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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in South Dakota Under House GOP Bill

The 2011 funding proposal (H.R. 1) that the House of Representatives passed on February 19 would reduce public housing capital funding by nearly \$1.1 billion, or 43 percent, compared to the 2010 level. This cut would prevent local housing agencies from carrying out needed repairs to public housing developments, such as replacing boilers or fixing roofs. As a result, it would:

- Cause living conditions to deteriorate for over one million vulnerable families that live in public housing;
- Eliminate or prevent creation of jobs in the hard-hit residential construction sector;
- Increase future federal costs by deferring improvements that would reduce energy consumption or avoid more expensive damage down the road (for example, by patching a leaky roof);
- Risk creating blight that would lower property values in surrounding neighborhoods; and
- Permit some developments to deteriorate to the point where they must be demolished, squandering decades of federal and local investment and eliminating badly needed affordable housing.

In South Dakota, 49 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 25 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$1.0 million from housing agencies across South Dakota, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Aberdeen HA	100	\$59,000
Burke Housing And Redevelopment Commission	23	\$12,000
Canton Hsg. Comm.	20	\$10,000
De Smet Housing &	35	\$18,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Redevelopment Commission		
Hot Springs Housing and Redevelopment Commission	100	\$47,000
Howard Housing and Redevelopment Commission	21	\$10,000
Kennebec Housing & Redevelopment Commission	17	\$11,000
Lake Andes Housing and Redevelopment Commission	24	\$16,000
Lake Norden Housing and Redevelopment Commission	18	\$9,000
Lemmon Housing & Redevelopment Commission	43	\$21,000
Lenow Hsg. Comm.	29	\$15,000
Maddison Hsg. Comm.	93	\$48,000
Martin Housing & Redevelopment Commission	34	\$22,000
Meade Co HA	79	\$38,000
Miller Hsg. Comm.	37	\$18,000
Mitchell Hsg. Comm.	112	\$57,000
Murdo Housing and Redevelopment Commission	32	\$16,000
Parker Housing & Redevelopment Commission	24	\$13,000
Pennington Co HC	490	\$360,000
Pierre HA	50	\$33,000
Sioux Falls Hsg. Comm.	25	\$20,000
Sisseton Housing & Redevelopment Commission	73	\$41,000
Volga Housing and Redevelopment Commission	20	\$10,000
Watertown HA	85	\$51,000
Webster Housing and Redevelopment Commission	32	\$16,000
Wessington Springs	23	\$12,000

* HUD defines a household as “elderly” if the head or spouse of the head is 62 or older, and as “disabled” if the head or spouse of the head has a disability. The percentage of disabled households shown here includes only non-elderly disabled households.

Note: Estimated cuts are relative to the 2010 funding level, and assume that agencies will be eligible for the same percentage share of capital funds in 2011 as they were in 2010. Unit counts show the total number of public housing units administered by the agency according to the most recent publicly available HUD data. A small portion of the units in these data (likely less than 5 percent nationally) are in the process of being demolished, sold, or otherwise taken out of use as public housing.