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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN MASSACHUSETTS UNDER PENDING PROPOSALS

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 Massachusetts.

- 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 Massachusetts in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Massachusetts would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **99 percent of Massachusetts'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 Massachusetts in 2006. Overall, **98 percent of Massachusetts's currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 56 housing agencies in Massachusetts would be forced to cut assistance to 1,441 low-income families in 2007. **Only 95 percent of Massachusetts'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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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	
Abington	MA079	86	81	81	83	86	0
Acton HA	MA057	155	153	155	155	152	1
Adams HA	MA051	95	86	95	87	82	4
Amesbury HA	MA116	62	60	62	61	58	2
Amherst	MA085	413	413	413	413	409	4
Andover	MA084	127	126	127	127	127	0
Arlington	MA048	422	416	422	422	422	0
Athol HA	MA100	58	58	58	58	58	0
Attleboro	MA018	91	80	91	81	82	0
Barnstable	MA046	271	255	271	260	252	3
Bellingham	MA090	30	29	30	29	28	1
Belmont	MA042	47	47	47	47	46	1
Beverly HA	MA044	320	320	320	320	310	10
Billerica HA	MA077	65	59	65	60	54	4
Boston HA*	MA002	11,372	10,988	11,372	11,206	10,953	35
Bourne	MA110	76	73	76	74	75	0
Braintree	MA053	395	395	395	395	395	0
Bridgewater	MA126	69	63	69	64	60	3
Brockton* **	MA024	931	931	931	931	931	0

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Brookline	MA033	619	616	619	619	618	0
Burlington	MA112	93	93	93	93	93	0
Cambridge HA	ma003	2,150	2,081	1,986	1,986	1,808	273
Chelmsford HA	MA108	358	345	358	352	338	7
Chelsea	MA016	459	459	459	459	459	0
Chicopee HA	MA008	393	377	393	384	358	19
Concord HA	MA098	85	85	85	85	85	0
Danvers HA	MA118	145	145	145	145	145	0
Dartmouth	MA172	197	67	197	69	66	1
Dedham HA* **	MA040	460	460	460	460	460	0
Dennis	MA138	98	98	98	98	98	0
Dept. of Housing & Comm. Dev.*	MA901	18,618	18,618	18,618	18,618	18,076	542
Dracut	MA043	68	66	68	67	66	0
Duxbury	MA071	13	12	13	13	13	0
Easton HA	MA122	101	84	101	86	81	3
Everett HA	MA027	365	365	365	365	345	20
Fall River HA	MA006	2,431	2,099	2,431	2,140	2,057	42
Falmouth	MA047	319	319	319	319	319	0
Fitchburg	MA037	177	162	162	166	174	0

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Framingham	MA028	787	787	787	787	787	0
Franklin County Reg Hsg & Redev	MA094	579	579	579	579	579	0
Gardner HA	MA127	102	102	102	102	100	2
Gloucester	MA025	573	570	573	573	549	21
Greenfield	MA096	450	446	450	450	450	0
Halifax	MA121	14	14	14	14	14	0
Hanson HA	MA155	25	20	20	20	25	0
Haverhill	MA087	349	349	349	349	339	10
Hingham	MA119	25	25	25	25	25	0
Holbrook	MA072	82	82	82	82	80	2
Holden	MA082	59	59	59	59	56	2
Holliston HA	MA165	49	49	49	49	49	0
Holyoke	MA005	1,180	1,149	1,180	1,172	1,119	30
Hudson HA	MA091	46	46	46	46	46	0
Ipswich HA	MA056	55	46	55	47	46	0
Lawrence HA*	MA010	930	790	930	806	829	0
Leominster HA	MA086	273	273	273	273	273	0
Lexington HA	MA067	68	68	68	68	68	0
Lowell	MA001	1,171	1,122	1,171	1,145	1,080	42
Lynn HA	MA023	1,242	1,239	1,242	1,242	1,177	62

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Malden HA	MA022	670	645	645	658	670	0
Mansfield	MA134	64	64	64	64	63	1
Marlborough	MA070	135	131	135	134	129	3
Medford	MA015	987	849	987	866	899	0
Melrose	MA063	240	229	240	234	234	0
Merrimac HA	MA113	22	19	22	19	20	0
Methuen	MA081	558	558	558	558	545	13
Middleborough	MA060	154	147	147	150	154	0
Milford	MA069	556	538	556	548	536	2
Millis HA	MA154	21	21	21	21	21	0
Milton	MA147	144	141	144	144	140	1
Natick HA	MA092	102	101	102	102	102	0
Needham	MA065	120	120	120	120	117	3
New Bedford	MA007	1,595	1,595	1,595	1,595	1,562	33
Newburyport	MA032	102	92	102	94	96	0
Newton	MA036	441	441	441	441	432	9
North Adams	MA034	313	297	313	303	289	8
North Andover	MA107	133	130	133	133	125	6
North Attleboro	MA170	104	92	104	93	93	0
North Reading	MA089	22	20	20	20	21	0

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Northampton	MA026	510	449	510	458	432	17
Norwood HA	MA109	341	340	341	341	341	0
Oxford HA	MA106	87	87	87	87	87	0
Peabody Housing	MA054	262	262	262	262	260	2
Pembroke HA	MA111	83	75	75	76	83	0
Pittsfield	MA029	580	531	580	541	558	0
Plymouth* **	MA059	363	330	330	336	363	0
Quincy	MA020	845	845	845	845	823	22
Reading HA	MA075	125	119	125	121	122	0
Revere	MA014	470	450	470	459	442	8
Rockland	MA133	154	154	154	154	151	3
Rockport HA	MA073	153	153	153	153	148	5
Salem HA	MA055	865	801	865	817	792	9
Salisbury HA	MA174	58	54	58	55	52	2
Sandwich	MA181	28	24	24	24	27	0
Saugus	MA099	150	129	129	132	138	0
Shrewsbury	MA041	173	173	173	173	173	0
Somerville	MA031	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	1,034	0
Southbridge	MA076	125	123	125	125	118	5
Springfield	MA035	2,485	2,381	2,485	2,428	2,298	83

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Stockbridge HA	MA080	41	41	41	41	41	0
Stoughton	MA117	48	37	37	38	44	0
Stow	MA175	23	23	23	23	22	1
Taunton	MA017	734	705	734	719	681	24
Tewksbury	MA139	110	110	110	110	110	0
Wakefield HA	MA074	331	331	331	331	320	11
Walpole HA	MA140	95	95	95	95	95	0
Waltham	MA013	450	446	450	450	450	0
Ware	MA088	99	57	57	58	83	0
Warren	MA105	66	60	66	61	63	0
Watertown	MA093	156	156	156	156	156	0
Wayland	MA101	78	61	61	62	78	0
Webster	MA123	42	35	35	36	38	0
Wellesley	MA135	11	11	11	11	11	0
West Springfield	MA078	251	248	251	251	234	13
Westfield	MA050	240	235	240	239	225	9
Weymouth HA	MA045	159	144	144	146	159	0
Williamstown	MA066	97	95	97	96	90	5
Wilmington HA	MA061	11	11	11	11	11	0
Winchendon	MA039	35	35	35	35	35	0

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Winchester	MA125	143	142	143	143	142	0
Woburn	MA019	288	284	288	288	283	1
Worcester HA	MA012	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,798	0
Yarmouth HA	MA095	249	225	225	229	241	0
Total		71,222	69,127	70,817	69,634	68,035	1,441

*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.