

Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate the Hope VI Program

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Program or Item Targeted: The Hope VI Program

One-Year Cost of Program or Item: \$250 million in FY 2010 (a 108% increase over its FY 2009 \$120 appropriation)

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards demolition and revitalization grants to public housing agencies (PHAs) through the Hope VI program. According to the OMB, the objective of the Hope VI demolition grants is to facilitate PHAs to fund the demolition of severely distressed public housing units, and relocation of affected residents, and to provide supportive services to relocated residents. The Obama Administration FY 2010 budget document states that over the past 15 years, Hope VI has spent \$6.1 billion on 235 projects, to demolish 96,200 public housing units and produce 107,800 new or renovated housing units.

Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful: According to OMB, Hope VI “has completed its goal of contributing to the demolition of 100,000 severely distressed public housing units.” OMB has also stated that “The program is more costly than other programs that serve the same population.” Hope VI also has more than 5 years worth of accumulated appropriations in its account which it has not been able to spend down due to a planning and redevelopment process that OMB labeled “inherently long” and “drawn-out.” Hope VI have been found to be “ineffective” by the OMB. The OMB’s results can be found [here](#).

Legislative Steps Taken So Far: Representative Jeb Hensarling introduced H.Amdt. 364 to H.R. 3288 and it failed by a recorded vote of [152-276](#) on July 23, 2009.

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