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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN COLORADO UNDER PENDING PROPOSALS

Due largely to the flaws in the formula for distributing “Section 8” housing voucher funding, the share of vouchers in use in Colorado has fallen over the past few years, from 98 percent in 2004 to a projected 97 percent in 2006. In other words, **315 vouchers have already been cut** in Colorado over the past two years.

For 2007, Congress will have to choose among three funding approaches that have been put forward. Each provides the same new funding for the program nationally in 2007, but uses a different method for distributing the money among the 2,400 state and local housing agencies. Here is the impact that each of the three formulas would have on Colorado.

- Under the formula in the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (or SEVRA), a bill passed by the House Financial Services Committee on June 14, 2006, ***all vouchers in use in Colorado in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Colorado would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **99 percent of Colorado’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the SEVRA formula.
- The formula in the Senate appropriations bill would also renew funding for all vouchers in use in Colorado in 2006. Overall, **98 percent of Colorado’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 26 housing agencies in Colorado would be forced to cut assistance to 474 low-income families in 2007. **Only 96 percent of Colorado’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the House appropriations formula.

For a description of the pending proposals for distribution of renewal funding to state and local agencies and an analysis of their national impact, see "Fixing the Housing Voucher Formula: A No-Cost Way to Strengthen the Section 8 Program," <http://www.cbpp.org/11-1-06hous.htm>. The paper's Technical Appendix explains the sources and methods for the data in this table.

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Agency Estimates

Housing Agency	HUD Code	Authorized Vouchers as of Jan. 2006	Vouchers in Use in 2006 (Estimated)	Authorized Vouchers Funded in 2007			Vouchers in Use That Would Be Cut Under House Appropriations Bill
				SEVRA	Senate Appropriations Bill	House Appropriations Bill	
Adams Co. HA	co058	1,330	1,261	1,261	1,286	1,330	0
Archuleta Co. HA	co081	59	42	42	43	59	0
Arvada HA	co050	508	494	508	504	487	7
Aurora HA	co052	1,090	1,090	1,090	1,090	1,078	12
Boulder	co016	556	539	556	549	518	20
Boulder Co. HA	co061	641	610	641	622	592	17
Brighton HA	co019	212	198	212	202	192	6
Center HA	co043	25	19	19	19	22	0
CO Dept. of Human Services	co901	3,054	3,054	3,054	3,054	2,950	104
CO Division of Housing	co911	2,493	2,378	2,493	2,425	2,306	72
Colorado Springs	co028	2,065	2,065	2,065	2,065	2,065	0
Delta HA	co040	226	225	226	226	217	8
Denver City and Co.*	co001	5,382	5,199	5,382	5,302	5,132	67
El Paso Co. HA	co105	103	87	87	88	92	0
Engelwood HA	co048	393	352	352	359	393	0
Fort Collins HA	co041	744	694	744	708	690	4
Fountain HA	co071	238	231	238	236	217	14

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Garfield Co. HA	co095	434	381	434	389	391	0
Grand Junction HA	co051	880	880	880	880	875	5
Greeley	co035	446	432	446	440	412	20
Jefferson Co.	co072	1,467	1,467	1,467	1,467	1,467	0
La Junta HA	co031	102	94	102	96	90	4
Lakewood HA	co049	1,251	1,251	1,251	1,251	1,209	42
Lamar	co065	107	104	107	106	100	4
Larimer Co. HA	co103	35	29	35	29	28	1
Las Animas HA	co024	124	107	124	109	104	3
Littleton HA	co036	288	276	288	281	264	12
Longmont HA	co070	509	493	509	502	474	19
Louisville HA	co059	27	23	27	24	22	1
Loveland	co034	468	425	468	433	408	16
Manitou Springs	co100	57	49	57	50	49	0
Montezuma Co. HA	co079	262	229	262	234	233	0
Montrose Co. HA	co087	178	168	178	171	160	7
Otero Co. HA	co101	46	41	46	42	41	1
Pueblo	co002	1,456	1,452	1,452	1,456	1,456	0
Rocky Ford HA	co045	50	50	50	50	50	0

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Sheridan HA	co057	177	148	148	151	177	0
Trinidad HA	co005	83	77	83	79	77	0
Weld Co.	co090	427	421	427	427	414	7
Total		27,993	27,133	27,811	27,446	26,841	474

*Agency received new "tenant protection" vouchers from HUD in 2005 to replace demolished public housing units or privately-owned units that no longer receive project-based federal housing assistance. Incomplete information was available to estimate the additional funding due these agencies in 2007 to renew these vouchers under each of the approaches. As a result, estimates for these agencies may be too low, and under the House approach may be too low or too high.

**Agency took over administration of additional vouchers from another agency in 2005 or early 2006. Our estimates may not fully account for the effect of the consolidation on the agency's likely funding in 2007.