



THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR FEDERAL POLICY RESEARCH
419 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003 202-546-3700
Fax: 202-546-2390 E-mail:randsell@calinst.org Web:<http://www.calinst.org>

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS/HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES (VA/HUD)
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2000**

SUMMARY

Overall, the VA/HUD appropriations conference report provides \$44.3 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and \$26 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Resources and Services

Health education and training centers

The Committee provides \$3,889,000 for health education and training centers, which is \$125,000 above the fiscal year 1999 comparable level and \$124,000 above the Administration request. The program funds schools of medicine and osteopathy to conduct training and education programs for health professions students to improve the access, diversity, and quality of health personnel along the border between the United States and Mexico, in the State of Florida, and in other urban and rural areas with populations with serious unmet health care needs. The program also provides educational support to health professionals, including nursing, practicing in the area.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Departmental Administration

Construction, Major Projects

the local community;

-\$250,000 to the County of San Bernardino for a River Walk Nature and Bike trail on the Mojave River Between Mojave Narrows and Old Town Victorville;

-\$425,000 to the County of San Bernardino for the Yucaipa Valley Regional Soccer Complex;

-\$500,000 to the San Bernardino National Forest for Phase II construction of the Big Bear Discovery Center;

-\$50,000 to the City of Twentynine Palms, California for the completion of the mural project;

-\$100,000 to the City of Loma Linda for road infrastructure improvements;

-\$1,000,000 to the City of San Juan Capistrano for the rehabilitation and historic preservation of the Mission San Juan Capistrano;

-\$500,000 to the City of Citrus Heights for the revitalization of the Sunrise Mall;

-\$750,000 to the City of Escondido for the development and infrastructure improvements associated with Quail Hills Industrial Park;

-\$600,000 to the City of Tracy for the repair/construction of the Tracy Fire Station Number 1;

-\$350,000 to the City of Riverside for the expansion of the Goeske Senior and Disabled Citizens Center;

-\$350,000 to the City of Fountain Valley for the expansion of the Mile Square Regional Park recreation facility;

-\$350,000 to the City of Huntington Beach for soil remediation and cleanup activities in Huntington Central Park;

-\$1,000,000 to the City of San Diego for the San Diego Children's Convalescent Hospital;

-\$100,000 to the City of Arcadia for the Arcadia Historical Museum;

-\$400,000 to the City of Claremont for construction of a community center;

-\$1,000,000 to the City of Pasadena for renovation and rehabilitation of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium;

-\$20,000 to the City of Glendale for city infrastructure improvements;

-\$250,000 to Shelter From the Storm, Inc., a battered women's and children's center in Palm Desert;

-\$250,000 to the City of El Segundo for the design and development of the Douglas Street Gap Closure project;

-\$200,000 to the County of Tulare for road infrastructure improvements;

-\$400,000 to the City of Bakersfield to redevelop downtown Bakersfield through the Mobility Opportunities via Education initiative;

Chinatown Gateway Project to build an archway in Chinatown;
-\$80,000 to the City of Los Angeles for the redevelopment of the Sears and Prison Industrial sites in the downtown area;
-\$300,000 to the City of San Leandro for the Gateway to the East Bay Initiative;
-\$100,000 to the Pacific Union College in Angwin for the Napa Valley Resource Center job training program;
-\$400,000 to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency in Sacramento for the rehabilitation of the Franklin Villa housing development;

Independent Agencies

Environmental Protection Agency

Science and Technology

-\$1,250,000 for continuation of the California Regional PM 10 and 2.5 air quality study;
-\$750,000 for research of advanced vehicle design, advanced transportation systems, vehicle emissions, and atmospheric pollution at the University of Riverside CE-CERT facility;
-\$750,000 for continued research of the Salton Sea at the University of Redlands;
-\$550,000 to develop and maintain an information repository of water related materials for research and conflict resolution at the Water Resources Institute at California State University, San Bernardino;

Environmental Programs and Management

-\$2,500,000 for the Southwest Center for Environmental Research and Policy (SCERP);
-\$175,000 for use in planning to enhance environmental stewardship in the design, construction, and operation of the University of California, Merced;

State and Tribal Assistance Grants

-\$3,000,000 for the Coastal Low Flow Storm Drain Diversion project in San Diego;
-\$1,500,000 for the removal of Arundo Donax on the lower Santa Ana River (\$1,000,000); and for restoration of Lake Elsinore (\$500,000);
-\$3,000,000 for continued construction of the Olivenhain Water District water treatment project;
-\$2,000,000 for continued work on the Lake Tahoe water export replacement project (\$1,000,000) and for wastewater infrastructure improvements at the Placer County Subregional

environmental transportation acceptability process in Riverside County (\$1,000,000);
-\$950,000 for wastewater infrastructure improvements in the Russian River Sanitation District (\$475,000) and for continued development of the Geysers Recharge project (\$475,000);
-\$1,600,000 for continuation of a water reuse demonstration project in Yucca Valley (\$1,000,000) and a water storage distribution project in Twenty Nine Palms (\$600,000);
-\$950,000 for wastewater infrastructure needs on Mare Island, Vallejo;
-\$1,500,000 for sewer infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of the Santa Clara River in Los Angeles County;

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

-\$1,000,000 for the Chabot Observatory, Oakland;
-\$400,000 for the Space Radiation program at Loma Linda University Hospital;
-\$4,000,000 for the Downey Space Science Museum;
-\$2,000,000 for University of Redlands infrastructure;
-\$500,000 for the University of San Diego Science and Education Center;
-\$500,000 for the Ontario Science and Education Center;

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Language in the VA-HUD Appropriations conference report requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency to delay finalizing a rule on its public assistance insurance proposal until the General Accounting Office has studied the issue. This past summer, FEMA announced plans to publish a rule requiring all publicly-owned buildings to carry insurance against natural disasters. See, [*Bulletin, Vol. 6, No. 19\(6/10/99\)*](#). Californians, led by the state's congressional delegation, the Governor, and a coalition of public entities, joined together to insure that FEMA consider the financial impact of its proposal, and draft a reasonable and feasible rule.

The VA-HUD language recognizes the "significant financial implications for states, municipalities, and private non-profit hospitals and universities," and requires GAO to report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the fiscal impact within 120 days of enactment. Importantly, the report instructs FEMA not to finalize a rule until the report is done and it "fully consider[s] the GAO findings."

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and National Science Foundation (NSF)

The final package restored a proposed \$1 billion cut in NASA, ultimately funding the