

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3965**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AL GREEN OF TEXAS**

After section 4 of the bill, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5. FUNDING FOR TENANT AND OTHER PARTICIPATION**  
2 **AND CAPACITY BUILDING.**

3 Paragraph (3) of section 514(f) of the Multifamily  
4 Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997  
5 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) in the first sentence—

8 (i) by striking “not more than” and  
9 inserting “not less than”;

10 (ii) by striking “of low-income housing  
11 for which project-based rental assistance is  
12 provided at below market rent levels and  
13 may not be renewed” and inserting the fol-  
14 lowing: “and improvement of low-income  
15 housing for which project-based rental as-  
16 sistance, subsidized loans, or enhanced  
17 vouchers under section 8(t) are provided”;  
18 and

1 (iii) in the second parenthetical  
2 clause, by inserting before the closing pa-  
3 renthesis the following: “, and  
4 predevelopment assistance to enable such  
5 transfers”; and

6 (B) by inserting after the period at the end  
7 the following: “For outreach and training of  
8 tenants and technical assistance, the Secretary  
9 shall implement a grant program utilizing per-  
10 formance-based outcome measures for eligible  
11 costs incurred. Recipients providing capacity  
12 building or technical assistance services to ten-  
13 ant groups shall be qualified nonprofit State-  
14 wide, countywide, areawide or citywide organi-  
15 zations with demonstrated experience including  
16 at least a two-year recent track record of orga-  
17 nizing and providing assistance to tenants, and  
18 independence from the owner, a prospective  
19 purchaser, or their managing agents. The Sec-  
20 retary may provide assistance and training to  
21 grantees in administrative and fiscal manage-  
22 ment to ensure compliance with applicable Fed-  
23 eral requirements. The Secretary shall expedite  
24 the provision of funding for fiscal year 2008 by  
25 entering into new multi-year contracts with any

1 prior grantee without adverse audit findings or  
2 whose adverse audit findings have been cleared,  
3 and by entering into an interagency agreement  
4 for not less than \$1,000,000 with the Corpora-  
5 tion for National and Community Service or  
6 any other agency of the Federal Government,  
7 that is selected by the Secretary and the Sec-  
8 retary determines is qualified to conduct such  
9 program, to conduct a tenant outreach and  
10 training program under the same or similar  
11 terms and conditions as was most recently con-  
12 ducted by the Corporation. The Secretary shall  
13 also make available flexible grants to qualified  
14 nonprofit organizations that do not own eligible  
15 multifamily properties, for tenant outreach in  
16 underserved areas, and to experienced national  
17 or regional nonprofit organizations to provide  
18 specialized training or support to grantees as-  
19 sisted under this section. Notwithstanding any  
20 other provision of law, funds authorized under  
21 this section for any fiscal year shall be available  
22 for obligation in subsequent fiscal years. The  
23 Secretary shall require each recipient of  
24 amounts made available pursuant to this sub-  
25 paragraph to submit to the Secretary reports,

1 on a quarterly basis, detailing the use of such  
2 funds and including such information as the  
3 Secretary shall require.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 paragraphs:

6 “(D) PROHIBITIONS.—None of the funds  
7 made available under subparagraph (A) may be  
8 used for any political activities, political advo-  
9 cacy, or lobbying (as such terms are defined by  
10 Circular A-122 of the Office of Management  
11 and Budget, entitled ‘Cost Principles for Non-  
12 Profit Organizations’), or for expenses for trav-  
13 el to engage in political activities or preparation  
14 of or provision of advice on tax returns.

15 “(E) PROGRAM COMPLIANCE SYSTEMS.—  
16 Each recipient of amounts made available under  
17 subparagraph (A) shall develop systems to en-  
18 sure compliance with the program and the re-  
19 quirements of this paragraph.

20 “(F) PENALTIES.—The Secretary may im-  
21 pose penalties on any recipient of amounts  
22 made available under subparagraph (A) that  
23 fails to comply with any requirement under this  
24 paragraph or of the program established pursu-

1 ant to this paragraph, which penalties may in-  
2 clude—

3 “(i) ineligibility for further assistance  
4 from amounts made available under sub-  
5 paragraph (A); and

6 “(ii) requiring the recipient to reim-  
7 burse the Secretary for any amounts that  
8 were so misused.”.