



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4461
Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Financial Services on June 24, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 4461 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million a year over the 2009-2013 period for a grant program aimed at improving the enforcement of local building codes. Under that program, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would provide matching grants to state and local governments to increase staffing, support staff training, and purchase property and equipment to enforce building codes.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4461 would cost \$90 million over the 2009-2013 period and \$10 million in fiscal year 2014. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4461 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4461 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009-2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	20	20	20	20	20	100
Estimated Outlays	10	20	20	20	20	90

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 4461 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million annually over the 2009-2013 period for grants to state and local governments to improve the enforcement of local building codes. For this estimate, CBO assumes that all amounts authorized by H.R. 4461 will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year. Based on historical spending patterns for similar grant programs, CBO estimates that providing the grants would cost \$90 million over the 2009-2013 period and \$10 million in fiscal year 2014.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4461 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Funds authorized in the bill would benefit local government agencies that enforce local building codes. Any costs those governments incur, including matching funds, would be incurred voluntarily.

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