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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN LOUISIANA 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 Louisiana has fallen over the past few years, from 90 percent in 2004 to a projected 88 percent in 2006 (or prior to Hurricane Katrina for agencies in the most severely damaged areas).^{*} In other words, **1,028 vouchers have already been cut** in Louisiana as a result of federal funding policies in recent 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 Louisiana.

- 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 Louisiana in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Louisiana would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years.
- The formula in the Senate appropriations bill would also renew funding for all vouchers in use in Louisiana in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in Louisiana with enough funding to restore as many of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years as SEVRA would.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, **42 housing agencies in Louisiana would be forced to cut assistance to 404 low-income families in 2007**.

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 |
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| | | | | Senate Appropriations SEVRA Bill | House Appropriations Bill | | |
| Alexandria** | LA023 | 1,073 | 852 | 852 | 869 | 1,073 | 0 |
| Ascension Parish | LA009 | 87 | 81 | 87 | 83 | 78 | 3 |
| Assumption Parish HA | LA215 | 108 | 88 | 108 | 90 | 84 | 4 |
| Avoyelles Parish Police | LA132 | 119 | 106 | 119 | 108 | 102 | 4 |
| Jury | | | | | | | |
| Baton Rouge | LA219 | 267 | 229 | 229 | 234 | 267 | 0 |
| Bienville Parish Policy | LA241 | 81 | 78 | 81 | 80 | 81 | 0 |
| Jury | | | | | | | |
| Bogalusa HA | LA024 | 98 | 73 | 73 | 75 | 90 | 0 |
| Bossier Parish Sect. 8 Housing | LA190 | 641 | 641 | 641 | 641 | 641 | 0 |
| Caddo Parish Commission | LA184 | 141 | 119 | 141 | 121 | 119 | 0 |
| Calcasieu | LA172 | 536 | 496 | 496 | 506 | 536 | 0 |
| Caldwell Parish HA | LA125 | 114 | 114 | 114 | 114 | 112 | 2 |
| Catahoula Parish | LA222 | 66 | 64 | 66 | 65 | 61 | 2 |
| Church Point HA | LA032 | 88 | 83 | 88 | 85 | 80 | 3 |
| Claiborne Parish | LA246 | 84 | 83 | 84 | 84 | 76 | 7 |
| Colfax HA | LA122 | 50 | 45 | 50 | 46 | 43 | 2 |
| Concordia Parish Policy Jury | LA159 | 51 | 43 | 51 | 44 | 45 | 0 |
| Covington* | LA238 | 109 | 101 | 101 | 103 | 103 | 0 |
| Crowley HA | LA029 | 365 | 316 | 365 | 322 | 332 | 0 |

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| | | | | SEVRA Bill | Senate Appropriations Bill | House Appropriations Bill | |
| Delhi HA | LA114 | 40 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 39 | 0 |
| Denham Springs HA | LA101 | 120 | 100 | 120 | 102 | 96 | 4 |
| DeRidder Community Development | LA209 | 35 | 32 | 35 | 33 | 31 | 2 |
| Desoto Parish Policy Jury | LA230 | 212 | 186 | 212 | 189 | 181 | 5 |
| Donaldsonville | LA202 | 95 | 88 | 95 | 90 | 85 | 3 |
| East Baton Rouge Parish | LA003 | 2,377 | 2,199 | 2,377 | 2,243 | 2,156 | 43 |
| East Carroll Parish Police Jury | LA195 | 142 | 142 | 142 | 142 | 139 | 3 |
| Evangeline Parish Police Jury | LA182 | 120 | 115 | 115 | 117 | 120 | 0 |
| Franklin Parish Policy Jury | LA229 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| Grambling HA | LA097 | 150 | 119 | 150 | 122 | 115 | 4 |
| Grant Parish HA | LA120 | 113 | 88 | 88 | 89 | 98 | 0 |
| Hammond | LA104 | 286 | 267 | 286 | 272 | 257 | 10 |
| Iberia Parish Government | LA189 | 226 | 158 | 226 | 161 | 161 | 0 |
| Iberville Parish | LA214 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 33 | 32 | 1 |
| Independence HA | LA099 | 55 | 50 | 55 | 51 | 48 | 2 |
| Jackson Parish | LA248 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Jeanerette Public Housing | LA168 | 41 | 38 | 41 | 39 | 38 | 0 |
| Jefferson Davis Policy Jury Section 8 | LA188 | 129 | 123 | 129 | 126 | 119 | 4 |
| Jefferson Parish* | LA013 | 2,642 | 2,490 | 2,490 | 2,540 | 2,535 | 0 |

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| Kenner HA* | LA012 | 572 | 551 | 551 | 562 | 506 | 44 |
| Kentwood | LA206 | 55 | 54 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 0 |
| Kinder | LA247 | 97 | 78 | 78 | 79 | 88 | 0 |
| Lafayette*** | LA005 | 1,598 | 1,503 | 1,598 | 1,532 | 1,446 | 57 |
| Lafourche Parish HA | LA253 | 271 | 146 | 146 | 149 | 156 | 0 |
| Lake Charles | LA004 | 1,542 | 951 | 951 | 970 | 1,464 | 0 |
| Leesville HA | LA111 | 56 | 44 | 56 | 45 | 41 | 4 |
| Lincoln Parish Policy Jury | LA212 | 135 | 106 | 106 | 108 | 113 | 0 |
| Mamou | LA031 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 0 |
| Minden HA | LA037 | 137 | 135 | 137 | 137 | 135 | 1 |
| Monroe HA | LA006 | 1,469 | 1,466 | 1,469 | 1,469 | 1,427 | 39 |
| Morehouse Parish Police Jury HA | LA258 | 158 | 137 | 158 | 140 | 135 | 1 |
| Morgan City HA | LA221 | 134 | 86 | 86 | 88 | 98 | 0 |
| Natchitoches | LA115 | 449 | 382 | 449 | 390 | 395 | 0 |
| Natchitoches Parish HA | LA166 | 334 | 316 | 316 | 322 | 334 | 0 |
| New Iberia | LA165 | 322 | 287 | 322 | 293 | 304 | 0 |
| New Orleans*** | LA001 | 9,490 | 8,101 | 8,101 | 8,261 | 8,923 | 0 |
| New Roads | LA205 | 42 | 36 | 36 | 37 | 40 | 0 |
| Newellton HA | LA169 | 129 | 115 | 129 | 117 | 110 | 5 |
| Oakdale HA | LA033 | 120 | 115 | 120 | 117 | 107 | 8 |

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| Oberlin | LA269 | 75 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 45 | 0 |
| Ouachita Parish Policy Jury | LA171 | 514 | 493 | 514 | 502 | 494 | 0 |
| Pearl River* | LA254 | 70 | 51 | 51 | 52 | 47 | 3 |
| Pineville HA | LA057 | 165 | 156 | 165 | 159 | 150 | 5 |
| Plaquemine | LA179 | 134 | 113 | 134 | 115 | 109 | 4 |
| Ponchatoula HA | LA075 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 0 |
| Port Allen | LA199 | 138 | 103 | 103 | 105 | 116 | 0 |
| Rapides Parish HA | LA129 | 267 | 267 | 267 | 267 | 253 | 14 |
| Rayne | LA174 | 93 | 83 | 93 | 85 | 82 | 1 |
| Red River | LA163 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 0 |
| Ruston Section 8 | LA232 | 233 | 229 | 233 | 233 | 233 | 0 |
| Sabine Parish | LA074 | 108 | 95 | 108 | 97 | 90 | 5 |
| Shreveport HA | LA002 | 3,174 | 2,862 | 2,862 | 2,919 | 3,132 | 0 |
| Slidell* | LA103 | 304 | 254 | 254 | 259 | 196 | 58 |
| St Martin Parish Gov't Hsg Dept | LA178 | 341 | 248 | 248 | 252 | 295 | 0 |
| St. Bernard Parish Government* | LA187 | 280 | 257 | 257 | 262 | 246 | 11 |
| St. Charles Parish HA | LA094 | 305 | 248 | 248 | 253 | 272 | 0 |
| St. John the Baptist HA | LA181 | 102 | 83 | 102 | 84 | 79 | 3 |
| St. Landry Parish HA | LA067 | 646 | 613 | 646 | 625 | 612 | 1 |

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| St. Martinville Section 8 Program | LA173 | 50 | 48 | 50 | 49 | 47 | 0 |
| St. Mary Parish HA | LA220 | 200 | 197 | 197 | 200 | 200 | 0 |
| Sulphur HA** | LA063 | 108 | 100 | 108 | 102 | 103 | 0 |
| Tallulah HA | LA242 | 55 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 40 | 0 |
| Tangipahoa Parish Council | LA207 | 185 | 169 | 185 | 172 | 163 | 6 |
| Terrebonne Parish | LA211 | 512 | 457 | 512 | 467 | 440 | 17 |
| Thibodaux HA | LA194 | 251 | 187 | 251 | 190 | 189 | 0 |
| Union Parish Police Jury | LA196 | 101 | 74 | 101 | 76 | 74 | 0 |
| Vernon Parish | LA128 | 66 | 66 | 66 | 66 | 63 | 3 |
| Ville Platte Section 8 | LA192 | 112 | 112 | 112 | 112 | 107 | 5 |
| Vinton HA | LA046 | 50 | 39 | 39 | 40 | 45 | 0 |
| Washington Parish HA | LA217 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 0 |
| Webster Parish Police Jury | LA213 | 177 | 173 | 177 | 177 | 177 | 0 |
| West Baton Rouge Parish | LA204 | 80 | 69 | 69 | 70 | 80 | 0 |
| West Carroll Parish Policy Jury | LA233 | 65 | 56 | 65 | 57 | 56 | 0 |
| West Monroe | LA186 | 463 | 425 | 425 | 433 | 463 | 0 |
| White Castle | LA266 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 1 |
| Winn Parish | LA257 | 92 | 76 | 76 | 78 | 92 | 0 |
| Total | | 37,854 | 33,256 | 34,337 | 33,854 | 35,161 | 404 |

*In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, many vouchers in Louisiana fell out of use due to lack of available housing or because voucher holders were transferred into HUD's temporary Disaster Voucher Program. Because pre-Katrina leasing offers a more valid baseline for comparison with leasing levels in 2004 and estimated 2007 funding levels — and because it is difficult to estimate with precision the extent to which vouchers will be put back to use in 2006 — throughout this fact sheet we have included the number of vouchers in use during the 12 months prior to Hurricane Katrina in place of the estimated number of vouchers in use during 2006 for the seven Louisiana agencies (identified with a “**”) located in the most severely damaged counties. Under the SEVRA or Senate Appropriations approaches, which generally base funding on the number of vouchers in use during 2006, HUD could choose to make an adjustment for hurricane-affected areas to avoid a decline in funding that would otherwise occur in 2007 (and Congress could amend the bills to require that HUD do so). For this reason, we have based SEVRA and Senate funding estimates for these seven agencies on the number of vouchers in use prior to Katrina. We made no special adjustments for other agencies in areas that suffered significant, but somewhat less severe, damage. If Congress or HUD does make adjustments to avoid hurricane-related funding declines, SEVRA and Senate funding levels for those other agencies could be higher than estimated in the table.

**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.