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> To transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty by reforming the public housing demolition and disposition rules to require one-for-one replacement and tenant protections, and to provide public housing agencies with additional resources and flexibility to preserve public housing units, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California (for herself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. HECK, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

- To transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty by reforming the public housing demolition and disposition rules to require one-for-one replacement and tenant protections, and to provide public housing agencies with additional resources and flexibility to preserve public housing units, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "Public Housing Tenant Protection and Reinvestment Act
- 4 of 2017".
- 5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for

6 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents. Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.

TITLE I—PUBLIC HOUSING ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT AND TENANT PROTECTION

- Sec. 101. Short title.
- Sec. 102. Demolition and disposition of public housing.
- Sec. 103. Authority to convert public housing to vouchers.
- Sec. 104. Required conversion of distressed public housing to tenant-based assistance.
- Sec. 105. Limitation of public housing dwelling units.
- Sec. 106. Regulations.

TITLE II—PUBLIC HOUSING PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION

- Sec. 201. Short title.
- Sec. 202. Authorizations of appropriations for Capital and Operating Funds.
- Sec. 203. Leveraging of other assistance.
- Sec. 204. Capital Fund flexibility.

TITLE III—CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Grant authority.
- Sec. 303. Eligible entities.
- Sec. 304. Eligible neighborhoods.
- Sec. 305. Authorized activities.
- Sec. 306. Submission and selection of transformation plans.
- Sec. 307. Right of residents to return; relocation.
- Sec. 308. One-for-one replacement of public and assisted housing dwelling units.
- Sec. 309. Other program requirements.
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- Sec. 311. Phase-specific underwriting.
- Sec. 312. Administration by other entities.
- Sec. 313. Withdrawal of funding.
- Sec. 314. Annual report; public availability of grant information.
- Sec. 315. Definitions.
- Sec. 316. Funding.
- Sec. 317. Regulations.

TITLE IV—PILOT PROGRAM TO TRAIN PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE HOME-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

Sec. 401. Short title.

Sec. 402. Pilot grant program to train public housing residents to provide covered home-based health services.

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

3 (1) public housing is a critical public asset that
4 has served an important role on the continuum of
5 affordable housing since the 1930s, and is integral
6 to our Nation's social safety net, providing housing
7 for 1.2 million families;

8 (2) the public housing program serves a popu-9 lation of "hard-to-house" people who face challenges 10 that often make it impossible for them to obtain 11 adequate and affordable housing in the private mar-12 ket;

(3) public housing has been plagued by chronic
underfunding, resulting in a backlog of capital needs
of over \$26 billion, a large amount of severely distressed public housing concentrated in neighborhoods of extreme poverty, and resident families facing deteriorating living conditions;

(4) as a result of this disinvestment, the program has lost thousands of units due to demolition
and disposition as well as due to previous revitalization programs' failure to require one-for-one replace-

ment, and many more units are at risk of being lost;
 and

3 (5) a holistic approach is now needed to fully 4 support the revitalization of public housing, includ-5 ing efforts to stop the loss of public housing units 6 through full-funding, one-for-one replacement of 7 units and robust tenant protections during the revi-8 talization process, and the creation of the financial 9 tools necessary to transform neighborhoods of ex-10 treme poverty into communities that will improve 11 the quality of life of current and future residents.

12 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty by revitalizing severely distressed public housing
while improving access to economic opportunities
and investing and leveraging investments in supportive services, education programs, public assets,
public transportation, and improved access to jobs;

19 (2) to require the one-for-one replacement of
20 public and assisted housing dwelling units that are
21 demolished or disposed of;

(3) to provide for increased tenant protectionsthrough the revitalization process;

24 (4) to ensure that current residents benefit25 from transformation by preserving affordable hous-

1	ing in the neighborhood and, to the maximum extent
2	possible, providing residents the choice to stay in
3	their communities or move to affordable housing in
4	another neighborhood of opportunity;
5	(5) to protect public housing as a critical public
6	asset;
7	(6) to restore robust funding for the public
8	housing program; and
9	(7) to support public housing residents through
10	job training to provide for increased earnings and
11	positive life outcomes.
12	TITLE I—PUBLIC HOUSING ONE-
13	FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT AND
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 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 	 TENANT PROTECTION SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE. This title may be cited as the "Public Housing One- for-One Replacement and Tenant Protection Act of 2017". SEC. 102. DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC HOUS- ING. (a) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 18.—Section 18 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)

1	(2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so re-
2	designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) the
3	following new subsection:
4	"(a) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding any other
5	provision of law, this section shall apply to—
6	((1) demolition, disposition, or demolition or
7	disposition or both pursuant to conversion under
8	section 22 or 33 of any public housing unit; and
9	"(2) the taking of public housing units, directly
10	or indirectly, through the use of eminent domain.";
11	(3) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated by
12	paragraph (1) of this subsection)—
13	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph
14	(1)—
15	(i) by striking "subsection (b)" and
16	inserting "subsection (c)"; and
17	(ii) by striking "if the public housing
18	agency certifies" and inserting "only if the
19	Secretary determines that";
20	(B) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by striking
21	"low-income housing" and inserting "housing
22	for low-income, very-low income, and extremely
23	low-income families consistent with the needs
24	identified pursuant to section $5A(d)(1)$ in the
25	public housing agency plan for the agency and

1	with targeting requirements under section 16(a)
2	for public housing'';
3	(C) by striking paragraph (4);
4	(D) in paragraph (5)(B)(ii), by striking
5	"and" at the end;
6	(E) in paragraph (6), by striking "sub-
7	section (c)" and inserting "subsection (d)";
8	(F) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and
9	(6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and
10	(G) by inserting after paragraph (5) (as so
11	redesignated) the following new paragraph:
12	"(6) that the public housing agency has ob-
13	tained from each resident information pursuant to
14	subsection $(f)(3)(B)$ and has established a replace-
15	ment housing preference for each such resident.";
16	(4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated by
17	paragraph (1) of this subsection)—
18	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
19	by striking "subsection (a)" and inserting "sub-
20	section (b)";
21	(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "or" at
22	the end;
23	(C) in paragraph $(2)(C)$, by striking the
24	period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
25	and

(D) by adding at the end the following new
 paragraphs:

3 "(3) the application does not provide for the ac-4 tive involvement and participation of, and consulta-5 tion with, residents, resident advisory boards, and 6 resident councils of the public housing development 7 that is subject to the application during the planning 8 and implementation of the plan for demolition, relo-9 cation, and replacement of the units;

10 "(4) the proposed relocation, demolition, dis-11 position, demolition or disposition or both pursuant 12 to conversion under section 22 or 33, or the provi-13 sion of replacement housing will not be carried out 14 in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing, 15 as described in section 808(e) of the Civil Rights Act 16 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)), or that the measures 17 proposed by the public housing agency to mitigate 18 potential adverse impacts of the proposed relocation, 19 demolition, disposition, demolition or disposition or 20 both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or 33, 21 or the provision of replacement housing on persons 22 protected by section 804 of the Civil Rights Act of 23 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3604), are clearly insufficient or 24 inappropriate; or

1	((5) the proposed plan for relocation, demoli-
2	tion, disposition, demolition or disposition or both
3	subsequent to conversion pursuant to section 22 or
4	33, or the provision of replacement housing does
5	not—
6	"(A) comply with the requirements of sub-
7	section (e) of this section;
8	"(B) include such certifications as the Sec-
9	retary shall require of compliance with the re-
10	quirements of subsection $(f)(3)$; or
11	"(C) include a relocation plan that meets
12	the requirements of subsection (h)(2).";
13	(5) by striking subsection (e) (as so redesig-
14	nated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) and in-
15	serting the following new subsection:
16	"(e) Replacement Units.—
17	"(1) Requirement to replace or maintain
18	EACH UNIT.—
19	"(A) Replacement.—Except for demoli-
20	tion pursuant to subsection (g) or as provided
21	in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each public
22	housing dwelling unit that undergoes demoli-
23	tion, disposition, or demolition or disposition or
24	both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or
25	33, or that is the subject of a taking, directly

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1 or indirectly, through the use of eminent do-2 main, after the date of the enactment of the 3 Public Housing Tenant Protection and Rein-4 vestment Act of 2017, shall be replaced with a newly constructed, rehabilitated, acquired, or 5 6 converted rental unit that complies with all of 7 the requirements of this subsection. 8 "(B) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO RE-9 PLACEMENT UNITS.—Such replacement or converted units shall be subject to the same requirements regarding eligibility for occupancy (including income eligibility), tenant contribu-

10 11 12 13 tion toward rent (including tenant authority to 14 select rental payment determination method), 15 eviction protections and procedures, and afford-16 ability restrictions that are applicable to public 17 housing dwelling units. Such requirements shall 18 not terminate unless units are replaced with a 19 comparable number of units that are subject to 20 the same requirements.

21 "(C) TENANT PROTECTION VOUCHERS TO
22 REPLACE DEMOLISHED, DISPOSED OF, OR CON23 VERTED UNITS ON ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.—Sub24 ject only to the availability of amounts provided
25 in appropriation Acts, the Secretary shall pro-

1 vide replacement vouchers for rental assistance 2 under section 8 for all dwelling units in projects 3 that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to 4 this section or converted pursuant to section 22 or 33. 5 "(D) 6 INAPPLICABILITY CERTAIN OF 7 PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER REQUIREMENTS.-8 Subparagraphs (B) and (D) of section 8(0)(13)9 of the United States Housing Act of 1936 (re-10 lating to percentage limitation and income mix-11 ing requirement of project-based assistance) 12 shall not apply with respect to vouchers used to 13 comply with the requirements of this para-14 graph. 15 "(2) WAIVER.—The requirement under para-16 graph (1) may be waived by the Secretary with re-17 spect to up to 10 percent of the total number of 18 public housing units owned by a public housing 19 agency in any 10-year period, if— "(A) a judgment, consent decree, or other 20 21 order of a court limits the ability of the appli-22 cant to comply with such requirements; or 23 "(B) the public housing agency dem-24 onstrates that there is an excess supply of af-

25 fordable rental housing in areas of low poverty

1	and provides data showing that, in the area
2	surrounding the project or projects in which
3	such units are located—
4	"(i) at least 90 percent of vouchers
5	issued under section 8(o) of the United
6	States Housing Act of 1937 over the last
7	24 months to comparable families were
8	successfully used to lease a dwelling unit
9	within 120 days of issuance or, if a suffi-
10	cient number of comparable families have
11	not received vouchers, an alternative meas-
12	ure, as the Secretary shall design, is met;
13	"(ii) existing voucher holders are
14	widely dispersed geographically in areas of
15	low poverty with access to public transpor-
16	tation, education, and other amenities, as
17	determined by the Secretary, among the
18	available private rental housing stock; and
19	"(iii) the applicant provides a market
20	analysis demonstrating that—
21	"(I) there is a relatively high va-
22	cancy rate among units that would
23	meet or exceed housing quality stand-
24	ards, as determined by the Secretary,

25 within the market area with rent and

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1	utility costs not exceeding the applica-
2	ble payment standard under section
3	8(0) of the United States Housing Act
4	of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)); and
5	"(II) such high vacancy rate
6	within the market area is expected to
7	continue for the next 5 years or
8	longer.
9	"(3) Continuation of use restrictions.—
10	In the event of a foreclosure or bankruptcy of an
11	owner of such a property, notwithstanding any other
12	provision of State or Federal law, such property
13	shall remain subject to the requirements of any
14	project-based rental assistance contract in existence
15	at the time of the foreclosure or bankruptcy, the
16	lease between the prior owner and tenants assisted
17	under such contract, and any use agreement in ef-
18	fect immediately before the foreclosure or bank-
19	ruptcy filing, and a successor in interest in such
20	property shall assume such contract, extensions,
21	leases, and use agreement obligations, provided that
22	the Secretary may modify this requirement if the
23	Secretary determines that the converted units are
24	not physically viable.

1	"(4) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Admission to,
2	administration of, and eviction from replacement
3	housing units that are not public housing dwelling
4	units shall be subject to the following provisions to
5	the same extent as public housing dwelling units:
6	"(A) Section 578 of the Quality Housing
7	and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (42
8	U.S.C. 13663; relating to ineligibility of dan-
9	gerous sex offenders).
10	"(B) Section 16(f) of the United States
11	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n(f); re-
12	lating to ineligibility of certain drug offenders).
13	"(C) Sections 20 and 21 of the United
14	States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437r,
15	1437s; relating to resident management).
16	"(D) Section 25 of the United States
17	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437w; relat-
18	ing to transfer of management at request of
19	residents).
20	"(E) Section $6(k)$ of the United States
21	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(k); re-
22	lating to administrative grievance procedure).
23	"(F) Section 6(f) of the United States
24	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(f); re-
25	lating to housing quality requirements).

1	"(G) Part 964 of title 24, Code of Federal
2	Regulations (relating to tenant participation
3	and opportunities).
4	"(5) RETENTION OF RIGHTS.—Tenants occu-
5	pying a replacement housing unit shall have all
6	rights provided to tenants of public housing under
7	this Act.
8	"(6) SIZE.—
9	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Replacement units
10	shall be of comparable size, unless a market
11	analysis shows a need for other sized units, in
12	which case such need shall be addressed.
13	"(B) BEDROOMS.—The number of bed-
14	rooms within each replacement unit shall be
15	sufficient to serve families displaced as a result
16	of the demolition or disposition.
17	"(7) Location on site and in neighbor-
18	HOOD.—
19	"(A) ON-SITE REQUIREMENT RELATING TO
20	DEMOLITION.—Subject to subparagraph (B), at
21	least one-third of all replacement units for pub-
22	lic housing units demolished shall be public
23	housing units constructed on the original public
24	housing location, unless the Secretary deter-
25	mines that—

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1	"(i) construction on such location
2	would result in the violation of a consent
3	decree; or
4	"(ii) the land on which the public
5	housing is located is environmentally un-
6	safe or geologically unstable.
7	"(B) TENANT CHOICE.—A public housing
8	agency shall ensure that, in providing replace-
9	ment units pursuant to paragraph (1) , suffi-
10	cient units are provided on the original location
11	of any public housing demolished or in the same
12	neighborhood of the public housing dwelling
13	units being replaced to accommodate all tenants
14	residing in the units demolished or disposed of
15	at the time of such demolition or disposition
16	who elect to remain in such location or neigh-
17	borhood.";
18	(6) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated by
19	paragraph (1) of this subsection)—
20	(A) by striking the subsection designation
21	and all that follow through "Nothing" and in-
22	serting the following:
23	"(f) TREATMENT OF OCCUPANCY.—
24	"(1) Consolidation of occupancy within
25	OR AMONG BUILDINGS.—Nothing'';

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", except that, a public housing agency submitting an application for demolition or disposition pursuant to this section may not consolidate any units during the period that begins upon submission of such application and ends upon approval of the application by the Secretary, except in cases of an imminent and substantial threat to health or safety"; and (C) by adding at the end the following new

10(C) by adding at the end the following r11paragraphs:

12 "(2) DETERMINATION OF OCCUPANCY.—For 13 purposes of this subsection, the number of public 14 housing residents residing in a development shall be 15 determined as of the date the initial public housing 16 agency plan or a proposed amendment thereto indi-17 cating an intent to apply for a demolition application 18 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section is or 19 should have been presented to the resident advisory 20 board for consideration, or in the case of a demoli-21 tion application due to a natural disaster, on the 22 date of the natural disaster.

23 "(3) RESIDENT PREFERENCES.—A public hous24 ing agency shall, not later than 90 days before sub25 mitting an application to the Secretary for demoli-

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1	tion, disposition, or demolition or disposition or both
2	pursuant to conversion under section 22 or 33—
3	"(A) meet with and inform in writing all
4	residents who occupied a public housing unit on
5	the date determined in accordance with para-
6	graph (2) of this subsection of—
7	"(i) the public housing agency's intent
8	to submit an application for demolition,
9	disposition, or both;
10	"(ii) their right to return and reloca-
11	tion housing options; and
12	"(iii) all planned replacement housing
13	units; and
14	"(B) solicit from each resident information
15	regarding the resident's desire to return to the
16	replacement housing units constructed upon the
17	original public housing location or in the same
18	neighborhood, interest in moving to other neigh-
19	borhoods or communities, or interest in retain-
20	ing a voucher for rental assistance.";
21	(7) by striking subsection (h) (as so redesig-
22	nated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) and in-
23	serting the following new subsection:
24	"(h) Relocation, Notice, Application for
25	VOUCHERS, AND DATA.—In the case of all relocation ac-

tivities resulting from, or that will result from, demolition,
 disposition, or demolition or disposition or both pursuant
 to conversion under section 22 or 33 of this Act, of public
 housing dwelling units:

5 "(1) UNIFORM RELOCATION AND REAL PROP-6 ERTY ACQUISITION ACT.—The Uniform Relocation 7 and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 8 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) shall apply. To the extent 9 the provisions of this subsection and such Act conflict, the provisions that provide greater protection 10 11 to residents displaced by the demolition, disposition, or demolition and disposition, shall apply. 12

13 "(2) RELOCATION PLAN.—The public housing 14 agency shall submit to the Secretary, together with 15 the application for demolition or disposition, a relo-16 cation plan providing for the relocation of residents 17 occupying the public housing for which the demoli-18 tion or disposition application is proposed, which 19 shall include—

20 "(A) a statement of the estimated number
21 of vouchers for rental assistance under section
22 8 that will be needed for such relocation;

23 "(B) identification of the location of the
24 replacement dwelling units that will be made
25 available for permanent occupancy; and

1	"(C) a statement of whether any tem-
2	porary, off-site relocation of any residents is
3	necessary and a description of the plans for
4	such relocation.
5	"(3) NOTICE UPON APPROVAL OF APPLICA-
6	TION.—Within a reasonable time after notice to the
7	public housing agency of the approval of an applica-
8	tion for demolition or disposition, the public housing
9	agency shall provide notice in writing, in plain and
10	non-technical language, to the residents of the public
11	housing subject to the approved application that—
12	"(A) states that the application has been
13	approved;
14	"(B) describes the process involved to relo-
15	cate the residents, including a statement that
16	the residents may not be relocated until the
17	conditions set forth in paragraph (10) have
18	been met;
19	"(C) provides information regarding relo-
20	cation options;
21	"(D) advises residents of the availability of
22	relocation counseling as required in paragraph
23	(8); and
24	"(E) provides information on the location
25	of tenant-based vouchers issued by the agency.

1	"(4) Notice before relocation.—Except in
2	cases of a substantial and imminent threat to health
3	or safety, not later than 90 days before the date on
4	which residents will be relocated, the public housing
5	agency shall provide notice in writing, in plain and
6	non-technical language, to each family residing in a
7	public housing project that is subject to an approved
8	demolition or disposition application, and in accord-
9	ance with such guidelines as the Secretary may issue
10	governing such notifications, that—
11	"(A) the public housing project will be de-
12	molished or disposed of;
13	"(B) the demolition of the building in
14	which the family resides will not commence
15	until each resident of the building is relocated;
16	and
17	"(C) if temporary, off-site relocation is
18	necessary, each family displaced by such action
19	shall be offered comparable housing—
20	"(i) that meets housing quality stand-
21	ards;
22	"(ii) that is located in an area that is
23	generally not less desirable than the loca-
24	tion of the displaced family's housing,
25	which shall include at least one unit lo-

1 cated in an area of low poverty and one 2 unit located within the neighborhood of the original public housing site; 3 4 "(iii) that is identified and available 5 to the family; and 6 "(iv) which shall include— 7 "(I) tenant-based assistance, ex-8 cept that the requirement under this 9 subparagraph regarding offering of 10 comparable housing shall be fulfilled 11 by use of tenant-based assistance only 12 upon the relocation of the family into 13 such housing; 14 "(II) project-based assistance; "(III) occupancy in a unit oper-15 16 ated or assisted by the public housing 17 agency at a rental rate paid by the 18 family that is comparable to the rent-19 al rate applicable to the unit from 20 which the family is relocated; and "(IV) other comparable housing. 21 22 "(5) SEARCH PERIOD.—Notwithstanding any 23 other provision of law, in the case of a household 24 that is provided tenant-based assistance for reloca-

tion of the household under this section, the period

1 during which the household may lease a dwelling 2 unit using such assistance shall not be shorter in du-3 ration than the 150-day period that begins at the 4 time a comparable replacement unit is made avail-5 able to the family. If the household is unable to lease 6 a dwelling unit using such assistance during such 7 period, the public housing agency shall extend the 8 period during which the household may lease a 9 dwelling unit using such assistance, or at the ten-10 ant's request, shall provide the tenant with the next 11 available comparable public housing unit or com-12 parable housing unit for which project-based assist-13 ance is provided.

14 "(6) PAYMENT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES.—
15 The public housing agency shall provide for the pay16 ment of the actual and reasonable relocation ex17 penses, including security deposits, of each resident
18 to be displaced and any other relocation expenses as
19 are required by the Uniform Relocation Assistance
20 and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

21 "(7) COMPARABLE HOUSING.—The public hous22 ing agency shall ensure that each displaced resident
23 is offered comparable housing in accordance with the
24 notice under paragraph (4).

"(8) Comprehensive 1 RELOCATION COUN-2 SELING.—The public housing agency shall provide 3 all advisory programs and services as required by 4 the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Prop-5 erty Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and counseling 6 for residents who are displaced that shall fully in-7 form residents to be displaced of all relocation op-8 tions, which may include relocating to housing in a 9 neighborhood with a lower concentration of poverty 10 than their current residence, a neighborhood where 11 relocation will not increase racial segregation, or re-12 maining in the current neighborhood. Such coun-13 seling shall also include providing school options for 14 children and comprehensive housing search assist-15 ance for household that receive a voucher for tenant-16 based assistance.

17 "(9) TIMING OF DEMOLITION OR DISPOSI18 TION.—The public housing agency shall not com19 mence demolition or complete disposition of a build20 ing subject to the approved application until all resi21 dents residing in the building are relocated.

"(10) AFFIRMATIVE FURTHERANCE OF FAIR
HOUSING.—The public housing agency shall have obtained data regarding, and analyzed the potential
impact of, the proposed demolition or disposition

1 and relocation on persons protected by section 804 2 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3604), 3 including the tenants residing in the public housing 4 project, occupants of the surrounding neighborhood, 5 and neighborhoods into which project tenants are 6 likely to be relocated, and persons on the agency's 7 waiting list, has described in the application for 8 demolition or disposition actions that the public 9 housing agency has taken or will take to mitigate 10 those adverse impacts, and has certified in the pub-11 lic housing agency plan for the agency, with sup-12 porting information, that the proposed demolition or 13 disposition, relocation, or replacement housing will 14 be carried out in a manner that affirmatively fur-15 there fair housing, as described in section 808(e) of 16 the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)). 17 "(11) TIMING OF RELOCATION.—The public 18 housing agency shall not commence relocation prior 19 to approval by the Secretary of the application for 20 demolition or disposition, except in the case of a 21 substantial and imminent threat to health or safety.

"(12) APPLICATION FOR VOUCHERS.—The public housing agency shall submit to the Secretary an
application for vouchers consistent with the obligations in subsection (e) (relating to replacement

units) and the relocation obligations of this sub-
section at the same time that the agency submits the
application for demolition or disposition.";
(8) in subsection (i) (as so redesignated by
paragraph (1) of this subsection), by striking "may"
and inserting "shall"; and
(9) by adding at the end the following new sub-
sections:
"(j) Right of Return.—
"(1) RIGHT.—Any person who, on the date de-
termined in accordance with subsection $(f)(2)$, occu-
pies a public housing unit that is the subject of an
application for demolition, disposition, or demolition
or disposition or both subsequent to conversion pur-
suant to section 22 or 33, and whose tenancy or
right of occupancy has not been validly terminated
pursuant to section 6 or 8(0), shall be eligible to oc-
cupy a replacement federally assisted housing unit
or voucher.
"(2) Requirement to allow return.—A
public housing agency or any other manager of re-
placement housing units shall not, through the appli-
cation of any additional eligibility, screening, occu-
pancy, or other policy or practice, prevent any per-
son otherwise eligible under paragraph (1) from oc-

cupying a replacement housing unit. Such replacement dwelling unit shall be made available to each
household displaced as a result of a demolition, disposition, or demolition or disposition or both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or 33 before any
replacement dwelling unit is made available to any
other eligible household.

8 "(k) ENFORCEMENT.—Any affected person shall 9 have the right to enforce this section pursuant to section 10 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (42 11 U.S.C. 1983). Nothing in this section may be construed 12 to limit the rights and remedies available under State or 13 local law to any affected person.".

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by 15 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to any demolition, disposi-16 17 tion, or demolition and disposition, or both pursuant to conversion under section 22 or 33 of the United States 18 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437t, 1437z–5) that 19 20 is approved by the Secretary after such date of the enact-21 ment.

22 SEC. 103. AUTHORITY TO CONVERT PUBLIC HOUSING TO 23 VOUCHERS.

24 Section 22 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
25 (42 U.S.C. 1437t) is amended—

1	(1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (3) ;
2	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
3	section:
4	"(g) Administration.—
5	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require
6	a public housing agency to provide to the Secretary
7	or to public housing residents such information as
8	the Secretary considers to be necessary for the ad-
9	ministration of this section.
10	"(2) Applicability of section 18.—Section
11	18 shall apply to the subsequent demolition or dis-
12	position of public housing dwelling units removed
13	from the inventory of the public housing agency pur-
14	suant to this section."; and
15	(3) in subsection $(d)(5)$, by striking "section
16	18(a)(5)" and inserting "section $18(b)(5)$ ".
17	SEC. 104. REQUIRED CONVERSION OF DISTRESSED PUBLIC
18	HOUSING TO TENANT-BASED ASSISTANCE.
19	Section $33(h)(2)$ of the United States Housing Act
20	of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z–5(h)(2)) is amended by striking
21	"shall not apply to the demolition of public housing
22	projects" and inserting "shall apply to the subsequent
23	demolition or disposition of public housing dwelling units".

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section 85.31 of the regulations of the Secretary of Housing and 4 5 Urban Development (24 C.F.R. 85.31) and any regulations implementing subpart B of part 970 of the Sec-6 7 retary's proposed regulations published in the Federal 8 Register on October 16, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 62250; Dock-9 et No. FR-5399-P-01), or any substantially similar regulations shall not apply to real property that includes any 10 11 dwelling units in public housing.

12 SEC. 106. REGULATIONS.

Not later than the expiration of the 120-day period
beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall issue
regulations to carry out this title and the amendments
made by this title.

18 TITLE II—PUBLIC HOUSING 19 PRESERVATION AND REHA20 BILITATION

21 SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Public Housing Pres-ervation and Rehabilitation Act of 2017".

1	SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAP-
2	ITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS.
3	Paragraph (2) of section 9(c) of the United States
4	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(c)(2)) is amended
5	to read as follows:
6	"(2) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be ap-
7	propriated for assistance under this section for pub-
8	lic housing agencies the following amounts:
9	"(A) CAPITAL FUND.—For each of fiscal
10	years 2018 through 2027, for allocations of as-
11	sistance from the Capital Fund—
12	"(i) such sums as may be necessary to
13	fully fund for each such year the estimated
14	need of public housing agencies for assist-
15	ance from such Fund; and
16	"(ii) \$5,000,000,000 for each such
17	year for addressing backlogged need for as-
18	sistance from such Fund.
19	"(B) Operating fund.—For each of fis-
20	cal years 2018 through 2027, for allocations of
21	assistance from the Operating Fund, such sums
22	as may be necessary to fully fund for each such
23	year the estimated need of public housing agen-
24	cies for assistance from such Fund.".

1 SEC. 203. LEVERAGING OF OTHER ASSISTANCE.

2 (a) CAPITAL FUND LOAN GUARANTEES.—Subsection
3 (d) of section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
4 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d)) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new paragraph:

6 "(4) LOAN GUARANTEES.—

"(A) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may,
upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, guarantee and make commitments to guarantee notes or other obligations issued by public housing agencies for the
purposes of financing—

13 "(i) the rehabilitation of public hous-14 ing owned by the agency;

15 "(ii) the modernization, through en16 ergy efficiency improvements, of public
17 housing units owned by the agency; or

18 "(iii) the construction, rehabilitation,
19 purchase, or conversion of units to replace
20 public housing units that are demolished or
21 disposed of pursuant to section 18 or con22 verted pursuant to section 22 or 33.

23 "(B) TERMS.—Notes or other obligations
24 guaranteed pursuant to this paragraph shall be
25 in such form and denominations, have such ma26 turities, and be subject to such conditions as

1 may be prescribed by regulations issued by the 2 Secretary. The term of such loan guarantee 3 shall not exceed 20 years. 4 "(C) LIMITATION ON PERCENTAGE.—A 5 guarantee made pursuant to this paragraph 6 shall guarantee repayment of 95 percent of the 7 unpaid principal and interest due on the notes 8 or other obligations guaranteed. 9 "(D) USE OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS.—Funds allocated to an issuer pursuant 10 11 to this subsection or subsection (e) may be used 12 for payment of principal and interest due (in-13 cluding such servicing, underwriting, or other 14 costs as may be specified in regulations of the 15 Secretary) on notes or other obligations guaran-16 teed pursuant to this paragraph. 17 "(E) Repayment.— 18 "(i) CONTRACT; PLEDGE.—To ensure 19 the repayment of notes or other obligations 20 guaranteed under this paragraph and 21 charges incurred under this paragraph and

as a condition for receiving such guaran-

tees, the Secretary shall require the issuer

of any such note or obligation to—

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1	"(I) enter into a contract, in a
2	form acceptable to the Secretary, for
3	repayment of notes or other obliga-
4	tions so guaranteed; and
5	"(II) pledge any grant or alloca-
6	tion for which the issuer is or may be-
7	come eligible under this subsection or
8	subsection (e) for the repayment of
9	notes or other obligations so guaran-
10	teed.
11	"(ii) Crediting of grants.—The
12	Secretary may, notwithstanding any other
13	provision of this Act, apply grants pledged
14	pursuant to clause (i)(II) of this subpara-
15	graph to any repayments due the United
16	States as a result of such guarantees.
17	"(F) Full faith and credit.—The full
18	faith and credit of the United States is pledged
19	to the payment of all guarantees made under
20	this paragraph. Any such guarantee made by
21	the Secretary shall be conclusive evidence of the
22	eligibility of the obligations for such guarantee
23	with respect to principal and interest, and the
24	validity of any such guarantee so made shall be

incontestable in the hands of a holder of the guaranteed obligations.

"(G) AMOUNT.—Subject only to the ab-3 4 sence of qualified requests for guarantees and 5 to the availability of amounts to cover the costs 6 (as such term is defined in section 502 of the 7 Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 8 661a)), as are provided in advance in appro-9 priation Acts, the Secretary shall enter into 10 commitments to guarantee notes and obliga-11 tions under this paragraph having an aggregate 12 principal amount of \$500,000,000 each for fis-13 cal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.".

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES WITH HOUSING TAX CREDITS.—Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) is amended by adding
at the end the following new subsection:

"(p) REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES WITH HOUSING TAX CREDITS.—A public housing agency that utilizes
tax credits under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code
of 1986 for rental housing units that are currently or formerly assisted under subsection (d) or (e) shall ensure,
with respect to such units, that—

24 "(1) all significant tenant and applicants rights25 are continued and enforceable;

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1	((2) the agency retains its interest in the prop-
2	erty to the maximum extent possible, including
3	through the use of a ground lease when feasible;
4	"(3) the agency maintains an active role in
5	property management decisions and operations of
6	such housing sufficient to guarantee access to rel-
7	evant information and public accountability;
8	"(4) long-term affordability protections are en-
9	forced, including such protections applicable in the
10	event of default or foreclosure; and
11	"(5) affected tenants are provided information
12	about the proposal for use of the property, before
13	submission of the proposal to the Secretary, and an
14	opportunity to comment on such proposal, pursuant
15	to processes and requirements that are substantially
16	similar to the requirements for tenant notice and
17	comment under section 18.".
18	SEC. 204. CAPITAL FUND FLEXIBILITY.

19 Subsection (g) of section 9 of the United States
20 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)) is amended
21 by striking paragraph (3).

TITLE III—CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

3 SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

4 This title may be cited as the "Choice Neighborhoods5 Initiative Act of 2017".

6 SEC. 302. GRANT AUTHORITY.

7 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 8 may make competitive grants to eligible entities that sub-9 mit transformation plans for eligible neighborhoods that 10 will further the purposes of this title in such neighbor-11 hoods.

12 SEC. 303. ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.

13 (a) PRIMARY APPLICANTS.—A grant under this title 14 may be made only to a unit of local government, a public 15 housing agency, or a nonprofit entity that owns a major housing project that is proposed to be assisted under a 16 grant under this title, either as a sole applicant or as a 17 18 co-applicant with another unit of local government or pub-19 lic housing agency or with an entity specified in subsection 20 (b). A nonprofit entity may be a sole applicant only if the 21 application has the support of a local government.

22 (b) CO-APPLICANTS.—

(1) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS.—A community development corporation (as
such term is defined in section 204(b) of the Depart-

1 ments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban 2 Development, and Independent Agencies Appropria-3 tions Act, 1997 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–11a(b))) may, at 4 the request of an entity specified in subsection (a), 5 be a co-applicant for a grant under this title. 6 (2) FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES.—A for-profit entity 7 that owns a major housing project that is proposed 8 to be assisted under a grant under this title made 9 in fiscal year 2018 or thereafter and that has an es-10 tablished presence in the community may be a co-ap-11 plicant for a grant under this title. (3) REQUIRED CO-APPLICANTS.—A grant under 12 13 this title may not be made for an application that 14 will involve transformation of a major public housing 15 project unless the public housing agency having ju-16 risdiction with respect to such project is the sole ap-17 plicant or a co-applicant for such application. 18 (c) PARTNERS.—Nothing in this section may be con-19 strued to limit the ability of an applicant to partner with

20 any entity in carrying out activities with a grant under21 this title.

22 SEC. 304. ELIGIBLE NEIGHBORHOODS.

A grant under this title may be made only for activi-ties to be conducted in neighborhoods that have—

(1) a concentration of extreme poverty (as such
 term is defined in section 315); and

3 (2) housing that is severely distressed housing4 (as such term is defined in section 315).

5 SEC. 305. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts from a grant under this 7 title may be used only for transformational programs and 8 activities in accordance with a transformation plan ap-9 proved under section 306 that will further the purposes 10 of this title.

(b) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—Each transformation
plan submitted pursuant to section 306 and implemented
by a grantee under this title shall include the following
activities:

(1) The transformation of housing through rehabilitation, preservation, or demolition and replacement of severely distressed housing projects, expansion of affordable housing opportunities, or any combination thereof, which may incorporate energy-efficient design principles.

(2) The one-for-one replacement of any public
and assisted housing units demolished or disposed of
in accordance with the requirements under section
308.

(3) Activities that promote economic self-suffi ciency of residents of the revitalized housing and of
 the surrounding neighborhood.

4 (4) Activities that preserve affordable housing
5 in the neighborhood and other activities necessary to
6 ensure that existing public and assisted housing resi7 dents have access to the benefits of the neighbor8 hood transformation.

9 (5) Activities that demonstrate that each resi-10 dent of housing assisted by the grant who is dis-11 placed by the transformation plan and who wishes to 12 return to the revitalized on-site housing in the neigh-13 borhood or to replacement housing outside of the 14 neighborhood, can return, and shall be provided a 15 preference in accordance with the program require-16 ments under section 307.

17 (6) Activities that meet the program require18 ments for replacement of housing units under sec19 tion 308.

20 (7) Activities that meet the fair housing pro21 gram requirements under section 309(a) and the ac22 cessibility requirements under section 309(b).

23 (8) Appropriate service coordination and sup24 portive services.

1	(9) Resident involvement, as described in sec-
2	tion 307, in planning and implementation of the
3	transformation plan, including reasonable steps to
4	help ensure meaningful participation for residents
5	who, as a result of their national origin, are limited
6	in their English language proficiency.
7	(10) Monitoring, under section 307(g), of resi-
8	dents relocated during redevelopment throughout the
9	term of the grant or until full occupancy of replace-
10	ment housing, whichever is completed later.
11	(11) Relocation assistance, including tenant-
12	based rental assistance renewable under section 8 of
13	the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
14	1437f), mobility or relocation counseling over mul-
15	tiple years, reasonable moving costs, and security de-
16	posits.
17	(12) Establishment of links to local education
18	efforts, as described in subsection $(c)(3)$ of this sec-
19	tion.
20	(13) Activities to comply with section 3 of the
21	Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12)
22	U.S.C. 1701u).
23	(c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts from a grant
24	under this title may be used for the following activities:

1 (1) Construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation 2 of affordable housing (as such term is defined in 3 section 315), which may include energy efficiency improvements and sustainable design features for 4 5 such housing. 6 (2) Acquisition or disposition of residential 7 properties, including properties subject to a mort-8 gage previously insured, and foreclosed upon, by the 9 Federal Housing Administration, and demolition. 10 (3) Outreach to local educators, and engaging 11 in local community planning, to help increase access 12 to educational opportunities, a continuum of effec-13 tive community services, and strong family supports, 14 and to improve the educational and life outcomes 15 which have a significant benefit to residents of hous-16 ing assisted under this title, including children and 17 youth and, as appropriate, for adult residents, in-18 cluding the elderly or persons with disabilities. 19 (4) Providing supportive services (as such term 20 is defined in section 315) which have a significant 21 benefit to residents of housing assisted under this 22 title, primarily focused on services described in sub-23 paragraphs (B) and (C) of section 315(14). 24 (5) Rehabilitation and physical improvement of 25 community facilities that are primarily intended to

1	facilitate the delivery of community and supportive
2	services which have a significant benefit to residents
3	of housing assisted by the grant and residents of off-
4	site replacement housing.
5	(6) Work incentives designed to help low-income
6	residents assisted by the housing under this title ac-
7	cess jobs and move toward self-sufficiency.
8	(7) Partnering with employers and for-profit
9	and nonprofit organizations to create jobs and job
10	training opportunities which have a significant ben-
11	efit to residents of housing assisted under this title.
12	(8) Activities that promote sustainable housing
13	by incorporating principles of sustainable design and
14	development, including energy efficiency.
15	(9) Critical community improvements (as such
16	term is defined in section 315 of this title) under-
17	taken at sites that are adjacent to, or in the imme-
18	diate vicinity of, housing assisted under this title.
19	(10) Loss reserves to protect residents of hous-
20	ing assisted by the grant and continue the project in
21	the case of default, foreclosure, or any other adverse
22	financial event.
23	The Secretary shall require any grantee under this title
24	that will provide benefits under paragraph (3) , (4) , (5) ,
25	or (7) to any residents who are not living in housing as-

sisted with a grant under this title, to submit to the Sec retary a plan identifying how such services will be pro vided.

4 (d) ELIGIBLE METHODS OF SUPPORT.—Activities
5 carried out with amounts from a grant under this title
6 may be carried out through—

7 (1) endowments or revolving loan funds; or

8 (2) land assembly, land banking, and other ac-9 tivities, except that no amounts made available for 10 use under this title may be used to acquire any 11 property by means of the exercise of the power of 12 eminent domain.

13 (e) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—

14 (1) SCHOOL BUILDINGS.—No amounts from a 15 grant under this title may be used for construction 16 or rehabilitation of an elementary school or sec-17 ondary school (as such terms are defined in section 18 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education 19 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) or an institution of 20 higher education (as such term is defined in section 21 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20) 22 U.S.C. 1002)), except that such amounts may be 23 used to construct common infrastructure that is 24 shared by such a school or institution and by hous-25 ing assisted under this title, or community facilities

1	authorized under subsection (c)(5), but only if costs
2	are shared on a pro rata basis and the grantee cer-
3	tifies, and the Secretary determines, that such use
4	of funds will not promote or further segregation.
5	(2) Non-housing activities and supportive
6	SERVICES.—For each grant under this title, the
7	grantee shall comply with each of the following re-
8	quirements:
9	(A) Of the amount of the grant, not more
10	than 25 percent may be used for eligible activi-
11	ties under paragraphs (3) through (9) of sub-
12	section (c).
13	(B) Of the amount of the grant, not more
13 14	(B) Of the amount of the grant, not more than 5 percent may be used for eligible activi-
14	than 5 percent may be used for eligible activi-
14 15	than 5 percent may be used for eligible activi- ties under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection
14 15 16	than 5 percent may be used for eligible activi- ties under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (c).
14 15 16 17	than 5 percent may be used for eligible activities under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (c).(3) CONSULTATION.—With respect to activities
14 15 16 17 18	 than 5 percent may be used for eligible activities under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (c). (3) CONSULTATION.—With respect to activities assisted pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary
14 15 16 17 18 19	 than 5 percent may be used for eligible activities under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (c). (3) CONSULTATION.—With respect to activities assisted pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Labor, the Sec-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	 than 5 percent may be used for eligible activities under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (c). (3) CONSULTATION.—With respect to activities assisted pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	 than 5 percent may be used for eligible activities under paragraphs (8) and (9) of subsection (c). (3) CONSULTATION.—With respect to activities assisted pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary

1 SEC. 306. SUBMISSION AND SELECTION OF TRANS-2FORMATION PLANS.

3 (a) TRANSFORMATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—To
4 be eligible for a grant under this title, an eligible entity
5 shall submit to the Secretary, at such time in accordance
6 with procedures as the Secretary shall prescribe, an appli7 cation in the form of a transformation plan that—

8 (1) demonstrates how the transformation plan 9 will achieve the desired priority outcomes of transforming a distressed neighborhood of extreme pov-10 11 erty into a mixed-income neighborhood with highquality, safe, and affordable housing (including the 12 13 one-for-one replacement of any public or assisted 14 housing units demolished or disposed of under the 15 transformation plan), economic opportunities, well-16 functioning services, public assets, access to jobs, 17 public transportation, and effective education pro-18 grams and public schools, including charter schools 19 and other autonomous public schools;

20 (2) demonstrates how the required activities
21 under section 305(b) will be carried out, including a
22 detailed description of the housing transformation
23 activities under paragraphs (1) and (2) of such sec24 tion;

(3) describes the other eligible activities under
 section 305(c) that will be carried out in support of
 the housing transformation;

4 (4) defines desired outcomes of the strategy,
5 how residents of housing assisted under this title will
6 benefit, describes the challenges they face, and the
7 evidence base that informs the proposed strategies
8 that will result in the desired outcomes for the com9 munity and residents;

10 (5) includes a long-term affordability plan, de-11 veloped in collaboration with residents of the public 12 and assisted housing assisted under this title, that 13 describes how the grantee will maintain affordable housing in the neighborhood over the next 50 years 14 15 or longer, including affordability provisions relating 16 to dwelling units provided using assistance under the 17 grant under this title, and an agreement by the ap-18 plicant to update such plan every 5 years during 19 such period; and

20 (6) includes such other information as the Sec-21 retary shall, by regulation, prescribe.

(b) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish criteria for the award of grants under this title,
with the greatest consideration given to applicant and
neighborhood need as identified in section 304, and which

shall include the extent to which the transformation
 plan—

3 (1) demonstrates the ability of the plan to fur4 ther the purposes of this title;

(2) demonstrates inclusive local planning with 5 6 input from units of local government, housing own-7 ers and providers, educators, residents of housing 8 assisted under this title, local community organiza-9 tions, public schools, early learning in programs, 10 health service organizations, and community stake-11 holders in the development and implementation of a 12 sustainable revitalization program;

(3) includes efforts to coordinate multiple funding resources, including public, private, and philanthropic funding, and emphasizes collaboration between the units of local government, early learning
programs and public schools, or a public housing
agency, or all three;

(4) includes current data showing that the
neighborhood targeted for revitalization is in need of
and can benefit from the authorized activities described in section 305 and proposed in the transformation plan;

(5) demonstrates the capability and record ofthe applicant and its partners for managing housing

1 redevelopment or modernization projects, success-2 fully working with public and assisted housing resi-3 dents during the planning and redesign process, and 4 meeting performance benchmarks; 5 (6) demonstrates that sustainable building and 6 energy efficient design principles are incorporated or 7 will be incorporated in the activities conducted pur-8 suant to the plan; 9 (7) demonstrates that the applicant has plans 10 to have, within a reasonable time, improved access

to public transportation in the neighborhood that
provides access to economic opportunities and commercial and public services;

(8) demonstrates that the residents of revitalized housing developments will have, to the extent
possible, improved access to high-quality educational
opportunities, including early learning and effective
elementary and secondary public schools, in or outside of the neighborhood;

(9) demonstrates that the transformation plan
includes the provision of appropriate supportive services and activities that promote economic self-sufficiency of residents of housing assisted under the
grant, and a plan to sustain such services;

1	(10) demonstrates that the transformation plan
2	provides support for residents displaced as a result
3	of the revitalization of the project, including assist-
4	ance in obtaining housing in areas with low con-
5	centrations of poverty in a manner that does not in-
6	crease racial segregation;
7	(11) demonstrates that sufficient housing op-
8	portunities are available in the neighborhood to be
9	revitalized and in low-poverty areas to accommodate
10	displaced residents, in a manner that does not in-
11	crease racial segregation;
12	(12) includes a well-documented assessment of
13	the number of households with special needs for on-
14	going supportive services residing in the public or
15	assisted housing properties that are the target of the
16	grant and an effective plan to address such needs;
17	(13) demonstrates the compliance with the re-
18	quirements of section 308, regarding one-for-one re-
19	placement of public and assisted housing units;
20	(14) demonstrates how the applicant will use
21	indicators of housing redevelopment, neighborhood
22	quality, resident well-being, and other outcomes to
23	measure success, manage program implementation,
24	and engage stakeholders, consistent with require-
25	ments established by the Secretary;

(15) demonstrates, if feasible, phased redevelop ment that provides for demolition and construction
 of dwelling units in phases, to limit disruptions to
 residents;

5 (16) demonstrates that the neighborhood will 6 improve its long-term viability through the revitaliza-7 tion of severely distressed housing, improved access 8 to economic opportunities, improved investment and 9 leveraging in well-functioning services, and improved 10 education programs, public assets, public transpor-11 tation and access to jobs; and

(17) demonstrates compliance with any other
factors and priorities that further the purposes of
this title, as the Secretary may, by regulation, prescribe.

16 SEC. 307. RIGHT OF RESIDENTS TO RETURN; RELOCATION.

17 (a) DETERMINATION OF RESIDENT PREF18 ERENCES.—An applicant shall, not later than 30 days be19 fore submitting an application to the Secretary for a grant
20 under this title—

(1) hold a community meeting and provide information to all residents who occupy a dwelling unit
in public housing or assisted housing subject to the
transformation plan of—

1	(A) the applicant's intent to submit an ap-
2	plication for a grant under this title;
3	(B) their right to return and relocation
4	housing options; and
5	(C) all planned replacement housing units;
6	and
7	(2) solicit from each resident information re-
8	garding the resident's desire to return to the re-
9	placement housing units constructed upon the origi-
10	nal public or assisted housing location, interest in
11	moving to other neighborhoods or communities, or
12	interest in retaining a voucher for rental assistance.
13	(b) Resident Involvement.—
14	(1) IN GENERAL.—Each transformation plan
15	assisted under this title shall provide opportunities
16	for the active involvement and participation of, and
17	consultation with, residents of the public and as-
18	sisted housing that is subject to the transformation
19	plan during the planning process for the trans-
20	formation plan, including prior to submission of the
21	application, and during all phases of the planning
22	and implementation. Such opportunities for partici-
23	pation may include participation of members of any
24	resident council or tenant organization, but may not
25	be limited to such members, and shall include all

1 segments of the population of residents of the public 2 and assisted housing that is subject to the revitaliza-3 tion plan, including single parent-headed households, 4 the elderly, young employed and unemployed adults, 5 teenage youth, and disabled persons. Such opportu-6 nities shall include a process that provides oppor-7 tunity for comment on specific proposals for redevel-8 opment, any demolition and disposition involved, and 9 any proposed significant amendments or changes to 10 the transformation plan.

11 (2) PUBLIC MEETING.—The Secretary may not 12 make a grant under this title to an applicant unless 13 the applicant has convened and conducted a public 14 meeting regarding the transformation plan, includ-15 ing the one-for-one replacement to occur under the 16 plan, not later than 30 days before submission of the 17 application for the grant under this section for such 18 plan, at a time and location that is convenient for 19 residents of the public and assisted housing subject 20 to the plan.

(3) SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES
TO PLAN.—An applicant may not carry out any significant amendment or change to a transformation
plan unless—

(A) the applicant has convened and con-1 2 ducted a public meeting regarding the signifi-3 cant amendment or change at a time and loca-4 tion that is convenient for residents of the pub-5 lic and assisted housing subject to the plan and 6 has provided each household occupying a dwell-7 ing unit in such public and assisted housing 8 with written notice of such meeting not less 9 than 10 days before such meeting;

10 (B) after such meeting, the applicant 11 consults with the households occupying dwelling 12 units in the public and assisted housing that 13 are subject to, or to be subject to the plan, and 14 the agency submits a report to the Secretary 15 describing the results of such consultation; and

(C) the Secretary approves the significant amendment or change.

(c) RIGHT TO RETURN.—The Secretary may not approve a transformation plan under this title unless the
plan provides that each resident of public or assisted housing displaced by activities under the transformation plan
who wishes to return to the on-site or off-site replacement
housing provided under the plan may return if the resident—

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(1) was in compliance with the lease at the time
 of departure from the housing subject to rehabilita tion or demolition; and

4 (2) would be eligible, as of the time of such re-5 turn, for occupancy under the eligibility, screening, 6 and occupancy standards, policies, or practices appli-7 cable to the housing from which the resident was 8 displaced, as in effect at such time of displacement. 9 (d) RELOCATION, NOTICE, APPLICATION FOR 10 VOUCHERS, AND DATA.—All relocation activities resulting from, or that will result from, demolition, disposition, or 11 12 both demolition and disposition, to be carried out under 13 a transformation plan relating to a grant under this title 14 shall be subject to the following requirements:

15 (1) UNIFORM RELOCATION AND REAL PROP-16 ERTY ACQUISITION ACT.—The Uniform Relocation 17 and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 18 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) shall apply. To the extent 19 the provisions of this subsection and such Act con-20 flict, the provisions that provide greater protection 21 to residents displaced by the demolition, disposition, 22 or demolition and disposition, shall apply.

(2) RELOCATION PLAN.—The applicant shall
submit to the Secretary, together with the application for a grant under this title, a relocation plan

1 providing for the relocation of residents occupying 2 the public or assisted housing for which the demoli-3 tion or disposition is proposed, which shall include— (A) a statement of the estimated number 4 5 of vouchers for rental assistance under section 307 that will be needed for such relocation; 6 7 (B) identification of the location of the re-8 placement dwelling units that will be made 9 available for permanent occupancy; and 10 (C) a statement of whether any temporary, 11 off-site relocation of any residents is necessary 12 and a description of the plans for such reloca-13 tion. 14 (3) NOTICE UPON APPROVAL OF APPLICA-15 TION.—Within a reasonable time after notice to the 16 applicant of the approval of an application for a 17 grant under this section, the applicant shall provide 18 notice in writing, in plain and non-technical lan-19 guage, to the residents of the public and assisted 20 housing subject to the approved transformation plan 21 that-22 (A) states that the application and trans-23 formation plan has been approved; 24 (B) describes the process involved to relo-25 cate the residents, including a statement that

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1	the residents may not be relocated until the
2	conditions set forth in section 309 have been
3	met;
4	(C) provides information regarding reloca-
5	tion options; and
6	(D) advises residents of the availability of
7	relocation counseling as required in paragraph
8	(7).
9	(4) NOTICE BEFORE RELOCATION.—Except in
10	cases of a substantial and imminent threat to health
11	or safety, not later than 90 days before the date on
12	which residents will be relocated, the grantee shall
13	provide notice in writing, in plain and non-technical
14	language, to each family residing in a public or as-
15	sisted housing project that is subject to an approved
16	transformation plan, and in accordance with such
17	guidelines as the Secretary may issue governing such
18	notifications, that—
19	(A) the public or assisted housing project
20	will be demolished or disposed of;
21	(B) the demolition of the building in which
22	the family resides will not commence until each
23	resident of the building is relocated; and

1	(C) if temporary, off-site relocation is nec-
2	essary, each family displaced by such action
3	shall be offered comparable housing—
4	(i) that meets housing quality stand-
5	ards;
6	(ii) that is located in an area that is
7	generally not less desirable than the loca-
8	tion of the displaced family's housing,
9	which shall include at least one unit lo-
10	cated in an area of low poverty or one unit
11	located within the neighborhood of the
12	original public or assisted housing site;
13	(iii) that is identified and available to
14	the family; and
15	(iv) which shall include—
16	(I) tenant-based assistance, ex-
17	cept that the requirement under this
18	subparagraph regarding offering of
19	comparable housing shall be fulfilled
20	by use of tenant-based assistance only
21	upon the relocation of the family into
22	such housing;
23	(II) project-based assistance;
24	(III) occupancy in a unit oper-
25	ated or assisted by the public housing

1	agency or the owner of the assisted
2	project demolished or disposed of
3	under this section, at a rental rate
4	paid by the family that is comparable
5	to the rental rate applicable to the
6	unit from which the family is relo-
7	cated; or
8	(IV) other comparable housing.
9	(5) SEARCH PERIOD.—Notwithstanding any
10	other provision of law, in the case of a household
11	that is provided tenant-based assistance for reloca-
12	tion of the household under this section, the period
13	during which the household may lease a dwelling
14	unit using such assistance shall not be shorter in du-
15	ration than the 150-day period that begins at the
16	time a comparable replacement unit is made avail-
17	able to the family. If the household is unable to lease
18	a dwelling unit using such assistance during such
19	period, the grantee shall extend the period during
20	which the household may lease a dwelling unit using
21	such assistance, or at the resident's request, shall
22	provide the resident with the next available com-
23	parable public housing unit or comparable housing
24	unit for which project-based assistance is provided.

1 (6) PAYMENT OF RELOCATION EXPENSES.— 2 The grantee shall provide for the payment of the ac-3 tual and reasonable relocation expenses, including 4 security deposits, of each resident to be displaced 5 and any other relocation expenses as are required by 6 the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Prop-7 erty Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

8 (7)Comprehensive RELOCATION COUN-9 SELING.—The grantee shall provide all advisory pro-10 grams and services as required by the Uniform Relo-11 cation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition 12 Policies Act of 1970 and counseling for residents 13 who are displaced that shall fully inform residents to 14 be displaced of all relocation options, which may in-15 clude relocating to housing in a neighborhood with 16 a lower concentration of poverty than their current 17 residence, a neighborhood where relocation will not 18 increase racial segregation, or remaining in the cur-19 rent neighborhood. Such counseling shall also in-20 clude providing school options for children and com-21 prehensive housing search assistance for households 22 that receive a voucher for tenant-based assistance.

23 (8) TIMING OF DEMOLITION OR DISPOSITION.—
24 The grantee shall not commence demolition or com25 plete disposition of a building subject to the ap-

proved transformation plan until all residents resid ing in the building are relocated.

(9) TIMING OF RELOCATION.—The applicant 3 4 shall not commence relocation before approval by the Secretary of the transformation plan providing for 5 6 the demolition or disposition, unless the applicant 7 generally relocates residents in accordance with this section, as determined by the Secretary, except in 8 9 the case of a substantial and imminent threat to 10 health or safety.

11 (e) MONITORING OF DISPLACED HOUSEHOLDS.—

12 (1) GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES.—To facilitate 13 compliance with the requirement under subsection 14 (a) (relating to right of residents to return), the Sec-15 retary shall, by regulation, require each grantee of 16 a grant under this section, during the period of the 17 transformation plan assisted with the grant and 18 until all funding under the grant has been ex-19 pended-

20 (A) to maintain a current address of residence and contact information for each house21 hold affected by the transformation plan who
23 was occupying a dwelling unit in the housing
24 that is subject to the plan; and

(B) to provide such updated information to the Secretary on at least a quarterly basis.

(2) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary may not 3 4 close out any grant made under this section before 5 the grantee has certified to the Secretary that the 6 agency has complied with subsection (a) (relating to 7 right of residents to return) with respect to each 8 resident displaced as a result of the transformation 9 plan, including providing occupancy in a replacement 10 dwelling unit for each resident who requested such 11 a unit in accordance with such subsection.

12 (f) PREFERENCE.—A returning resident shall be pro-13 vided a preference for occupancy of on-site or off-site replacement units before such units are made available for 14 15 occupancy by any other eligible households, or the resident may choose to retain tenant-based voucher assistance pro-16 17 vided under section 8(0) of the United States Housing Act 18 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for relocation from the prop-19 erties revitalized under a transformation plan assisted 20 with a grant under this title.

(g) PROHIBITION ON RE-SCREENING.—A public
housing agency or any other manager of on-site or offsite replacement housing shall not, through the application
of any additional eligibility, screening, occupancy, or other
policy or practice, prevent any person otherwise eligible

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under subsection (a) from occupying a replacement hous ing unit.

3 SEC. 308. ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC AND AS4 SISTED HOUSING DWELLING UNITS.

(a) ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC OR AS6 SISTED HOUSING UNITS.—The Secretary may not ap7 prove a transformation plan that provides for dwelling
8 units to be demolished or disposed of unless the plan pro9 vides as follows:

10 (1) REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE EACH UNIT.— 11 One hundred percent of the public and assisted 12 housing dwelling units and units described in section 13 315(1)(E) that are demolished or disposed of pursu-14 ant to the transformation plan shall be replaced with 15 a newly constructed, rehabilitated, or purchased pub-16 lic or assisted housing unit or with a newly con-17 structed, rehabilitated, or purchased unit (including 18 through project-based assistance) that is subject to 19 requirements regarding eligibility for occupancy, ten-20 ant contribution toward rent, and long-term afford-21 ability restrictions that are consistent with such re-22 quirements for public and assisted housing dwelling 23 units or for State units, as applicable, except that 24 subparagraphs (B) and (D) of section 8(0)(13) of 25 the United States Housing Act of 1936 (relating to

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2 ment of project-based assistance) shall not apply 3 with respect to vouchers used to comply with the re-4 quirements of this paragraph. 5 (2) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Admission to, ad-6 ministration of, and eviction from replacement hous-7 ing units that replaced public housing units, but 8 that are not public housing dwelling units, shall be 9 subject to the following provisions to the same ex-10 tent as public housing dwelling units: 11 (A) Section 578 of the Quality Housing 12 and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (42) 13 U.S.C. 13663; relating to ineligibility of dan-14 gerous sex offenders). 15 (B) Section 16(f) of the United States 16 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n(f); re-17 lating to ineligibility of certain drug offenders). 18 (C) Sections 20 and 21 of the United 19 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437r, 20 1437s; relating to resident management). 21 (D) Section 25 of the United States Hous-22 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437w; relating to 23 transfer of management at request of resi-

24 dents).

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1	(E) Section 6(k) of the United States
2	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(k); re-
3	lating to administrative grievance procedure).
4	(F) Section 6(f) of the United States
5	Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(f); re-
6	lating to housing quality requirements).
7	(G) Part 964 of title 24, Code of Federal
8	Regulations (relating to tenant participation
9	and opportunities).
10	(3) RETENTION OF RIGHTS.—Tenants occu-
11	pying a replacement housing unit shall have all
12	rights provided to tenants of the housing from which
13	the tenants were relocated.
14	(4) Size.—
15	(A) IN GENERAL.—Replacement units shall
16	be of comparable size, unless a market analysis
17	shows a need for other-sized units, in which
18	case such need shall be addressed.
19	(B) BEDROOMS.—The number of bed-
20	rooms within each replacement unit shall be
21	sufficient to serve families displaced as a result
22	of the demolition or disposition.
23	(5) LOCATION ON SITE.—At least one-third of
24	all replacement units for public and assisted housing
25	units demolished shall be public or assisted housing

1	units constructed within the immediate area of the
2	original public or assisted housing location, unless
3	the Secretary determines that—
4	(A) construction on such location would re-
5	sult in the violation of a consent decree; or
6	(B) the land on which the public and as-
7	sisted housing is located is environmentally un-
8	safe or geologically unstable.
9	(6) Location in the neighborhood.—Any
10	replacement housing units provided in addition to
11	dwelling units provided pursuant to paragraph (5)
12	shall—
13	(A) be provided in areas within the neigh-
14	borhood, except that if rebuilding the units
15	within the neighborhood is not feasible, units
16	shall be provided within the jurisdiction of the
17	public housing agency—
18	(i) in a manner that furthers the eco-
19	nomic and educational opportunities for
20	residents; and
21	(ii) in areas offering access to public
22	transportation; and
23	(B) have access to social, recreational, edu-
24	cational, commercial, and health facilities and

ties, that are comparable to services provided to the revitalized neighborhood from which residents were displaced.

4 (7) LOCATION OUTSIDE OF JURISDICTION.—If 5 rebuilding replacement housing units within the ju-6 risdiction, in a manner that complies with the re-7 quirements of clauses (i) through (iv) of subpara-8 graph (A) and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (6) 9 is not feasible, units may be provided outside of the 10 jurisdiction of the public housing agency, but within 11 the metropolitan area of such jurisdiction, provided 12 the grantee requests, and the public housing agency 13 or unit of local government in which such units shall 14 be located, agrees to such transfer of units. All such 15 units shall comply with the requirements of clauses 16 (i) through (iv) of subparagraph (A) and subpara-17 graph (B) of paragraph (6).

18 (b) WAIVER.—

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(1) AUTHORITY.—Upon the written request of
an applicant for a grant under this title submitted
as part of the transformation plan pursuant to section 306, the Secretary may reduce the percentage
applicable under subsection (a)(1) to the transformation plan of the applicant to not less than 90
percent, but only if—

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1	(A) a judgment, consent decree, or other
2	order of a court limits the ability of the appli-
3	cant to comply with such requirements; or
4	(B) the applicant demonstrates that there
5	is an excess supply of affordable rental housing
6	in areas of low poverty and provides data show-
7	ing that, in the area surrounding the revitalized
8	neighborhood—
9	(i) at least 90 percent of vouchers
10	issued under section 8(o) of the United
11	States Housing Act of 1937 over the last
12	24 months to comparable families were
13	successfully used to lease a dwelling unit
14	within 120 days of issuance or, if a suffi-
15	cient number of comparable families have
16	not received vouchers, an alternative meas-
17	ure, as the Secretary shall design, is met;
18	(ii) existing voucher holders are widely
19	dispersed geographically in areas of low
20	poverty with access to public transpor-
21	tation, education, and other amenities, as
22	determined by the Secretary, among the
23	available private rental housing stock; and
24	(iii) the applicant provides a market
25	analysis demonstrating that—

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1	(I) there is a relatively high va-
2	cancy rate among units that would
3	meet or exceed housing quality stand-
4	ards, as determined by the Secretary,
5	within the market area with rent and
6	utility costs not exceeding the applica-
7	ble payment standard under section
8	8(0) of the United States Housing Act
9	of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)); and
10	(II) such high vacancy rate with-
11	in the market area is expected to con-
12	tinue for the next 5 years or longer.
13	SEC. 309. OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

14 (a) FAIR HOUSING.—The demolition or disposition, 15 relocation, replacement, and re-occupancy of housing units in connection with a grant under this title shall be carried 16 17 out in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing, as required by section 808 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 18 19 (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)). Grantees shall adopt affirmative 20 marketing procedures, and require affirmative marketing 21 activities of project owners and managers. Such special 22 outreach efforts shall be targeted to those who are least likely to apply for the housing, to ensure that all persons 23 regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, 24 sex, disability, or familial status are aware of the housing 25

opportunities in each project funded with a grant under
 this title.

3 (b) ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—All new con-4 struction and alterations of existing buildings carried out 5 in connection with a grant under this title shall comply with the requirements of the section 504 of Rehabilitation 6 7 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the Accessibility Standards 8 for Design, Construction, and Alteration of Publicly 9 Owned Residential Structures of the Department of Hous-10 ing and Urban Development (24 C.F.R. part 40), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), and any other re-11 12 quirements as determined by the Secretary.

(c) AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENT.—Amounts from
a grant under this title may not be used for assistance
for any housing property unless the owner of the property
assisted agrees to a period of affordability for the property
which shall be not shorter than the period of affordability
to which the property is already subject and remains subject, or 20 years, whichever is longer.

20 (d) COST LIMITS.—Subject to the provisions of this
21 title, the Secretary shall establish cost limits on eligible
22 activities under this title sufficient to provide for effective
23 transformation programs.

24 (e) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For purposes of en25 vironmental review, assistance and projects under this title

shall be treated as assistance for special projects that are
 subject to section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Prop erty Disposition Reform Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 3547),
 and shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Sec retary to implement such section.

6 (f) GRANTEE REPORTING.—The Secretary shall re-7 quire grantees under this title to report the sources and 8 uses of all amounts expended and other information for 9 transformation plans for the Secretary's annual report to 10 Congress or other purposes as determined by the Sec-11 retary.

12 SEC. 310. DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION.

(a) INAPPLICABILITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING DEMOLI14 TION AND DISPOSITION REQUIREMENTS TO TRANS15 FORMATION PLAN.—The demolition or disposition of se16 verely distressed public housing pursuant to a trans17 formation plan approved under this title shall exempt from
18 the provisions of section 18 of the United States Housing
19 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p).

(b) APPLICABILITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION REQUIREMENTS TO REPLACEMENT PUBLIC HOUSING.—Nothing in this title may be
construed to exempt any replacement public housing
dwelling units provided under a transformation plan in accordance with the requirements under section 308 (relat-

ing to one-for-one replacement of public housing dwelling
 units) from the provisions of section 18 of the United
 States Housing Act of 1937.

4 SEC. 311. PHASE-SPECIFIC UNDERWRITING.

5 To the extent that a transformation plan provides for 6 different phases of activities, the Secretary may allow for 7 the various phases of such plan to be underwritten on a 8 separate basis.

9 SEC. 312. ADMINISTRATION BY OTHER ENTITIES.

10 The Secretary may require a grantee under this title 11 to make arrangements satisfactory to the Secretary for 12 use of an entity other than the original grantee to carry 13 out activities assisted under the transformation plan of the 14 grantee, if—

(1) the original grantee has failed to meet performance benchmarks relating to implementation of
the transformation plan; and

18 (2) the Secretary determines that such action19 will help to effectuate the purposes of this title.

20 SEC. 313. WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING.

If a grantee under this title does not proceed within a reasonable timeframe in implementing its transformation plan or does not otherwise comply with the requirements of this title and the grant agreement, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary may withdraw any

grant amounts under this title that have not been obli-1 2 gated by the grantee. The Secretary may redistribute any 3 withdrawn amounts to one or more other eligible entities 4 capable of proceeding expeditiously in the same locality in 5 carrying out the transformation plan of the original grantee, or as such plan may be modified and approved by the 6 7 Secretary, or, if that is not feasible, to one or more other 8 applicants that has already received assistance under this 9 title.

10 sec. 314. Annual report; public availability of11Grant information.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less than 90 days before
the conclusion of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Committee on Financial Services of the House of
Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing,
and Urban Affairs of the Senate a report on the implementation and status of grants awarded under this title,
which shall include—

- 19 (1) the number, type, and cost of affordable20 housing units revitalized pursuant to this title;
- (2) the amount and type of financial assistance
 provided under and in conjunction with this title, including a specification of the amount and type of assistance provided for educational opportunities, serv-

ices, public assets, public transportation, and access
 to jobs;

3 (3) the impact of grants made under this title
4 on the original residents, the target neighborhoods,
5 and the larger communities within which they are lo6 cated;

7 (4) all information submitted to the Secretary
8 pursuant to section 307(e)(1) by all grantees and
9 summaries of the extent of compliance by grantees
10 with the requirements under subsections (a) and (g)
11 of section 307; and

12 (5) any information related to grantees imple-13 mentation of the requirements under section 308 14 (relating to one-for-one replacement of public hous-15 ing dwelling units) and the efforts of the Secretary 16 to coordinate funding pursuant to section 305(e)(3). 17 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF GRANT INFORMA-18 TION.—To the extent not inconsistent with any other pro-19 visions of law, the Secretary shall make publicly available through a World Wide Web site of the Department of 20 21 Housing and Urban Development all documents of, or 22 filed with, the Department relating to the program under 23 this title, including applications, grant agreements, plans, 24 budgets, reports, and amendments to such documents; ex-25 cept that in carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to protect the
 privacy of any residents and households displaced from
 public or assisted housing as a result of a transformation
 plan assisted under a grant under this title.

5 SEC. 315. DEFINITIONS.

6 For purposes of this title, the following definitions7 shall apply:

8	(1) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The term "afford-
9	able housing" includes—

10 (A) public housing assisted under section 9
11 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
12 U.S.C. 1437g);

13 (B) assisted housing (as such term is de-14 fined in this section);

15 (C) housing assisted under an affordable
16 housing program administered by the Secretary
17 of Agriculture through Rural Housing Service;

18 (D) rental housing that utilizes tax credits
19 under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code
20 of 1986;

(E) affordable rental housing owned, developed, or assisted through a State or local government or State housing finance agency, including State-assisted public housing, which is
subject to a long-term affordability restriction

1	requiring occupancy by low-income households;
2	and
3	(F) private housing for low- and moderate-
4	income households and for which the Secretary
5	requires the owner or purchaser of the project
6	to maintain affordability for no fewer than 20
7	years in accordance with use restrictions under
8	regulations issued by the Secretary, which re-
9	strictions shall be—
10	(i) contained in a legally enforceable
11	document recorded in the appropriate
12	records; and
13	(ii) consistent with the long-term via-
14	bility of the project as rental or homeown-
15	ership housing.
16	(2) APPLICANT.—The term "applicant" means
17	an eligible entity under section 303(a) that submits
18	an application for a grant under this title pursuant
19	to section 306.
20	(3) Assisted Housing.—The term "assisted
21	housing" means rental housing assisted under—
22	(A) section 8 of the United States Housing

23 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f, 1437g);

1	(B) section $221(d)(3)$ or 236 of the Na-
2	tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715l, 1715z-
3	1);
4	(C) section 202 of the Housing Act of
5	1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q); or
6	(D) section 811 of Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
7	tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
8	8013).
9	(4) Critical community improvements.—
10	The term "critical community improvements"
11	means—
12	(A) development or improvement of com-
13	munity facilities to promote upward mobility,
14	self-sufficiency, or improved quality of life for
15	residents of the neighborhood, such as construc-
16	tion or rehabilitation of parks and community
17	gardens, environmental improvements, or site
18	remediation at affected sites; or
19	(B) activities to promote economic develop-
20	ment, such as development or improvement of
21	transit, retail, community financial institutions,
22	public services, facilities, assets, or other com-

23 munity resources.

1	(5) EXTREME POVERTY.—The term "extreme
2	poverty" means, with respect to a neighborhood,
3	that the neighborhood—
4	(A) has a high percentage of residents who
5	are—
6	(i) estimated to be in poverty; or
7	(ii) have extremely low incomes based
8	on the most recent data collected by the
9	United States Census Bureau; and
10	(B) is experiencing distress related to one
11	or more of the following:
12	(i) Per capita crime rates over 3 or
13	more years that are significantly higher
14	than the per capita crime rates of the city
15	or county in which the neighborhood is lo-
16	cated.
17	(ii) High rates of vacant, abandoned,
18	or substandard homes relative to the city
19	or county as a whole.
20	(iii) A low-performing public school.
21	(iv) Other such factors as determined
22	by the Secretary that further the purposes
23	of this title.
24	(6) FAMILIES.—The term "families" has the
25	meaning given such term in section 3(b) of the

1	United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
2	1437a(b)).
3	(7) GRANTEE.—The term "grantee" means an
4	eligible entity under section 303 that is awarded a
5	grant under this title, pursuant to selection under
6	section 306.
7	(8) LONG-TERM VIABILITY.—The term "long-
8	term viability" means, with respect to a neighbor-
9	hood, that the neighborhood is sustainable on an
10	economic, education, and environmental basis.
11	(9) Neighborhood.—The term "neighbor-
12	hood" means an area that—
13	(A) has distinguishing characteristics;
14	(B) represents the geographical distribu-
15	tion of targeted populations; and
16	(C) is not exclusive of areas that are inte-
17	grally related to the composition of the commu-
18	nity.
19	(10) Public Housing; public Housing Agen-
20	CY.—The terms "public housing" and "public hous-
21	ing agency" have the meanings given such terms in
22	section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
23	1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

1	(11) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary"
2	means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
3	ment.
4	(12) Severely distressed housing.—The
5	term "severely distressed housing" means a public
6	or assisted housing project (or building in a project)
7	that—
8	(A)(i) has been certified, by an engineer or
9	architect licensed by a State licensing board, as
10	meeting criteria for physical distress that indi-
11	cate that the project requires major redesign,
12	reconstruction, or redevelopment, or partial or
13	total demolition, to correct serious deficiencies
14	in the original design (including inappropriately
15	high-population density), deferred maintenance,
16	physical deterioration or obsolescence of major
17	systems, and other deficiencies in the physical
18	plant of the project; and
19	(ii) is a significant contributing factor to
20	the physical decline of and disinvestment by
21	public and private entities in the surrounding
22	neighborhood, as documented by evidence of
23	non-physical distress, such as extreme poverty,
24	including census data and past surveys of
25	neighborhood stability conducted by an appli-

1	cant or co-applicant or their qualified designee;
2	or
3	(B) was a project described in subpara-
4	graph (A) that has been legally vacated or de-
5	molished, but for which the Secretary has not
6	yet provided replacement housing assistance
7	other than tenant-based assistance.
8	(13) SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT OR CHANGE.—
9	The term "significant" means, with respect to an

9 The term "significant" means, with respect to an 10 amendment or change to a transformation plan, that 11 the amendment or change—

12 (A) changes the use of 20 percent or more
13 of the total amount of the grant provided under
14 this title from use for one activity to use for an15 other;

16 (B) eliminates an activity that is a re17 quired activity that, notwithstanding the
18 change, would otherwise be carried out under
19 the plan; or

20 (C) significantly changes the scope, loca21 tion, or beneficiaries of the project carried out
22 under the plan.

23 (14) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term "sup24 portive services" includes all activities that will pro-

mote upward mobility, self-sufficiency, or improved
 quality of life, including—

3 (A) such activities as literacy training, re4 medial and continuing education, job training,
5 financial literacy instruction, daycare, youth
6 services, aging-in-place, physical and mental
7 health services, and other programs for which
8 such residents demonstrate need;

9 (B) case management and service coordination services, including providing coordinators 10 11 for the Family Self-Sufficiency program under section 23 of the United States Housing Act of 12 13 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437u) and the Resident Op-14 portunity and Supportive Services program 15 under section 34 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 16 1437z-6); and

17 (C) technical assistance to enable residents 18 to access programs from other key agencies and 19 local service providers in order to help residents 20 be stably housed, improve outcomes for chil-21 dren, and enhance adults' capacity for self-suf-22 ficiency and economic security, and services for 23 the elderly and persons with disabilities to 24 maintain independence.

1 SEC. 316. FUNDING.

2 There are authorized to be appropriated the following3 amounts:

4 (1) GRANTS.—\$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year
5 2018 and such sums as may be necessary in each of
6 fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, for grants
7 under this title, of which, in any fiscal year—

8 (A) up to 10 percent of such amount au-9 thorized may be used for planning grants, ex-10 cept that in awarding planning grants, the Sec-11 retary may elect to base selection on a subset 12 of the required provisions of this title;

(B) up to 5 percent of the amount authorized may be used for technical assistance and
program evaluation efforts related to grants
awarded under this title, or under predecessor
programs; and

18 (C) not less than 80 percent shall be used
19 for, or 80 percent of the number of housing
20 units assisted under this title shall be, public
21 housing units, subject to de minimis variations
22 as may result from the grantee selection proc23 ess.

(2) RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—Such sums as may
be necessary for each of fiscal years 2018 through
2022 for providing tenant-based assistance for relo-

cation and for rental assistance under section 8 of
 the United States Housing Act of 1937 for the pur poses of complying with section 307(c) of this title,
 but not to exceed the amount of assistance for the
 number of units demolished or disposed of under
 section 307(c)(1).

7 SEC. 317. REGULATIONS.

8 Not later than the expiration of the 180-day period
9 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
10 Secretary shall issue regulations to carry out the following
11 provisions of this title:

- 12 (1) Subsections (c) and (e) of section 305.
- 13 (2) Section 308(b).
- 14 (3) Paragraphs (4), (5), (8), (9), and (12) of
- 15 section 315.

16 TITLE IV—PILOT PROGRAM TO 17 TRAIN PUBLIC HOUSING 18 RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE 19 HOME-BASED HEALTH SERV20 ICES

21 SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Together We CareAct of 2017".

1 SEC. 402. PILOT GRANT PROGRAM TO TRAIN PUBLIC HOUS-

2ING RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE COVERED3HOME-BASED HEALTH SERVICES.

4 Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
5 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-6) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subsections:

7 "(f) PILOT GRANT PROGRAM TO TRAIN PUBLIC
8 HOUSING RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE COVERED HOME9 BASED HEALTH SERVICES.—

10 "(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT GRANT PRO-11 GRAM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-12 retary of Health and Human Services, shall estab-13 lish a competitive grant program to make grants to 14 eligible entities under paragraph (2) for use for the 15 training of public housing residents as home health 16 aides and as providers of home-based health services 17 (including as personal and home care aides) to en-18 able such residents to provide covered home-based 19 health services to—

20 "(A) residents of public housing who are
21 elderly or disabled, or both (including elderly
22 and disabled veterans who are residents of pub23 lic housing); and

24 "(B) subject to the criteria set forth pur25 suant to paragraph (3), residents of federally-

1	assisted rental housing who are elderly or dis-
2	abled, or both.
3	"(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—A grant under this
4	subsection may be made only to an entity that—
5	"(A) is a public housing agency or other
6	unit of State or local government (including an
7	agency of such unit), community health center,
8	home care provider organization, faith-based or-
9	ganization, labor organization, or other organi-
10	zation determined to be qualified by the Sec-
11	retary; and
12	"(B) demonstrates to the satisfaction of
13	the Secretary that it has established, or pro-
14	vides such assurances that it will establish, an
15	employment training program to train public
16	housing residents to provide covered home-
17	based health services that complies with regula-
18	tions that the Secretary shall issue.
19	"(3) RESIDENTS OF FEDERALLY-ASSISTED
20	RENTAL HOUSING.—The Secretary may set forth
21	criteria under which an entity receiving funding
22	under this subsection may train public housing resi-
23	dents to provide covered home-based health services
24	to elderly and disabled residents of federally-assisted
25	rental housing.

1	"(4) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant
2	under this subsection an eligible entity under para-
3	graph (2) shall submit to the Secretary an applica-
4	tion at such time, in such manner, and containing
5	such information as the Secretary shall require.
6	"(5) Competitive grant awards.—
7	"(A) GENERAL CRITERIA FOR SELEC-
8	TION.—The Secretary shall establish policies
9	and procedures for reviewing and approving
10	funding for eligible entities through a competi-
11	tive process taking into consideration—
12	"(i) with respect to the service area in
13	which public housing residents trained
14	under an employment training program de-
15	scribed in paragraph (2)(B) will provide
16	covered home-based health services—
17	"(I) the percentage of residents
18	age 62 and older;
19	"(II) the percentage of disabled
20	residents; and
21	"(III) the percentage of unem-
22	ployed or underemployed residents;
23	"(ii) the ability of an eligible entity to
24	provide training that leads to the provision
25	of quality care;

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1	"(iii) the record of the quality of care
2	of an eligible entity; and
3	"(iv) such other criteria as determined
4	by the Secretary.
5	"(B) Geographic consideration.—In
6	awarding grants, the Secretary shall consider a
7	geographic mix of a variety of eligible entities
8	so that the grant program will include at
9	least—
10	"(i) one employment training program
11	described in paragraph $(2)(B)$ that pri-
12	marily serves an urban population;
13	"(ii) one employment training pro-
14	gram described in paragraph $(2)(B)$ that
15	primarily serves a rural population;
16	"(iii) one employment training pro-
17	gram described in paragraph $(2)(B)$ that
18	primarily serves an Indian population; and
19	"(iv) one employment training pro-
20	gram described in paragraph $(2)(B)$ that
21	primarily serves a population in the Com-
22	monwealth of Puerto Rico, the United
23	States Virgin Islands, Guam, American
24	Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the
25	Northern Mariana Islands.

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"(6) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—An entity receiv-

2	ing funding under this subsection may use such
3	funds—
4	"(A) to establish (or maintain) and carry-
5	out an employment training program to train
6	public housing residents to provide covered
7	home-based health care services to elderly and
8	disabled public housing residents and elderly
9	and disabled residents of federally-assisted rent-
10	al housing;
11	"(B) for the transportation expenses of
12	public housing residents in training under such
13	an employment training program;
14	"(C) for the child care expenses of public
15	housing residents in training under such an em-
16	ployment training program;
17	"(D) for the administrative expenses of
18	carrying out such an employment training pro-
19	gram; and
20	"(E) for any other activity the Secretary
21	determines appropriate.
22	"(7) Report to congress.—Not later than
23	24 months after the date of the enactment of the
24	Together We Care Act of 2017, the Secretary shall
25	submit to Congress a report on the use and impact

1	of the grant program established by this subsection.
2	The report shall include—
3	"(A) a review of the effectiveness of the
4	program in—
5	"(i) providing jobs for public housing
6	residents;
7	"(ii) meeting the unmet health and
8	long-term care needs of elderly and dis-
9	abled residents of public housing and elder-
10	ly and disabled residents of federally-as-
11	sisted rental housing; and
12	"(iii) enabling the provision of quality
13	care; and
14	"(B) any recommendations the Secretary
15	determines appropriate regarding the grant pro-
16	gram.
17	"(8) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection,
18	subsection (g), and subsection (h):
19	"(A) Home-based health services
20	The term 'home-based health services' means
21	health care and long-term services provided to
22	an individual in a place of residence used as
23	such individual's home and includes—

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1	"(i) home health services described in
2	section 1861(m) of the Social Security Act
3	(42 U.S.C. 1395x(m));
4	"(ii) personal care services described
5	in section $1905(a)(24)$ of such Act (42)
6	U.S.C. 1396d(a)(24)); and
7	"(iii) home-based services which may
8	be covered under a waiver under subsection
9	(c) or (d) of section 1915 of such Act (42)
10	U.S.C. 1396n).
11	"(B) Home health aide.—The term
12	'home health aide' has the meaning given the
13	term in section $1891(a)(3)(E)$ of the Social Se-
14	curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395bbb(a)(3)(E)).
15	"(C) COVERED.—The term 'covered'
16	means, with respect to home-based health serv-
17	ices, such services—
18	"(i) for which medical assistance is
19	available under a State plan under title
20	XIX of the Social Security Act; or
21	"(ii) for which financial assistance is
22	available under subsection (g).
23	"(D) FEDERALLY-ASSISTED RENTAL
24	HOUSING.—The term 'federally-assisted rental
25	housing' means—

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1	"(i) housing assisted under section
2	202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12)
3	U.S.C. 1701q);
4	"(ii) housing assisted under section
5	515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42)
6	U.S.C. 1485);
7	"(iii) housing assisted under section 8
8	of the United States Housing Act of 1937
9	(42 U.S.C. 1437f) (including project-based
10	and tenant-based assistance);
11	"(iv) housing assisted under the block
12	grant program under the Native American
13	Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-
14	tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.);
15	"(v) housing financed by a mortgage
16	insured under section 221(d)(3) of the Na-
17	tional Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
18	1715l(d)(3)) or held by the Secretary, a
19	State, or State agency; and
20	"(vi) housing assisted under section
21	811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
22	fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013).
23	"(9) INAPPLICABILITY OF PREVIOUS SUB-
24	SECTIONS.—Subsections (a) through (e) shall not

apply to this subsection, subsection (g), and sub section (h).

3 "(10) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This sub4 section and subsection (g) may not be construed as
5 affecting any requirement under State law for train6 ing, licensure, or any other certification as a home
7 health aide or as a provider of any home-based
8 health service under this subsection and subsection
9 (g).

"(11) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 months
after the date of enactment of the Together We Care
Act of 2017, the Secretary shall issue regulations to
carry out this subsection.

14 "(12) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
15 There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000
16 for each of the fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020,
17 for grants under this subsection.

18 "(g) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOME-BASED19 HEALTH SERVICES IN CERTAIN JURISDICTIONS.—

"(1) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary,
in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
Human Services, may provide financial assistance
under this subsection to entities receiving grant
funds under the pilot program established under
subsection (f) that provide training for public hous-

1	ing residents as home health aides and as providers
2	of home-based health services and provide (or pay
3	for) such services for use only for their costs in pro-
4	viding (or paying for) such services to—
5	"(A) residents of public housing who are
6	elderly or disabled, or both (including elderly or
7	disabled veterans who are residents of public
8	housing); or
9	"(B) at the discretion of the Secretary,
10	residents of federally-assisted rental housing
11	who are elderly or disabled, or both.
12	"(2) Requirements.—
13	"(A) LOCATION.—Assistance under para-
14	graph (1) may be provided only for services fur-
15	nished in locations in which medical assistance
16	for home-based health services is not available
17	under a State plan under title XIX of the So-
18	cial Security Act.
19	"(B) TRAINED PUBLIC HOUSING RESI-
20	DENTS.—Assistance under paragraph (1) may
21	be used only for costs of services described in
22	paragraph (1) that are provided by public hous-
23	ing residents trained by an entity receiving
24	grant funds under the pilot program established
25	under subsection (f).

1	"(3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for financial
2	assistance under this subsection an entity shall—
3	"(A) provide such assurances as the Sec-
4	retary shall require that it will use the funds
5	only as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) ;
6	"(B) submit to the Secretary an applica-
7	tion at such time, in such manner, and con-
8	taining such information as the Secretary re-
9	quires; and
10	"(C) comply with such other terms and
11	conditions as the Secretary shall establish to
12	carry out this subsection.
13	"(4) Authorization of appropriations.—
14	There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000
15	for each of the fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020,
16	for financial assistance under this subsection.
17	"(h) Impact of Income on Eligibility for Hous-
18	ING BENEFITS.—For any resident of public housing who
19	is trained as a home health aide or as a provider of home-
20	based health services pursuant to the program under sub-
21	section (f), any income received by such resident for pro-
22	viding covered home-based health services shall apply to-
23	wards eligibility for benefits under Federal housing pro-
24	grams as follows:

"(1) No income received shall apply for the 12
 months after the completion of the training of such
 resident.

4 "(2) Twenty-five percent of income received
5 shall apply for the period that is 12 to 24 months
6 after the completion of the training of such resident.
7 "(3) Fifty percent of income received shall
8 apply for the period that is 24 to 36 months after
9 the completion of the training of such resident.

"(4) One hundred percent of income received
shall apply for any period that begins after 36
months after the completion of the training of such
resident.".

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