unobligated balances remaining from*
2 *amounts made available under the heading “Lead Hazard*
3 *Reduction” in title II of division L of the Consolidated Ap-*
4 *propriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103) and in title*
5 *II of division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,*
6 *2023 (Public Law 117–328), \$49,400,000 is hereby re-*
7 *scinded, which shall be applied to the funds remaining*
8 *available for activities under paragraph (5) under such*
9 *headings.*

10 (c) *Of the unobligated balances remaining from*
11 *amounts made available under the heading “Public Hous-*
12 *ing Fund” in title II of division L of the Consolidated Ap-*
13 *propriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328), \$20,000,000*
14 *is hereby rescinded, which shall be applied to the funds re-*
15 *maining available for activities under paragraph (7) under*
16 *such heading.*

17 (d) *Any unobligated balances (including any unobli-*
18 *gated balances of contract authority) as of the date of enact-*
19 *ment of this Act included under Treasury Appropriation*
20 *Fund Symbols 86 X 0129, 86 X 0148, 86 X 0197, 86 X*
21 *0314, 86 X 0315, 86 X 0324, 86 X 0402, 86 X 4058 and*
22 *86 X 8093 are hereby rescinded.*

23 *SEC. 239. The language under the heading “Rental As-*
24 *sistance Demonstration” in the Department of Housing and*
25 *Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (title II of*

1 *division C of Public Law 112–55), as most recently amend-*
2 *ed by Public Law 117–103, is further amended—*

3 *(1) in the initial undesignated matter, by strik-*
4 *ing “and ‘Public Housing Operating Fund’” and in-*
5 *serting “, ‘Public Housing Operating Fund’, and*
6 *‘Public Housing Fund’”;*

7 *(2) in the second proviso, by striking “2024”*
8 *and inserting “2030”;*

9 *(3) by striking the fourth proviso, and inserting*
10 *the following new provisos: “Provided further, That at*
11 *properties with assistance under section 9 of the Act*
12 *requesting to partially convert such assistance, and*
13 *where an event under section 18 of the Act occurs that*
14 *results in the eligibility for tenant protection vouchers*
15 *under section 8(o) of the Act, the Secretary may con-*
16 *vert the tenant protection voucher assistance to assist-*
17 *ance under a project-based subsidy contract under*
18 *section 8 of the Act, which shall be eligible for renewal*
19 *under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Hous-*
20 *ing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, or assist-*
21 *ance under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, so long as the*
22 *property meets any additional requirements estab-*
23 *lished by the Secretary to facilitate conversion: Pro-*
24 *vided further, That to facilitate the conversion of as-*
25 *sistance under the previous proviso, the Secretary*

1 *may transfer an amount equal to the total amount*
2 *that would have been allocated for tenant protection*
3 *voucher assistance for properties that have requested*
4 *such conversions from amounts made available for*
5 *tenant protection voucher assistance under the head-*
6 *ing ‘Tenant-Based Rental Assistance’ to the heading*
7 *‘Project-Based Rental Assistance’: Provided further,*
8 *That at properties with assistance previously con-*
9 *verted hereunder to assistance under the heading*
10 *‘Project Based Rental Assistance,’ which are also sep-*
11 *arately assisted under section 8(o)(13) of the Act, the*
12 *Secretary may, with the consent of the public housing*
13 *agency and owner, terminate such project-based sub-*
14 *sidy contracts and immediately enter into one new*
15 *project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the*
16 *Act, which shall be eligible for renewal under section*
17 *524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and*
18 *Affordability Act of 1997, subject to the requirement*
19 *that any residents assisted under section 8(o)(13) of*
20 *the Act at the time of such termination of such*
21 *project-based subsidy contract shall retain all rights*
22 *accrued under section 8(o)(13)(E) of the Act under*
23 *the new project-based subsidy contract and section*
24 *8(o)(13)(F)(iv) of the Act shall not apply: Provided*
25 *further, That to carry out the previous proviso, the*

1 *Secretary may transfer from the heading ‘Tenant-*
2 *Based Rental Assistance’ to the heading ‘Project-*
3 *Based Rental Assistance’ an amount equal to the*
4 *amounts associated with such terminating contract*
5 *under section 8(o)(13) of the Act:”;*

6 *(4) in the thirteenth proviso, as reordered above,*
7 *by—*

8 *(A) inserting “‘Public Housing Fund’,*
9 *‘Self-Sufficiency Programs’, ‘Family Self-Suffi-*
10 *ciency’” following “‘Public Housing Operating*
11 *Fund’,”; and*

12 *(B) inserting “or the ongoing availability of*
13 *services for residents” after “effective conversion*
14 *of assistance under the demonstration”;*

15 *(5) after the twenty-third proviso, as reordered*
16 *above, by inserting the following proviso: “Provided*
17 *further, That owners of properties with a senior pres-*
18 *ervation rental assistance contract under section 811*
19 *of the American Homeownership and Economic Op-*
20 *portunity Act of 2000 (12 U.S.C. 1701q note), shall*
21 *be eligible, subject to requirements established by the*
22 *Secretary as necessary to facilitate the conversion of*
23 *assistance while maintaining the affordability period*
24 *and the designation of the property as serving elderly*
25 *families, and tenant consultation procedures, for con-*

1 *version of assistance available for such assistance con-*
2 *tracts to assistance under a long-term project-based*
3 *subsidy contract under section 8 of the Act.”;*

4 (6) *in the twenty-eighth proviso, as reordered*
5 *above, by inserting “, section 811 of the American*
6 *Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of*
7 *2000,” after “Housing Act of 1959”; and*

8 (7) *in the thirty-third proviso, as reordered*
9 *above, by striking “any section 202 project rental as-*
10 *sistance contract or section 811 project rental assist-*
11 *ance contract conversions” and inserting “the conver-*
12 *sion of assistance from section 202(c)(2) of the Hous-*
13 *ing Act of 1959, section 811 of the American Home-*
14 *ownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000, or*
15 *section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National*
16 *Affordable Housing Act”.*

17 *SEC. 240. There is hereby established in the Treasury*
18 *of the United States a fund to be known as the “Department*
19 *of Housing and Urban Development Nonrecurring Expenses*
20 *Fund” (the Fund): Provided, That unobligated balances of*
21 *expired discretionary funds appropriated for this or any*
22 *succeeding fiscal year from the General Fund of the Treas-*
23 *ury to the Department of Housing and Urban Development*
24 *by this or any other Act may be transferred (not later than*
25 *the end of the fifth fiscal year after the last fiscal year for*

1 *which such funds are available for the purposes for which*
2 *they were appropriated) into the Fund: Provided further,*
3 *That amounts deposited in the Fund shall be available until*
4 *expended, in addition to such other funds as may be avail-*
5 *able for such purposes, for capital needs of the Department,*
6 *including facilities infrastructure and information tech-*
7 *nology infrastructure, subject to approval by the Office of*
8 *Management and Budget: Provided further, That amounts*
9 *in the Fund may be obligated only after the House and*
10 *Senate Committees on Appropriations are notified at least*
11 *15 days in advance of the planned use of funds.*

12 *SEC. 241. Amounts made available for the Office of*
13 *Housing under the heading “Program Offices” in this and*
14 *prior Acts shall also be available, without additional com-*
15 *petition, for cooperative agreements with Participating Ad-*
16 *ministrative Entities that have been selected under section*
17 *513(b) of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Af-*
18 *fordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) (MAHRAA)*
19 *to provide direct support, including carrying out due dili-*
20 *gence and underwriting functions for owners and for tech-*
21 *nical assistance activities, on conditions established by the*
22 *Secretary for small properties and owners converting assist-*
23 *ance under the First Component or the Second Component*
24 *under the heading “Rental Assistance Demonstration” in*
25 *the Department of Housing and Urban Development Ap-*

1 *propriations Act, 2012 (title II of division C of Public Law*
2 *112–55).*

3 *SEC. 242. Of the amounts made available for the Office*
4 *of Policy Development and Research under the heading*
5 *“Program Offices”, up to \$3,500,000, to remain available*
6 *until September 30, 2026, may be transferred to the heading*
7 *“Information Technology Fund” to be available for the*
8 *needs of the Chief Data Officer, in addition to amounts oth-*
9 *erwise available, including for additional development,*
10 *modernization, and enhancement: Provided, That the Sec-*
11 *retary shall notify the House and Senate Committees on*
12 *Appropriations no fewer than three business days in ad-*
13 *vance of any such transfer.*

14 *SEC. 243. For fiscal year 2024, the costs of any rent*
15 *incentives as authorized pursuant to waivers or alternative*
16 *requirements of the Jobs-Plus initiative as described under*
17 *the heading “Self-Sufficiency Programs” shall not be*
18 *charged against the competitive grant amounts made avail-*
19 *able under such heading: Provided, That the amount of any*
20 *forgone increases in tenant rent payments due to the imple-*
21 *mentation of such rent incentives shall be factored into the*
22 *public housing agency’s general operating fund eligibility*
23 *pursuant to the formula under the heading “Public Hous-*
24 *ing Fund”: Provided further, That the amount of any fore-*
25 *gone increases in tenant rent payments due to the imple-*

1 *mentation of such rent incentives implemented on behalf of*
2 *residents of a project with assistance converted from public*
3 *housing to project-based rental assistance under section 8*
4 *of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f)*
5 *or assistance under section 8(o)(13) of such Act under the*
6 *heading “Rental Assistance Demonstration” in the Depart-*
7 *ment of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations*
8 *Act, 2012 (title II of division C of Public Law 112–55),*
9 *as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) shall be factored into*
10 *(A) housing assistance payments made pursuant to project-*
11 *based subsidy contracts provided under the heading*
12 *“Project-Based Rental Assistance”; and (B) housing assist-*
13 *ance payments made by public housing agencies pursuant*
14 *to project-based assistance contracts under section 8(o)(13)*
15 *of such Act, with these costs being renewed under the head-*
16 *ing “Tenant-Based Rental Assistance”.*

17 *SEC. 244. (a) With respect to the funds made available*
18 *for the Continuum of Care program authorized under sub-*
19 *title C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-*
20 *ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under the heading*
21 *“Homeless Assistance Grants” in this and prior Acts and*
22 *under section 231 of the Department of Housing and Urban*
23 *Development Appropriations Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C.*
24 *11364a)—*

1 (1) *title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42*
2 *U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and title VIII of the Civil*
3 *Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall not*
4 *apply to applications by or awards for projects to be*
5 *carried out—*

6 (A) *on or off reservation or trust lands for*
7 *awards made to Indian tribes or tribally des-*
8 *ignated housing entities; or*

9 (B) *on reservation or trust lands for awards*
10 *made to eligible entities as defined in section 401*
11 *of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*
12 *(42 U.S.C. 11360);*

13 (2) *Indian tribes and tribally designated housing*
14 *entities shall also be eligible to administer permanent*
15 *housing rental assistance under section 423(g) of the*
16 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.*
17 *11383(g)).*

18 (b) *With respect to funds made available for the Con-*
19 *tinuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of title*
20 *IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42*
21 *U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) under the heading “Homeless Assist-*
22 *ance Grants” in this title or under section 231 of the De-*
23 *partment of Housing and Urban Development Appropria-*
24 *tions Act, 2020 (42 U.S.C. 11364a)—*

1 (1) *applications for projects to be carried out on*
2 *reservations or trust land shall contain a certification*
3 *of consistency with an approved Indian housing plan*
4 *developed under section 102 of the Native American*
5 *Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act*
6 *(NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4112), notwithstanding sec-*
7 *tion 106 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable*
8 *Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12706) and section 403 of the*
9 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.*
10 *11361);*

11 (2) *Indian tribes and tribally designated housing*
12 *entities that are recipients of awards for projects on*
13 *reservations or trust land shall certify that they are*
14 *following an approved housing plan developed under*
15 *section 102 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4112); and*

16 (3) *a collaborative applicant for a Continuum of*
17 *Care whose geographic area includes only reservation*
18 *and trust land is not required to meet the require-*
19 *ment in section 402(f)(2) of the McKinney-Vento*
20 *Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360a(f)(2)).*

21 SEC. 245. (a) *Section 184(a) of the Housing and Com-*
22 *munity Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(a))*
23 *is amended to read as follows:*

24 “(a) *AUTHORITY.—To provide access to sources of pri-*
25 *vate financing to Indian families, Indian housing authori-*

1 *ties, and Indian tribes, who otherwise could not acquire*
2 *housing financing because of the unique legal status of In-*
3 *dian lands and the unique nature of tribal economies; and*
4 *to expand homeownership opportunities to Indian families,*
5 *Indian housing authorities and Indian tribes on fee simple*
6 *lands, the Secretary may guarantee not to exceed 100 per-*
7 *cent of the unpaid principal and interest due on any loan*
8 *eligible under subsection (b) made to an Indian family, In-*
9 *dian housing authority, or Indian tribe on trust land and*
10 *fee simple land.”.*

11 *(b) Section 184(b)(2) of the Housing and Community*
12 *Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(b)(2)) is*
13 *amended to read as follows:*

14 *“(2) ELIGIBLE HOUSING.—The loan shall be*
15 *used to construct, acquire, refinance, or rehabilitate 1-*
16 *to 4-family dwellings that are standard housing.”.*

17 *(c) Section 184A of the Housing and Community De-*
18 *velopment Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b) is amended—*

19 *(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “, and to ex-*
20 *pend homeownership opportunities to Native Hawai-*
21 *ian families who are eligible to receive a homestead*
22 *under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920*
23 *(42 Stat. 108) on fee simple lands in the State of Ha-*
24 *waii” after “markets”; and*

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(2) *ELIGIBLE HOUSING.*—The loan shall be
4 used to construct, acquire, refinance, or rehabilitate 1-
5 to 4-family dwellings that are standard housing.”.

6 SEC. 246. (a) Section 184(b)(5)(A) of the Housing and
7 Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-
8 13a(b)(5)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(5) *TERMS.*—The loan shall—

10 “(A) be made for a term not exceeding 30
11 years, except as determined by the Secretary,
12 when there is a loan modification under sub-
13 section (h)(1)(B), the loan shall not exceed 40
14 years;”.

15 (b) Section 184A(c)(5)(A) of the Housing and Commu-
16 nity Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-
17 13b(c)(5)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

18 “(5) *TERMS.*—The loan shall—

19 “(A) be made for a term not exceeding 30
20 years; except, as determined by the Secretary,
21 when there is a loan modification under sub-
22 section (i)(1)(B) the term of the loan shall not
23 exceed 40 years;”.

1 *SEC. 247. Section 105 of the Housing and Community*
2 *Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305) is amended by*
3 *adding at the end the following new subsection:*

4 “(j) *SPECIAL ACTIVITIES BY INDIAN TRIBES.—Indian*
5 *tribes receiving grants under section 5306(a)(1) of this title*
6 *(section 106(a)(1) of this Act) shall be authorized to carry*
7 *out activities described in subsection (a)(15) directly.”.*

8 *SEC. 248. Section 184A(c) of the Housing and Com-*
9 *munity Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b(c))*
10 *is amended by adding at the end the following new para-*
11 *graph:*

12 “(6) *PROHIBITION ON PACE PRIMING.—Notwith-*
13 *standing any other provision of law, no property with*
14 *a loan guaranteed under this section shall be subject*
15 *to a new residential Property Assessed Clean Energy*
16 *(PACE or R-PACE) loan or equivalent financing*
17 *without the PACE loan or equivalent financing pro-*
18 *vider obtaining prior written consent from the Sec-*
19 *retary, subject to such terms and conditions as the*
20 *Secretary may prescribe. Any new residential PACE*
21 *or R-PACE loan or equivalent financing that is en-*
22 *tered into by a PACE Provider absent such consent*
23 *shall be deemed void ab initio and the PACE Pro-*
24 *vider shall bear all costs associated with the trans-*
25 *actions with no recourse against the borrower result-*

1 *ing from the PACE transaction, including all costs*
2 *incurred by any holder of a guaranteed loan or the*
3 *Secretary in obtaining good and marketable title.”.*

4 *SEC. 249. Section 184(b) of the Housing and Commu-*
5 *nity Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(b)) is*
6 *amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

7 *“(6) PROHIBITION ON PACE PRIMING.—Notwith-*
8 *standing any other provision of law, no property with*
9 *a loan guaranteed under this section, shall be subject*
10 *to a new residential Property Assessed Clean Energy*
11 *(PACE or R-PACE) loan or equivalent financing*
12 *without the PACE loan or equivalent financing pro-*
13 *vider obtaining prior written consent from the Sec-*
14 *retary, subject to such terms and conditions as the*
15 *Secretary may prescribe. Any new residential PACE*
16 *or R-PACE loan or equivalent financing that is en-*
17 *tered into by a PACE Provider absent such consent*
18 *shall be deemed void ab initio and the PACE Pro-*
19 *vider shall bear all costs associated with the trans-*
20 *actions with no recourse against the borrower result-*
21 *ing from the PACE transaction, including all costs*
22 *incurred by any holder of a guaranteed loan or the*
23 *Secretary in obtaining good and marketable title.”.*

1 *SEC. 250. Title V of the National Housing Act (12*
2 *U.S.C. 1731a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the*
3 *following new section:*

4 **“SEC. 543. PROHIBITION ON PACE PRIMING.**

5 *“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, includ-*
6 *ing section 208 of this Act, no 1 to 4 unit property with*
7 *a mortgage insured, guaranteed, made, or held by the Sec-*
8 *retary after the date of enactment of this section, shall be*
9 *subject to a new residential Property Assessed Clean Energy*
10 *(PACE or R-PACE) loan or equivalent financing without*
11 *the PACE loan or equivalent financing provider obtaining*
12 *prior written consent from the Secretary, subject to such*
13 *terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. Any*
14 *new PACE or R-PACE loan or equivalent financing that*
15 *is entered into by a PACE provider absent such consent*
16 *shall be deemed void ab initio and the PACE provider shall*
17 *bear all costs associated with the transactions with no re-*
18 *course against the homeowner resulting from the PACE*
19 *transaction, including all costs incurred by any holder of*
20 *an insured or guaranteed mortgage or the Secretary in ob-*
21 *taining good and marketable title.”.*

22 *SEC. 251. Notwithstanding section 3(b)(6) of the*
23 *United States Housing Act of 1937 (the Act) and chapter*
24 *63 of title 31, United States Code, amounts made available*
25 *to the Secretary in this or any prior Act under the headings*

1 *“Project-Based Rental Assistance” or “Housing Certificate*
2 *Fund” for performance-based contract administrators to*
3 *carry out section 8 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f), as imple-*
4 *mented by the Secretary in chapter VIII of title 24, Code*
5 *of Federal Regulations, may be awarded through a Notice*
6 *of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) not subject to procure-*
7 *ment laws or regulations: Provided, That such awards shall*
8 *be deemed for all purposes to be cooperative agreements:*
9 *Provided further, That for purposes of such NOFO, eligible*
10 *applicants are public housing agencies as defined by section*
11 *3(b)(6)(A) of the Act and nonprofits of such agencies when*
12 *operating outside of the State or territory in which such*
13 *agency is established, notwithstanding any provisions of*
14 *such section 8(b) to the contrary: Provided further, That*
15 *the Secretary shall award one cooperative agreement for*
16 *each State or territory, except that the Secretary may*
17 *award more than one agreement for a State or territory*
18 *if the population of such State or territory exceeds*
19 *35,000,000: Provided further, That any cooperative agree-*
20 *ments issued by the Secretary shall, at minimum, assign*
21 *the rights and responsibilities as provided in section 8 of*
22 *the Act: Provided further, That the Secretary shall assign*
23 *such rights and responsibilities to the furthest extent pos-*
24 *sible to ensure effective and efficient program oversight and*
25 *monitoring: Provided further, That when selecting a per-*

1 *formance-based contract administrator, the Secretary shall*
2 *provide a preference to applicants that have demonstrated*
3 *experience with properties receiving project-based assist-*
4 *ance, experience in multifamily housing preservation, ad-*
5 *dressing the concerns of low-income tenants, making assist-*
6 *ance payments to owners, and performing the other func-*
7 *tions assigned to a public housing agency under section 8(b)*
8 *of the Act: Provided further, That if no qualified applicant*
9 *applies under NOFO, the Secretary may utilize a procure-*
10 *ment contract subject to all procurement laws and regula-*
11 *tions to assist in carrying out section 8 of the Act: Provided*
12 *further, That the Secretary shall provide for incentive-based*
13 *fees as part of such awards.*

14 *SEC. 252. Section 239 of division L of the Consolidated*
15 *Appropriations Act, 2016 is amended by striking “2028”*
16 *and inserting “2043”.*

17 *SEC. 253. For fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the Sec-*
18 *retary may issue a 2-year notification of funding oppor-*
19 *tunity, including any alternative procedures or require-*
20 *ments as may be necessary to allocate future appropriations*
21 *in the second year, for the award of amounts made available*
22 *for the Continuum of Care program under subtitle C of title*
23 *IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42*
24 *U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), notwithstanding any conflict with the*
25 *requirements of the Continuum of Care program.*

1 *SEC. 254. The Secretary may, upon a finding that a*
2 *waiver or alternative requirement is necessary for the effec-*
3 *tive delivery and administration of funds made available*
4 *for new incremental voucher assistance or renewals for the*
5 *Mainstream program and the family unification program*
6 *(including the Foster Youth to Independence program) in*
7 *this and prior Acts, waive or specify alternative require-*
8 *ments, other than requirements related to tenant rights and*
9 *protections, rent setting, fair housing, nondiscrimination,*
10 *labor standards, and the environment, for—*

11 *(1) section 8(o)(6)(A) of the United States Hous-*
12 *ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(6)(A)) and regu-*
13 *latory provisions related to the administration of*
14 *waiting lists, local preferences, and the initial term*
15 *and extensions of tenant-based vouchers; and*

16 *(2) section 8(x)(2) of the United States Housing*
17 *Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(2)) regarding the*
18 *timing of referral of youth leaving foster care.*

19 *This title may be cited as the “Department of Housing*
20 *and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2024”.*

1 *TITLE III*
2 *RELATED AGENCIES*
3 *ACCESS BOARD*
4 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

5 *For expenses necessary for the Access Board, as author-*
6 *ized by section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29*
7 *U.S.C. 792), \$9,955,000: Provided, That, notwithstanding*
8 *any other provision of law, there may be credited to this*
9 *appropriation funds received for publications and training*
10 *expenses.*

11 *FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION*
12 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

13 *For necessary expenses of the Federal Maritime Com-*
14 *mission as authorized by section 201(d) of the Merchant*
15 *Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 46107), including*
16 *services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United*
17 *States Code; hire of passenger motor vehicles as authorized*
18 *by section 1343(b) of title 31, United States Code; and uni-*
19 *forms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sections*
20 *5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code, \$43,720,000,*
21 *of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available until September*
22 *30, 2025: Provided, That not to exceed \$3,500 shall be for*
23 *official reception and representation expenses.*

1 *NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION*

2 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

3 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

4 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
5 *eral for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to*
6 *carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of*
7 *1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 3), \$29,240,000: Provided, That the*
8 *Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in car-*
9 *rying out the duties specified in such Act, to investigate*
10 *allegations of fraud, including false statements to the Gov-*
11 *ernment under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code,*
12 *by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the*
13 *National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Provided fur-*
14 *ther, That the Inspector General may enter into contracts*
15 *and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and*
16 *other services with public agencies and with private per-*
17 *sons, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that*
18 *govern the obtaining of such services within the National*
19 *Railroad Passenger Corporation: Provided further, That the*
20 *Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such of-*
21 *icers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out*
22 *the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector*
23 *General, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that*
24 *govern such selections, appointments, and employment*
25 *within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Pro-*

1 *vided further, That concurrent with the President's budget*
2 *request for fiscal year 2025, the Inspector General shall sub-*
3 *mit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations*
4 *a budget request for fiscal year 2025 in similar format and*
5 *substance to budget requests submitted by executive agencies*
6 *of the Federal Government.*

7 *NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD*

8 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

9 *For necessary expenses of the National Transportation*
10 *Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor vehicles*
11 *and aircraft; services as authorized by section 3109 of title*
12 *5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to*
13 *exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS-*
14 *15; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by sec-*
15 *tions 5901 and 5902 of title 5, United States Code,*
16 *\$134,300,000, of which not to exceed \$2,000 may be used*
17 *for official reception and representation expenses: Provided,*
18 *That the amounts made available to the National Transpor-*
19 *tation Safety Board in this Act include amounts necessary*
20 *to make lease payments on an obligation incurred in fiscal*
21 *year 2001 for a capital lease.*

1 *UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON*
2 *HOMELESSNESS*
3 *OPERATING EXPENSES*

4 *For necessary expenses, including payment of salaries,*
5 *authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rent-*
6 *al of conference rooms, and the employment of experts and*
7 *consultants under section 3109 of title 5, United States*
8 *Code, of the United States Interagency Council on Home-*
9 *lessness in carrying out the functions pursuant to title II*
10 *of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amend-*
11 *ed, \$4,300,000.*

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

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3 *SEC. 401. None of the funds in this Act shall be used*
4 *for the planning or execution of any program to pay the*
5 *expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties*
6 *intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings fund-*
7 *ed in this Act.*

8 *SEC. 402. None of the funds appropriated in this Act*
9 *shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fis-*
10 *cal year, nor may any be transferred to other appropria-*
11 *tions, unless expressly so provided herein.*

12 *SEC. 403. The expenditure of any appropriation under*
13 *this Act for any consulting service through a procurement*
14 *contract pursuant to section 3109 of title 5, United States*
15 *Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expendi-*
16 *tures are a matter of public record and available for public*
17 *inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing*
18 *law, or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to*
19 *existing law.*

20 *SEC. 404. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
21 *Act may be obligated or expended for any employee training*
22 *that—*

23 *(1) does not meet identified needs for knowledge,*
24 *skills, and abilities bearing directly upon the perform-*
25 *ance of official duties;*

1 (2) contains elements likely to induce high levels
2 of emotional response or psychological stress in some
3 participants;

4 (3) does not require prior employee notification
5 of the content and methods to be used in the training
6 and written end of course evaluation;

7 (4) contains any methods or content associated
8 with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or
9 “new age” belief systems as defined in Equal Employ-
10 ment Opportunity Commission Notice N-915.022,
11 dated September 2, 1988; or

12 (5) is offensive to, or designed to change, partici-
13 pants’ personal values or lifestyle outside the work-
14 place.

15 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict, or
16 otherwise preclude an agency from conducting training
17 bearing directly upon the performance of official duties.

18 SEC. 405. Except as otherwise provided in this Act,
19 none of the funds provided in this Act, provided by previous
20 appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in
21 this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure
22 in fiscal year 2024, or provided from any accounts in the
23 Treasury derived by the collection of fees and available to
24 the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for obliga-

1 *tion or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds*
2 *that—*

3 *(1) creates a new program;*

4 *(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;*

5 *(3) increases funds or personnel for any pro-*
6 *gram, project, or activity for which funds have been*
7 *denied or restricted by the Congress;*

8 *(4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific*
9 *activity by either the House or Senate Committees on*
10 *Appropriations for a different purpose;*

11 *(5) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-*
12 *tivities in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, which-*
13 *ever is less;*

14 *(6) reduces existing programs, projects, or activi-*
15 *ties by \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less; or*

16 *(7) creates, reorganizes, or restructures a branch,*
17 *division, office, bureau, board, commission, agency,*
18 *administration, or department different from the*
19 *budget justifications submitted to the Committees on*
20 *Appropriations or the report accompanying this Act,*
21 *whichever is more detailed, unless prior approval is*
22 *received from the House and Senate Committees on*
23 *Appropriations:*

24 *Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of en-*
25 *actment of this Act, each agency funded by this Act shall*

1 *submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the*
2 *Senate and of the House of Representatives to establish the*
3 *baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer au-*
4 *thorities for the current fiscal year: Provided further, That*
5 *the report shall include—*

6 (A) *a table for each appropriation with a*
7 *separate column to display the prior year en-*
8 *acted level, the President’s budget request, adjust-*
9 *ments made by Congress, adjustments due to en-*
10 *acted rescissions, if appropriate, and the fiscal*
11 *year enacted level;*

12 (B) *a delineation in the table for each ap-*
13 *propriation and its respective prior year enacted*
14 *level by object class and program, project, and*
15 *activity as detailed in this Act, the table in the*
16 *report accompanying this Act, accompanying re-*
17 *ports of the House and Senate Committee on Ap-*
18 *propriations, or in the budget appendix for the*
19 *respective appropriations, whichever is more de-*
20 *tailed, and shall apply to all items for which a*
21 *dollar amount is specified and to all programs*
22 *for which new budget (obligational) authority is*
23 *provided, as well as to discretionary grants and*
24 *discretionary grant allocations; and*

1 (C) an identification of items of special con-
2 gressional interest.

3 SEC. 406. Except as otherwise specifically provided by
4 law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances re-
5 maining available at the end of fiscal year 2024 from ap-
6 propriations made available for salaries and expenses for
7 fiscal year 2024 in this Act, shall remain available through
8 September 30, 2025 for each such account for the purposes
9 authorized: Provided, That a request shall be submitted to
10 the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for
11 approval prior to the expenditure of such funds: Provided
12 further, That these requests shall be made in compliance
13 with reprogramming guidelines under section 405 of this
14 Act.

15 SEC. 407. No funds in this Act may be used to support
16 any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the
17 power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is em-
18 ployed only for a public use: Provided, That for purposes
19 of this section, public use shall not be construed to include
20 economic development that primarily benefits private enti-
21 ties: Provided further, That any use of funds for mass tran-
22 sit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects, as well
23 as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public
24 (including energy-related, communication-related, water-re-
25 lated and wastewater-related infrastructure), other struc-

1 *tures designated for use by the general public or which have*
2 *other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve*
3 *the general public and are subject to regulation and over-*
4 *sight by the government, and projects for the removal of an*
5 *immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfields*
6 *as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and*
7 *Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107–118) shall*
8 *be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.*

9 *SEC. 408. None of the funds made available in this*
10 *Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-*
11 *strumentality of the United States Government, except pur-*
12 *suant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided*
13 *in, this Act or any other appropriations Act.*

14 *SEC. 409. No funds appropriated pursuant to this Act*
15 *may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees that*
16 *in expending the assistance the entity will comply with sec-*
17 *tions 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C.*
18 *8301–8305, popularly known as the “Buy American Act”).*

19 *SEC. 410. No funds appropriated or otherwise made*
20 *available under this Act shall be made available to any per-*
21 *son or entity that has been convicted of violating the Buy*
22 *American Act (41 U.S.C. 8301–8305).*

23 *SEC. 411. None of the funds made available in this*
24 *Act may be used for first-class airline accommodations in*

1 *contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of*
2 *title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.*

3 *SEC. 412. None of the funds made available in this*
4 *Act may be used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance*
5 *of more than 50 employees of a single agency or department*
6 *of the United States Government, who are stationed in the*
7 *United States, at any single international conference unless*
8 *the relevant Secretary reports to the House and Senate*
9 *Committees on Appropriations at least 5 days in advance*
10 *that such attendance is important to the national interest:*
11 *Provided, That for purposes of this section the term “inter-*
12 *national conference” shall mean a conference occurring out-*
13 *side of the United States attended by representatives of the*
14 *United States Government and of foreign governments,*
15 *international organizations, or nongovernmental organiza-*
16 *tions.*

17 *SEC. 413. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
18 *made available under this Act may be used by the Surface*
19 *Transportation Board to charge or collect any filing fee for*
20 *rate or practice complaints filed with the Board in an*
21 *amount in excess of the amount authorized for district court*
22 *civil suit filing fees under section 1914 of title 28, United*
23 *States Code.*

24 *SEC. 414. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
25 *Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer net-*

1 *work unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading,*
2 *and exchanging of pornography.*

3 *(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of*
4 *funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law*
5 *enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-*
6 *nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.*

7 *SEC. 415. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
8 *Act may be used to deny an Inspector General funded under*
9 *this Act timely access to any records, documents, or other*
10 *materials available to the department or agency over which*
11 *that Inspector General has responsibilities under the In-*
12 *spector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), or to prevent*
13 *or impede that Inspector General's access to such records,*
14 *documents, or other materials, under any provision of law,*
15 *except a provision of law that expressly refers to the Inspec-*
16 *tor General and expressly limits the Inspector General's*
17 *right of access.*

18 *(b) A department or agency covered by this section*
19 *shall provide its Inspector General with access to all such*
20 *records, documents, and other materials in a timely man-*
21 *ner.*

22 *(c) Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance*
23 *with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-*
24 *formation provided by the establishment over which that In-*

1 *spector General has responsibilities under the Inspector*
2 *General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).*

3 *(d) Each Inspector General covered by this section*
4 *shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the*
5 *House of Representatives and the Senate within 5 calendar*
6 *days any failures to comply with this requirement.*

7 *SEC. 416. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
8 *made available by this Act may be used to pay award or*
9 *incentive fees for contractors whose performance has been*
10 *judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over budget,*
11 *or has failed to meet the basic requirements of a contract,*
12 *unless the Agency determines that any such deviations are*
13 *due to unforeseeable events, government-driven scope*
14 *changes, or are not significant within the overall scope of*
15 *the project and/or program unless such awards or incentive*
16 *fees are consistent with 16.401(e)(2) of the Federal Acquisi-*
17 *tion Regulations.*

18 *SEC. 417. No part of any appropriation contained in*
19 *this Act shall be available to pay the salary for any person*
20 *filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly*
21 *held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed Forces*
22 *of the United States and has satisfactorily completed his*
23 *or her period of active military or naval service, and has*
24 *within 90 days after his or her release from such service*
25 *or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a pe-*

1 *riod of not more than 1 year, made application for restora-*
2 *tion to his or her former position and has been certified*
3 *by the Office of Personnel Management as still qualified to*
4 *perform the duties of his or her former position and has*
5 *not been restored thereto.*

6 *SEC. 418. (a) None of the funds made available by this*
7 *Act may be used to approve a new foreign air carrier per-*
8 *mit under sections 41301 through 41305 of title 49, United*
9 *States Code, or exemption application under section 40109*
10 *of that title of an air carrier already holding an air opera-*
11 *tors certificate issued by a country that is party to the U.S.-*
12 *E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement where such*
13 *approval would contravene United States law or Article 17*
14 *bis of the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agree-*
15 *ment.*

16 *(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict or*
17 *otherwise preclude the Secretary of Transportation from*
18 *granting a foreign air carrier permit or an exemption to*
19 *such an air carrier where such authorization is consistent*
20 *with the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agree-*
21 *ment and United States law.*

22 *SEC. 419. None of the funds made available by this*
23 *Act to the Department of Transportation may be used in*
24 *contravention of section 306108 of title 54, United States*
25 *Code.*

1 *SEC. 420. In the table of projects entitled “Community*
2 *Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” in-*
3 *cluded in the explanatory statement that accompanied the*
4 *Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Re-*
5 *lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division L of*
6 *Public Law 117–328) the item relating to “B–360 Edu-*
7 *cational Campus” is deemed to be amended by striking “I*
8 *Am Mentality, Inc.” and inserting “B–360 Baltimore,*
9 *Inc.”.*

10 *SEC. 421. Each amount designated in this Act by the*
11 *Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section*
12 *251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency*
13 *Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded,*
14 *if applicable) only if the President subsequently so des-*
15 *ignates all such amounts and transmits such designations*
16 *to the Congress.*

17 *This division may be cited as the “Transportation,*
18 *Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies*
19 *Appropriations Act, 2024”.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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