

November 1, 2006

## HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN MINNESOTA 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 Minnesota has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 95 percent in 2006. In other words, **191 vouchers have already been cut** in Minnesota 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 Minnesota.

- 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 Minnesota in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Minnesota would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **97 percent of Minnesota’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 Minnesota in 2006. Overall, **96 percent of Minnesota’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 35 housing agencies in Minnesota would be forced to cut assistance to 659 low-income families in 2007. **95 percent of Minnesota’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.

**Agency Estimates (next page)**

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	
Aitkin County HRA	MN037	31	31	31	31	31	0
Albert Lea HRA	MN077	155	136	136	139	155	0
Austin HRA	MN085	177	177	177	177	177	0
Becker County HA	MN190	74	58	58	60	74	0
Bemidji HRA	MN009	183	168	183	171	161	7
Big Stone County HRA	MN176	34	33	34	34	34	0
Bloomington HRA	MN152	525	510	525	520	496	13
Blue Earth County EDA	MN167	72	71	72	72	70	1
Brainerd HRA	MN032	320	298	320	304	286	13
Cambridge HRA	MN067	58	53	58	54	49	3
Cass County HRA	MN188	137	106	137	108	108	0
Chippewa County HRA	MN173	95	95	95	95	87	8
Clay County HRA	MN164	360	359	360	360	331	27
Clearwater County HA	MN186	107	90	90	91	101	0
Cloquet HA	MN073	105	105	105	105	102	3

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	
Crookston HRA	MN021	188	188	188	188	172	16
Dakota County CDA	MN147	2,202	2,202	2,202	2,202	2,154	48
Detroit Lakes HRA	MN107	167	161	167	165	157	4
Douglas County	MN192	245	232	245	237	223	10
Duluth HRA	MN003	1,428	1,428	1,428	1,428	1,390	38
East Grand Forks Economic HA	MN045	311	294	311	300	283	11
Fairbault County	MN200	93	70	70	71	79	0
Fergus Falls HRA	MN008	185	185	185	185	185	0
Grant County HRA	MN169	51	44	44	44	46	0
Itasca County HRA	MN154	204	204	204	204	187	17
Kandiyohi County HRA	MN168	327	327	327	327	317	10
Koochiching HRA	MN153	128	127	128	128	117	10
LeSueur County	MN171	158	99	99	101	107	0
Mankato EDA	MN063	425	410	425	418	408	1
Mcleod County HRA	MN203	85	78	78	80	85	0
Meeker County HRA	MN178	69	55	55	56	58	0

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	
Metropolitan Council HRA	MN163	5,871	5,871	5,871	5,871	5,733	138
Minneapolis HA*	MN002	4,840	4,100	4,100	4,181	4,407	0
Moorhead HA	MN017	95	81	95	83	86	0
Mora HRA	MN101	81	81	81	81	81	0
Morrison County HA	MN179	131	131	131	131	127	4
Mower County HRA	MN191	40	36	36	37	40	0
New Ulm Eda	MN128	124	124	124	124	124	0
NW MN Multi-County HRA	MN158	637	620	637	633	637	0
Olmsted County HRA	MN151	522	522	522	522	522	0
Otter Tail County HRA	MN177	140	140	140	140	140	0
Owatonna HRA	MN220	113	105	105	107	113	0
Pipestone HRA	MN049	53	50	53	51	51	0
Plymouth HRA	MN170	210	202	210	206	195	7
Red Wing HRA	MN090	169	160	169	164	149	11
Renville County HRA	MN161	84	76	84	77	73	2
Rice County HRA	MN193	329	318	329	324	298	20
Richfield HRA	MN216	231	231	231	231	217	14

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	
Scott County HRA	MN184	241	240	241	241	226	13
South Central MN	MN219	667	612	667	624	631	0
Multi-County HRA							
South St. Paul HRA	MN010	302	302	302	302	290	12
Southeastern	MN197	370	370	370	370	348	22

<b>Minnesota Multi-County HRA</b>							
<b>St. Cloud HRA</b>	<b>MN038</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>St. Louis Park HA</b>	<b>MN144</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>St. Paul HA</b>	<b>MN001</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>3,704</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Stearns County HRA</b>	<b>MN172</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Stevens County HRA</b>	<b>MN182</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Swift County HRA</b>	<b>MN166</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Todd County HA</b>	<b>MN180</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Virginia HRA</b>	<b>MN007</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Wadena HRA</b>	<b>MN018</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Washington County HRA</b>	<b>MN212</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Willmar HRA</b>	<b>MN051</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Winona HRA</b>	<b>MN006</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Worthington HA</b>	<b>MN034</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Yellow Medicine County HRA</b>	<b>MN174</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,672</b>	<b>29,249</b>	<b>29,703</b>	<b>29,542</b>	<b>29,081</b>	<b>659</b>

\*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.