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Budget Summary (Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2014 ¹	FY 2015	FY 2016
Notification*	\$600,000	TBD	TBD

*Pursuant to Section 223 of Division G of the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2008, notification is required of planned use.

Authorizing Legislation:

Authorization.....Section 223 of Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008
 Allocation Method.....Direct Federal, Competitive Contract

Program Description and Accomplishments

The Nonrecurring Expenses Fund (NEF) permits HHS to transfer unobligated balances of expired discretionary funds from FY 2008 and subsequent years into the NEF account. Congress authorized use of the funds for capital acquisitions including information technology (IT) and facilities infrastructure.

In FY 2014, HHS allocated NEF funds to invest in an electronic case processing system for the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals. HHS also allocated funds to continue development of Department-wide financial systems. HHS invested in data management systems to support enhanced and streamlined access to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services data resources and implementation of new legislative and regulatory requirements. These investments provided more secure access to consumers, states, and partnering agencies to Medicare and Medicaid data. Additional investments were made in Marketplace infrastructure development to support services for consumers, insurance issuers, states, small businesses, and other stakeholders. HHS also used NEF funds to invest in the modernization of the Resource and Patient Management System in the Indian Health Service (IHS).

Additionally, HHS allocated FY 2014 NEF funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for IT infrastructure supporting public health programs and enhanced information systems and cybersecurity capabilities. These investments support increased capacity for CDC to respond to emerging infectious disease threats. HHS also allocated NEF funds towards investments in the Grants Center of Excellence at the Administration for Children and Families; these funds support government-wide data standardization, interoperability, and data quality enhancements for grants. Finally, HHS invested in IT infrastructure related to oversight responsibilities within the Office of Inspector General.

Budget Allocation

For FY 2015 and FY 2016, HHS has not determined the final allocations. The amount allocated will depend on total resources available and the infrastructure needs of HHS. HHS will notify Congress before obligating funds towards projects, consistent with prior years. HHS anticipates making continued investments that support information technology and capital acquisitions across the Department, including facilities infrastructure. The Department will continue to evaluate eligible projects based on funds availability and Administration priority.

¹ Notification submitted to the Committees on Appropriations in the House of Representatives and the Senate on October 18, 2013.