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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN KANSAS 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 Kansas has fallen over the past few years, from 93 percent in 2004 to a projected 88 percent in 2006. In other words, **658 vouchers have already been cut** in Kansas 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 Kansas.

- 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 Kansas in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Kansas would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **93 percent of Kansas’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 Kansas in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in Kansas with enough funding to restore a substantial share of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **89 percent of Kansas’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 9 housing agencies in Kansas would be forced to cut assistance to 93 low-income families in 2007. **91 percent of Kansas’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	
Atchison HA	ks017	32	22	22	23	25	0
Brown Co. PHA	ks168	177	151	177	154	152	0
Chanute HA	ks062	25	14	14	14	17	0
Dodge City sec. 8 voucher	ks006	134	121	134	124	117	5
Eckan sec. 8 voucher	ks159	499	380	380	387	420	0
Ellis Co. HA	ks170	171	125	125	127	138	0
Ford Co. HA	ks165	367	367	367	367	367	0
Great Bend HA	ks041	80	49	49	50	64	0
Hays HA	ks091	66	65	66	66	62	3
Hutchinson HA	ks163	222	222	222	222	222	0
Johnson Co. HA	ks162	1,367	1,350	1,367	1,367	1,360	0
Junction City sec. 8 voucher	ks105	71	64	64	65	71	0
Kansas City HA	ks001	1,410	958	958	977	1,250	0
Lawrence/Douglas Co. HA	ks053	591	591	591	591	591	0
Leavenworth sec. 8 voucher	ks068	339	272	339	277	276	0
Manhattan HA	ks063	197	185	197	189	175	10
Newton sec. 8 voucher	ks073	92	67	92	69	65	2

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Olathe HA Voucher Program	ks043	322	322	322	322	315	7
Pittsburg sec. 8 voucher	ks149	429	396	429	403	379	17
Riley Co. HA	ks167	330	187	330	191	180	7
Salina HA	ks038	311	299	299	305	311	0
Sedgwick Co. HA	ks169	342	340	342	342	320	19
SEK-CAP Inc.	ks161	332	292	332	298	307	0
So. Central Area Agency sec. 8 voucher	ks166	318	281	281	286	318	0
Topeka HA	ks002	1,073	923	923	941	1,004	0
Wichita HA	ks004	2,409	2,208	2,409	2,251	2,184	24
Total		11,706	10,249	10,831	10,408	10,691	93

*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.