

**§ 11901. Congressional findings**

The Congress finds that—

- (1)** the Federal Government has a duty to provide public and other federally assisted low-income housing that is decent, safe, and free from illegal drugs;
- (2)** public and other federally assisted low-income housing in many areas suffers from rampant drug-related or violent crime;
- (3)** drug dealers are increasingly imposing a reign of terror on public and other federally assisted low-income housing tenants;
- (4)** the increase in drug-related and violent crime not only leads to murders, muggings, and other forms of violence against tenants, but also to a deterioration of the physical environment that requires substantial government expenditures;
- (5)** local law enforcement authorities often lack the resources to deal with the drug problem in public and other federally assisted low-income housing, particularly in light of the recent reductions in Federal aid to cities;
- (6)** the Federal Government should provide support for effective safety and security measures to combat drug-related and violent crime, primarily in and around public housing projects with severe crime problems;
- (7)** closer cooperation should be encouraged between public and assisted housing managers, local law enforcement agencies, and residents in developing and implementing anti-crime programs; and
- (8)** anti-crime strategies should be improved through the expansion of community-oriented policing initiatives.