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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations

- President's Budget- Released in April
- Senate Budget- \$1.058 trillion
- House Budget- \$967 million
- No budget resolution, no compromise in sight
- Senate vs. House topline spending level is \$91 billion apart

FY14: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

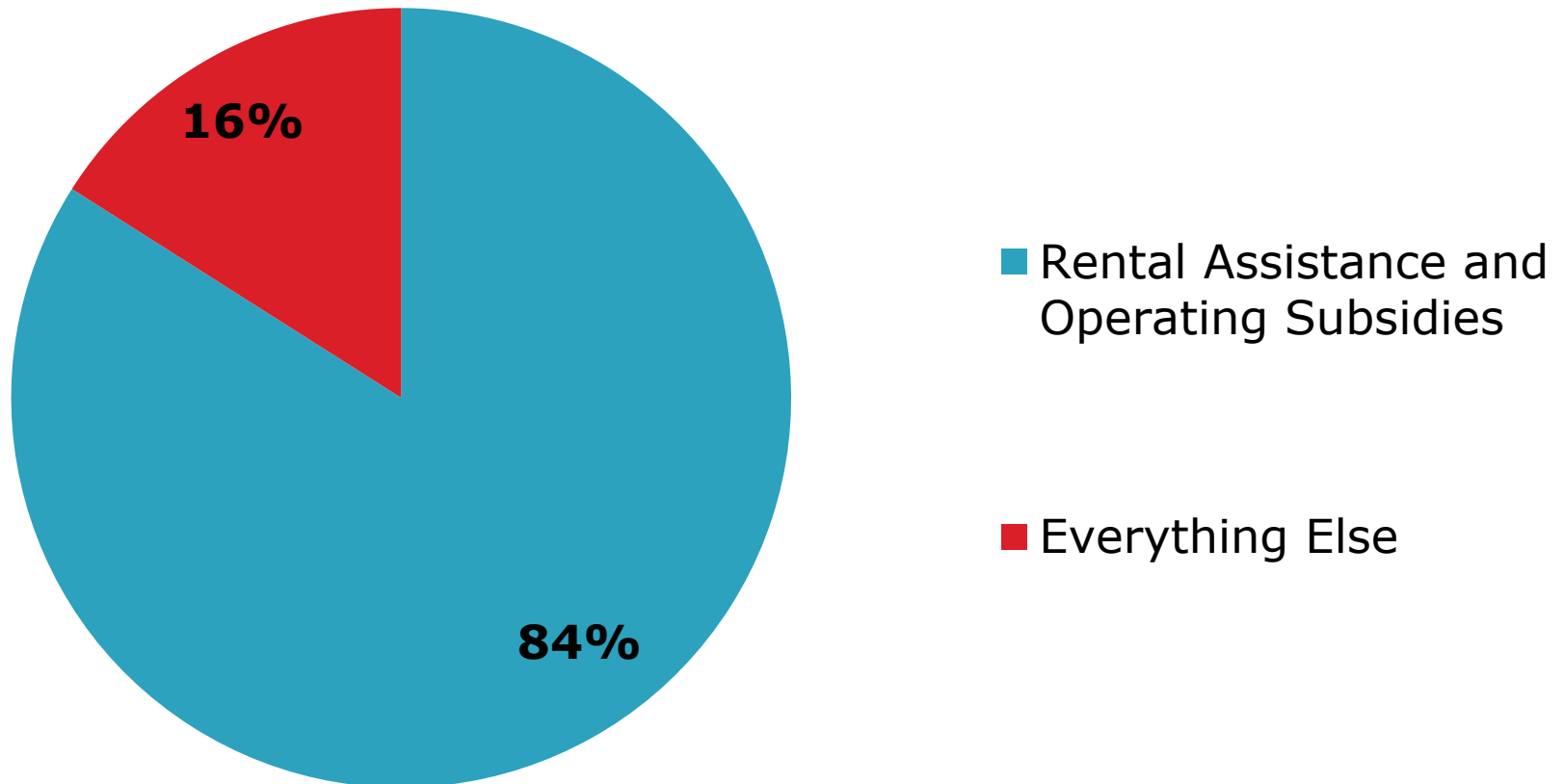
- House topline spending level: \$44 billion
- Senate topline spending level: \$54 billion
- House, Senate action this week

BREAKING:

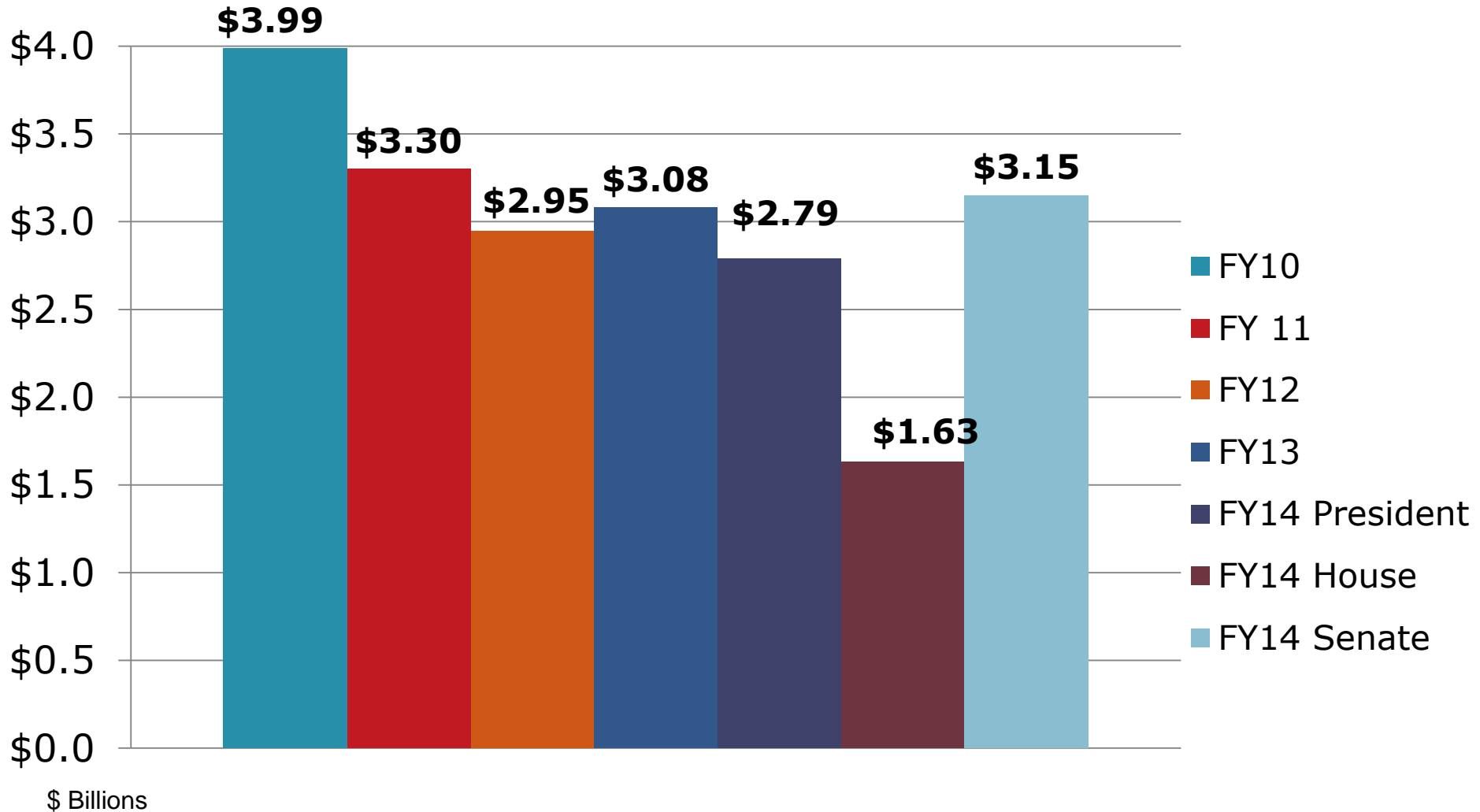
THUD Pulled from the floor in the House;

Cloture Vote Fails in Senate (54-43)

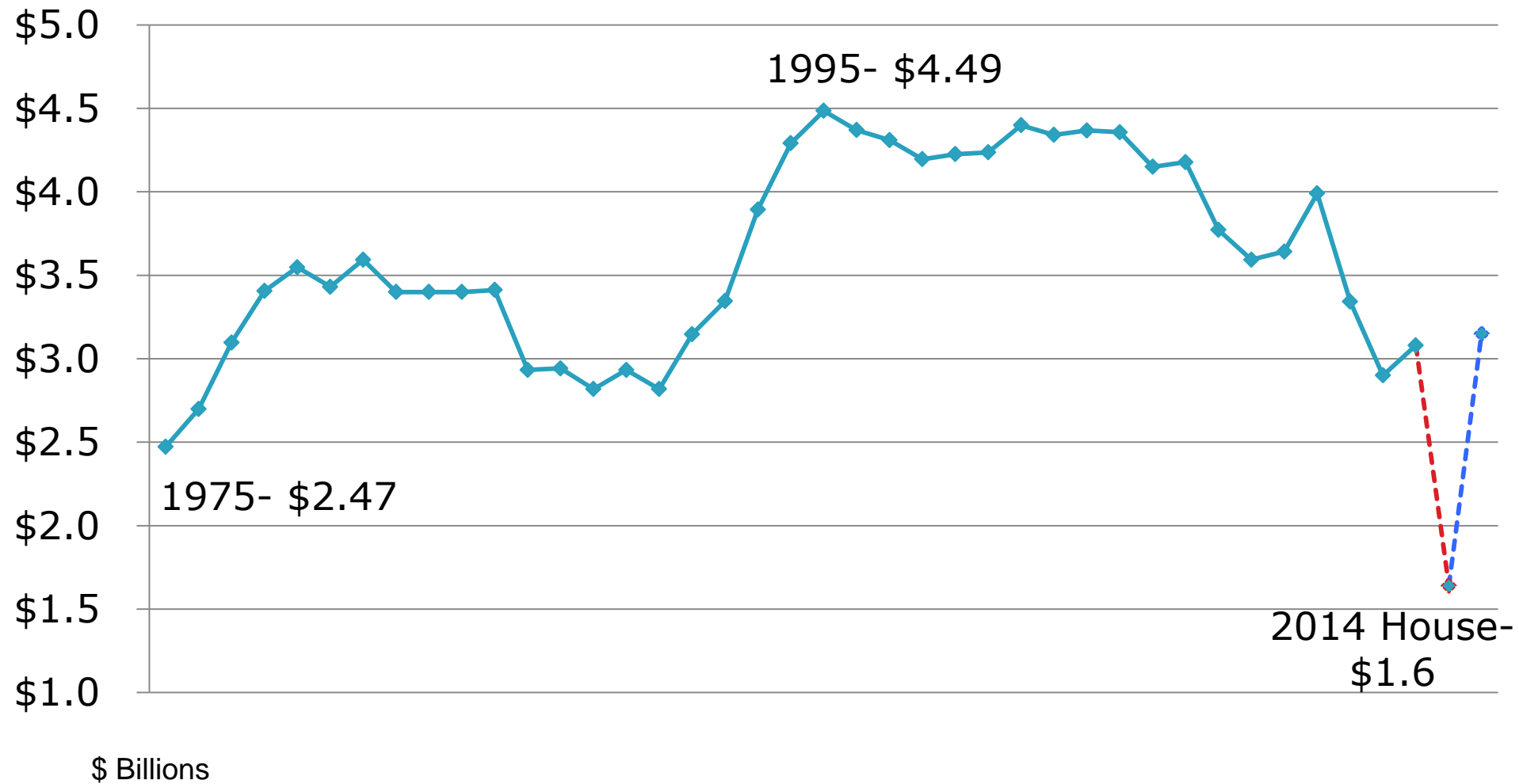
HUD Funding Allocations



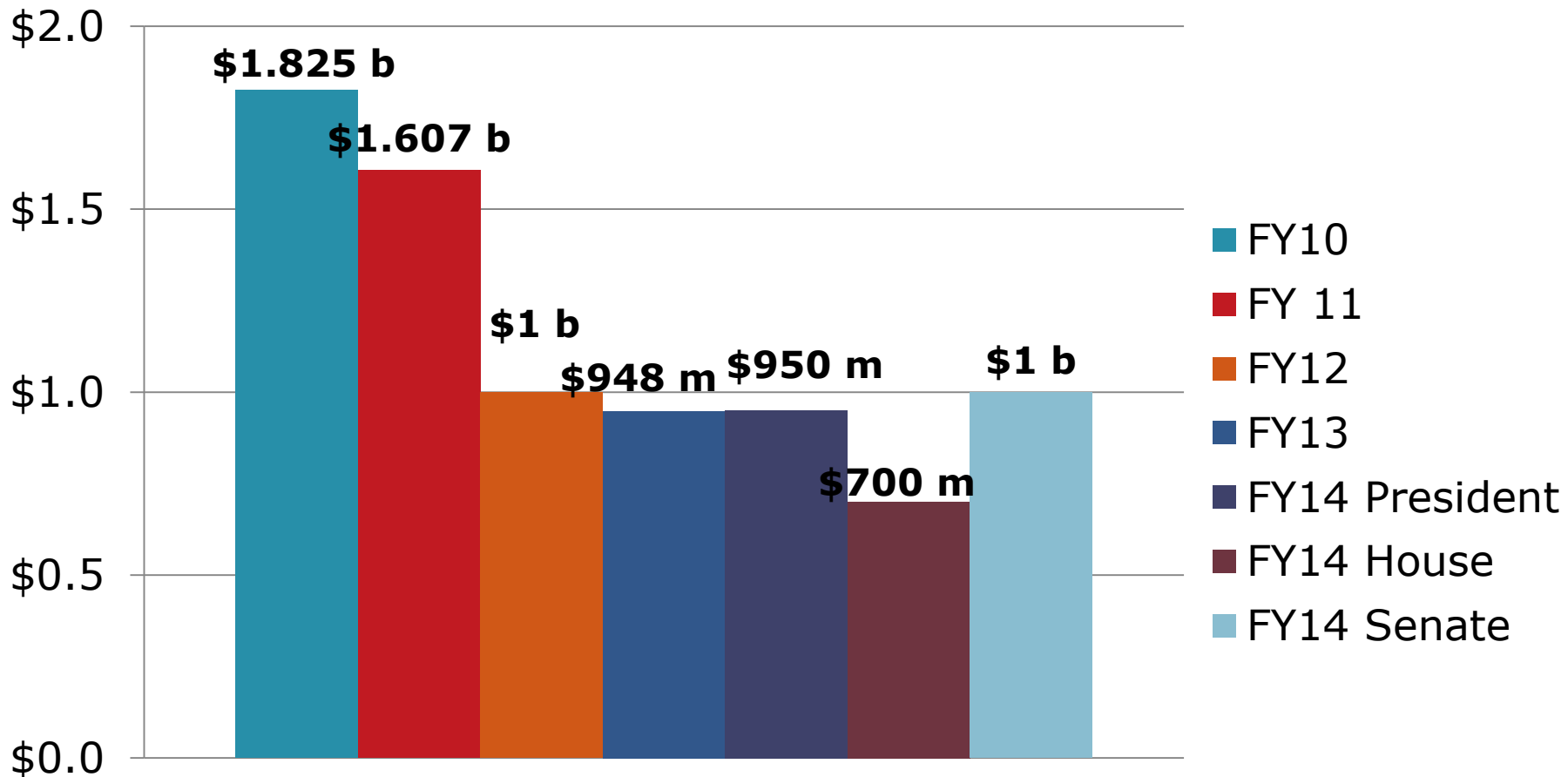
HUD: Community Development Block Grants



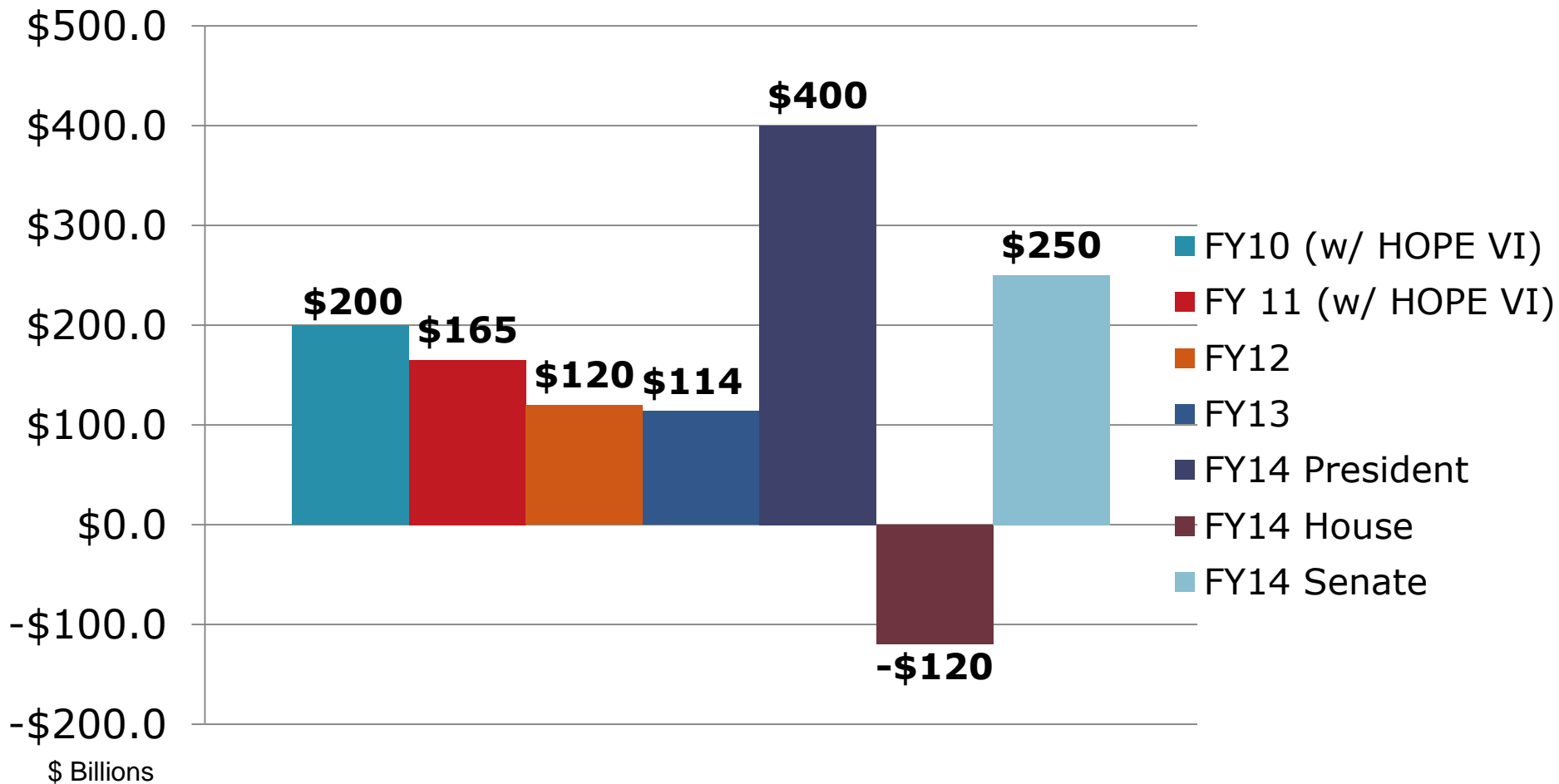
HUD: CDBG: Funding Levels 1975-2014



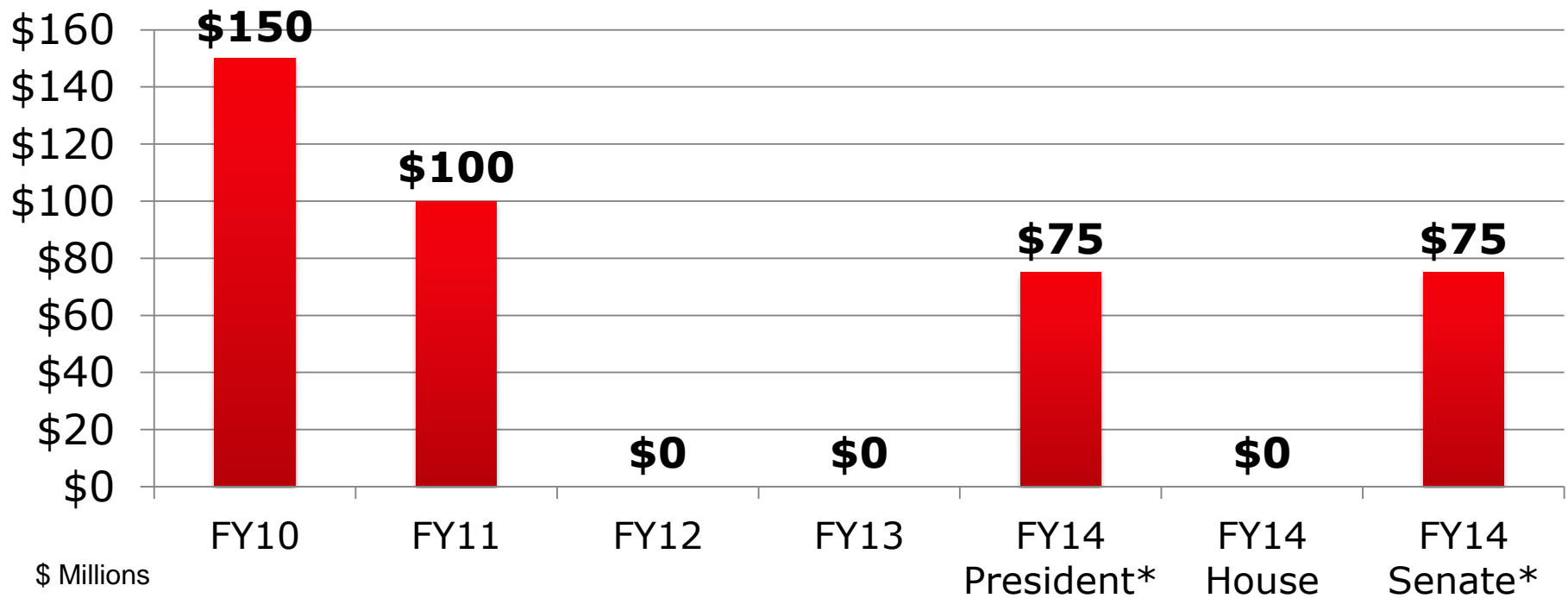
HUD: HOME Investment Partnerships



HUD: Choice Neighborhoods



HUD: Partnership for Sustainable Communities



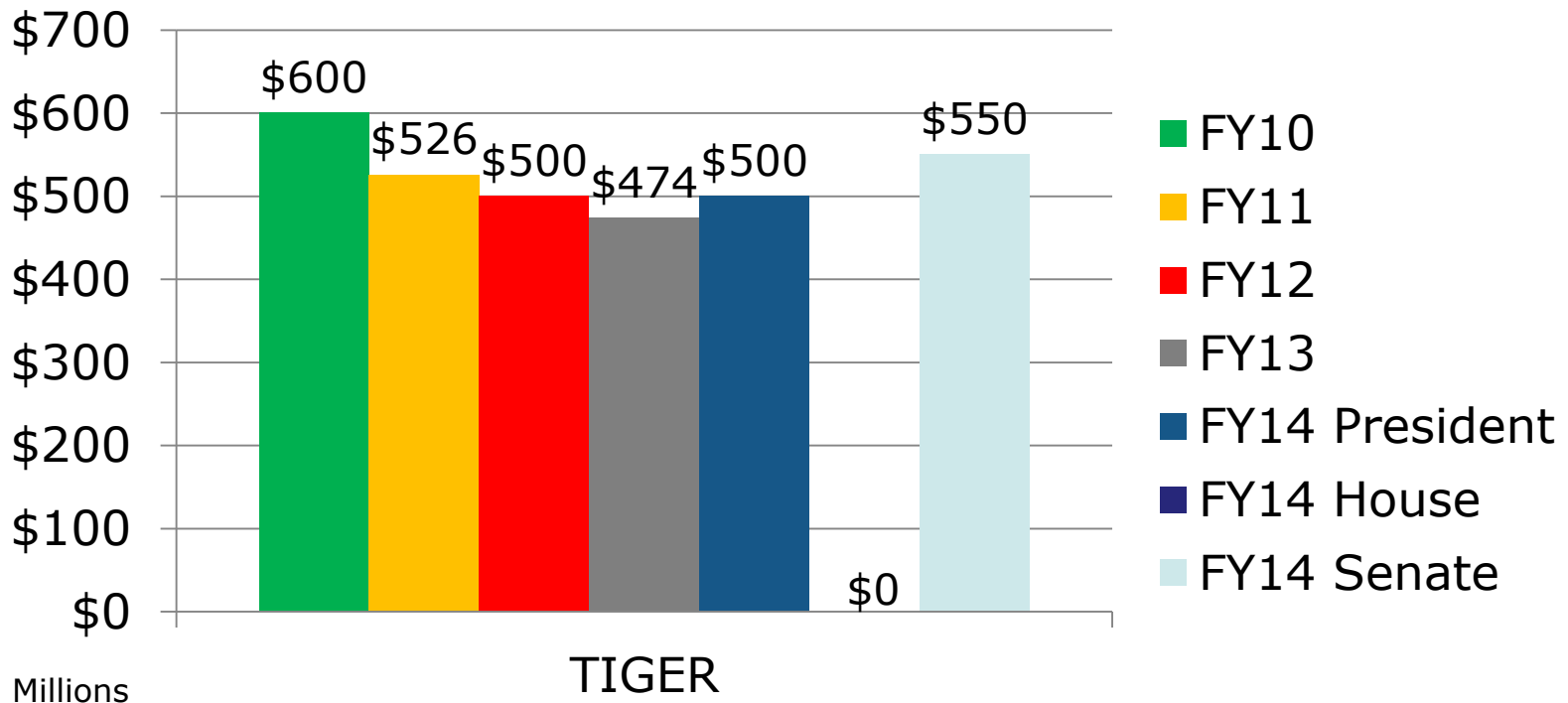
* Changes program to Office of Economic Resiliency

HUD: Sustainable Communities in President's FY14 Budget

- Transitioning to Office of Economic Resiliency
- President proposed moving the program within Community Planning and Development within HUD
- \$75 million for “Integrated Planning and Investment Strategy Grants”
- Senate included funding for new grants, House did not

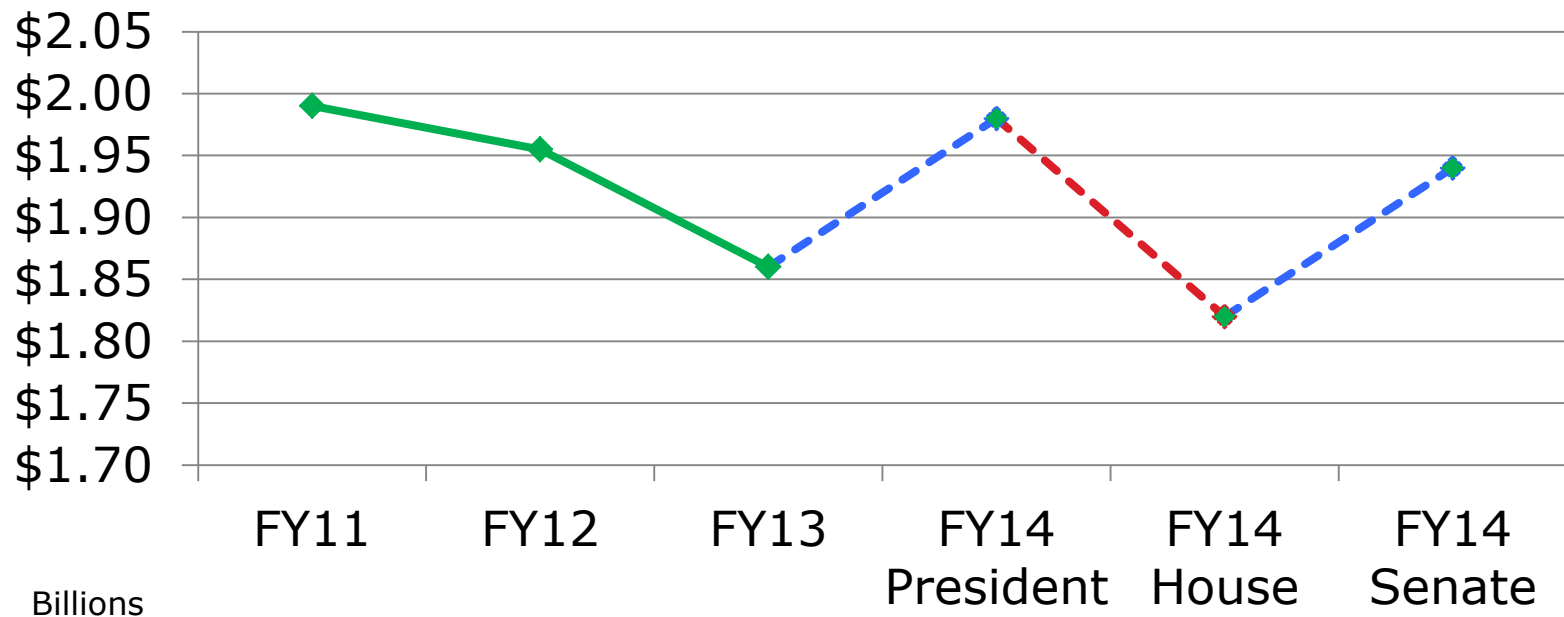
DOT: TIGER Grants

- FY13 appropriation of \$500m reduced by sequestration
- Additional \$4 billion requested by Obama FY14 for immediate investment



DOT: New Starts

Capital Investment Grants



Appropriations: Interior & Environment

Dramatic Cuts in House Subcommittee Bill

- Eliminates Brownfield Funding
- Steep Water Infrastructure Cuts
- Cuts for LWCF, Urban Forestry
- Regulatory Restrictions

Water Resources Development Act

- Senate passed its bill in May (S.601)
- House has not released bill; T&I Leadership preparing draft
- Debate in House over how to replace earmarks without ceding authority

Infrastructure Finance

- Partnership to Build America Act (HR 2084)
- National Infrastructure Development Bank Act (HR 2553)
- American Infrastructure Investment Fund Act (S. 387 and HR 974)
- Transportation Reauthorization

Tax Reform

- House: holding hearings
- Senate: members submitted priorities to Finance Committee
- Impacts on municipal bond tax exemption, LIHTC, New Market Tax Credits, Mortgage Interest Deduction
- President Links Corporate Rate to Infrastructure Stimulus

Energy Efficiency

- Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2013 (S. 761 and HR 1616)
- Includes building code provisions
- Poised for final passage in Senate
- House bill introduced in June

Hazard Mitigation

- Digital Coast Act (HR 1382)
- Strengthening the Resiliency of Our Nation on the Ground (STRONG) Act (S 904 and HR 2322)

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POLICY UPDATE

Regulatory Update

- **HUD**

- *Final rule:* HOME Investment Partnerships Program: Improving Performance and Accountability; Updating Property Standards (July 24, 2013)
- *Proposed rule:* Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (July 19, 2013)
 - APA is preparing comments; please email govtaffairs@planning.org by Aug. 5 to participate in working group

- **DOT**

- *Final guidance:* Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Guidance (June 10, 2013)
- *Proposed rule:* Transportation Performance Measures (anticipated October 2013)

- **EPA**

Grant Opportunities

- **FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs**

Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance

Application period: July 19, 2013 to October 18, 2013

- **DoD's Office of Economic Adjustment**

Community planning assistance and economic diversification in response to reductions or cancellations in defense spending.

Application period: Proposals considered on a continuing basis.

Policy Guides

- **Hazard Mitigation**
- **Planning for an Aging Society**

White papers presented in at NPC in Chicago.

Both topics are under development and open for input.

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AUGUST ADVOCACY

Why Advocacy in August?

- 5-week Congressional District Work Period
- Pivotal Moment for Appropriations
- Advantages of Being at Home
- Set Up for Planners' Day on Capitol Hill
- Long-term Relationship Building

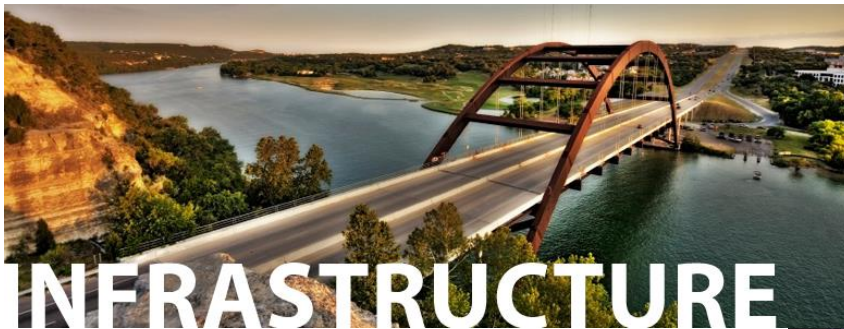
Issues + Asks

Appropriations

- Support Senate THUD Levels

Infrastructure & Resiliency

- Support Key Bills
- Tax Reform



Resources

Toolkit

“Leave Behind”

Talking Points

Assistance



<http://planning.org/advocacy/toolbox/>

What to Do ...

Promote and Recruit

- Aim to Cover Districts
- Access Partnership Options

Schedule Request

Coordinate & Prepare

Report

Thank & Follow Up



What if I can't do a meeting?

Send Email through APA Action Center

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Click 'Legislative Action Center'

Activate Social Media

Document and Share Local Stories

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FPPB PREVIEW AND GRASSROOTS PROGRAMS

Federal Policy & Program Briefing

September 29 & 30, 2013

- **Program Preview**

- Conference: September 29-30 in Crystal City, Virginia
- Planners' Day on Capitol Hill: October 1
- Major themes
 - Big ideas shaping policy (Mike Grunwald, Vishaan Chakrabarti)
 - Hazard mitigation and resilience (David Miller, Dr. Holly Bamford)
 - State and federal fiscal policy reform (Bruce Bartlett)
 - Updates on housing, transportation, and green infrastructure
 - Impact of state legislation on planning

Federal Policy and Program Briefing

For Legislative Liaisons

- *Registration discount: \$95*
- Special events
 - Liaison Luncheon on Sunday
 - Communication Workshop: Communicating the Value of Planning in a Contentious Climate
 - Burnham Forum
 - Special Session on State Advocacy

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FPPB & Grassroots Network

- **New Grassroots Program and Resources**
 - Targeting APA members by congressional district
 - Options for structuring network
 - Role of legislative liaisons



FPPB & Grassroots Network

- **Emerging Professionals Program**
 - New series of FPPB events (no additional cost):
 - Emerging Professionals Policy Luncheon on Sunday
 - Networking event on Monday evening
 - Advocacy mentoring during Planners' Day on Capitol Hill
 - Legislative liaisons and chapter leadership can
 - Recruit and sponsor emerging professionals
 - Act as advocacy mentors during Planners' Day on Capitol Hill
 - Develop the next generation of advocates
 - Only a 1-day commitment

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QUESTIONS

Questions & More Information

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