



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4329
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination
Reauthorization Act of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Financial Services
on July 30, 2014*

SUMMARY

H.R. 4329 would reauthorize the Native American Block Grant and loan guarantee programs through fiscal year 2018. In addition, the bill would authorize a new set-aside program to provide rental assistance to Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4329 would cost about \$2 billion over the 2015-2019 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4329 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. 4329 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 600 (income security).

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4329 would cost about \$2 billion over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4329 will be enacted early in fiscal year 2015 and that appropriated funds will be spent at historical rates for the affected programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2015- 2019
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Native American Housing Block Grants						
Authorization Level	650	650	650	650	0	2,600
Estimated Outlays	241	371	462	540	364	1,978
Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing						
Authorization Level	12	12	12	12	0	49
Estimated Outlays	12	12	12	12	0	49
Housing for Native American Veterans						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	4	20
Estimated Outlays	3	4	4	4	4	19
Total Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	666	666	666	666	4	2,669
Estimated Outlays	256	387	478	556	368	2,046

Native American Housing Block Grants

Section 301 would authorize the appropriation of \$650 million annually for the Native American Housing Block Grant program through fiscal year 2018. The block grant program provides funding to tribes to acquire, construct, rehabilitate, or manage affordable housing for Native American families with low incomes. In 2014, \$650 million was appropriated for this program. CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost nearly \$2 billion over the 2015-2019 period.

Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing

Section 502 would authorize the appropriation of \$12.2 million annually through 2018 to guarantee loans to Native American families and tribes to construct, acquire or rehabilitate homes located on tribal land. In 2014, \$6 million was appropriated for these guarantees. CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost \$49 million over the 2015-2019 period.

Supportive Housing for Native American Veterans

Section 501 would authorize a program to provide rental assistance to Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Each year 5 percent of the funds made available for the Veterans Affairs Supported Housing Program (VASH) would be set aside for Native American veterans. In 2014, \$75 million was appropriated for the VASH program. Assuming a program level that is 5 percent of that amount, and adjusting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost \$19 million over the 2015-2019 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4329 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Grants authorized in the bill would benefit tribal governments that participate in housing assistance programs. Any costs to those governments of complying with grant conditions would be incurred voluntarily.

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