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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN IOWA 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 Iowa has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 94 percent in 2006. In other words, **484 vouchers have already been cut** in Iowa 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 Iowa.

- 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 Iowa in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Iowa would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **97 percent of Iowa’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 Iowa in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in Iowa with enough funding to restore as many of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years as SEVRA would. Overall, **95 percent of Iowa’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 20 housing agencies in Iowa would be forced to cut assistance to 226 low-income families in 2007. **95 percent of Iowa’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	
Albia Low Rent Housing Agency	ia114	96	66	66	68	73	0
Ames	ia089	222	179	179	182	201	0
Area XV Multi-Co. Housing Agency	ia124	374	330	374	337	344	0
Betterndorf HA	ia123	100	82	82	83	94	0
Burlington	ia015	277	268	277	273	260	8
Cedar Falls Low Rent Housing Agency	ia113	326	266	266	271	315	0
Cedar Rapids HA	ia024	1,265	1,147	1,147	1,170	1,265	0
Centerville Housing Agency	ia042	98	95	98	97	98	0
Central IA Regional HA	ia131	769	769	769	769	769	0
Charles City Housing and Redevelopment Authority	ia002	163	152	163	155	155	0
Clinton HA	ia098	424	424	424	424	419	5
Davenport Housing Commission	ia045	660	439	660	448	437	2
Decorah Low Rent Housing Agency	ia054	86	82	86	83	79	3
Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency*	ia020	2,936	2,843	2,936	2,899	2,872	0
Dubuque*	ia087	1,038	994	994	1,014	1,038	0

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Eastern IA Regional HA	ia126	883	818	883	835	787	31
Emmetsburg Low Rent Housing Agency	ia056	99	99	99	99	94	5
Evansdale Municipal HA	ia038	126	126	126	126	124	2
Fort Dodge Housing Agency	ia107	617	617	617	617	617	0
Fort Madison HA	ia047	70	66	66	67	70	0
Grinnell Low Rent HA	ia084	166	166	166	166	153	13
Iowa City HA	ia022	1,213	1,112	1,112	1,134	1,213	0
Keokuk HA	ia030	171	140	140	143	150	0
Knoxville Low Rent Housing Agency	ia119	263	252	263	257	232	19
Marshalltown Rent Assistance Program	ia125	449	448	449	449	440	8
Mason City	ia108	435	434	435	435	415	18
Mid IA Regional HA	ia133	329	312	329	318	308	4
Municipal Housing Agency	ia023	652	632	652	645	633	0
Muscatine Municipal HA	ia049	376	277	277	283	326	0
New Hampton HA	ia121	80	58	58	59	80	0

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North IA Regional HA	ia127	381	281	281	286	359	0
Northland Regional HA	ia132	233	232	233	233	223	9
NW IA Regional HA	ia129	522	522	522	522	522	0
Oskaloosa Municipal Housing Agency	ia100	230	230	230	230	230	0
Ottumwa sec. 8 voucher	ia004	237	202	202	206	220	0
Region XII Regional HA**	ia122	928	928	928	928	902	26
SE IA Regional HA	ia128	252	231	252	236	223	8
Sioux City HA	ia018	1,169	1,169	1,169	1,169	1,150	19
Siouxland Regional HA	ia136	353	313	353	319	297	16
Southern IA Regional HA***	ia117	1,056	994	1,056	1,014	1,026	0
Spirit Lake Low Rent Housing Agency	ia057	142	122	142	124	117	5
Upper Explorerland Regional HA	ia130	391	391	391	391	391	0
Warren Co. HA	ia120	171	171	171	171	155	16
Waterloo HA	ia050	1,040	994	1,040	1,014	985	9
Total		21,868	20,470	21,163	20,746	20,861	226

*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.