



August 11, 2022

The Honorable Marcia Fudge
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge,

The Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for Federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of a society free from racism, ableism, sexism, and xenophobia, as well as LGBTQ+ based discrimination and religious intolerance. The CCD Housing Task Force works to ensure that all people with disabilities have safe, stable, accessible, affordable, integrated housing that enables people to live in communities of their choosing, with full access to home and community-based services and supports.

The CCD Housing Task Force would like to thank you for your general support for ensuring equity and inclusion of people with disabilities, especially as re-iterated during last month's Disability Pride and ADA Anniversary acknowledgments. In those acknowledgments, HUD highlighted the foremost program dedicated to full integration and community living for all people with disabilities: the Section 811 program.

Despite HUD efforts to highlight the program, the CCD Housing Task Force is deeply concerned about current problems in the deployment of Section 811, problems that are a direct threat to meeting the promise of the program (community living and integration of people with disabilities).

We request that HUD take immediate action in the following ways:

- **Release all FY18, FY19, FY20, and FY21 Section 811 funds to eligible states.** As stated within the 117th Congress House of Representative Report:

“The Committee directs the Department to expeditiously make all remaining funding provided in fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 available within 60 days of enactment of this Act and to award that funding within 180 days of enactment of this Act. (p.142)

HUD has still not made these funds available, and now FY22 funds are needing to be made available as well.

- **Only allow Section 811 funds for PRA, not capital advance.** HUD is still making both 811 Capital Advance & Project-Based Rental Assistance available. This is a problem because the capital advance only finances group homes and congregate settings which are NOT aligned with the federal integration mandate affirmed through the SCOTUS decision of L.C. v. Olmstead. Moreover, from a functionality standpoint, capital advance continues to be even more challenging for projects to use with other funding sources. Again, urge HUD to release all funds from FY 18 through FY22 and only allow the funds to be used for PRA, not capital advance.

We are eager to support HUD in solving these problems so that the agency can fulfill its commitment to people with disabilities and to the broader housing field that is better off when housing is accessible, integrated, and affordable.

Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and action.

Sincerely,

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