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## HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN NORTH CAROLINA 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 North Carolina has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 95 percent in 2006. In other words, **987 vouchers have already been cut** in North Carolina 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 North Carolina.

- 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 North Carolina in 2006 would be funded.*** Moreover, agencies in North Carolina would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **99 percent of North Carolina’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 North Carolina in 2006. Overall, **96 percent of North Carolina’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 37 housing agencies in North Carolina would be forced to cut assistance to 951 low-income families in 2007. **Only 94 percent of North Carolina’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

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	
Albemarle Dept of Public Housing	NC075	333	298	333	304	307	0
Asheboro HA	NC081	783	753	783	768	725	29
Asheville	NC007	1,355	1,269	1,355	1,294	1,209	60
Bladenboro HA	NC089	232	175	175	179	195	0
Brunswick County	NC147	472	391	391	399	426	0
Charlotte*	NC003	4,217	4,199	4,217	4,217	4,217	0
Chatham County HA	NC120	410	410	410	410	390	20
Choanoke Area Development Assn., Inc.	NC139	483	419	419	428	452	0
Coastal Community Action, Inc.	NC141	444	444	444	444	433	11
Columbus County PHA	NC138	467	456	467	465	435	21
Concord Housing Department	NC008	534	534	534	534	534	0
Durham	NC013	2,684	2,597	2,684	2,649	2,611	0
East Spencer HA	NC134	239	234	239	239	230	4
Eastern Carolina Human Services, Inc.	NC144	662	645	662	658	620	25
Economic Improvement Council, Inc.	NC145	1,595	1,561	1,595	1,592	1,401	160

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Fayetteville	NC009	1,525	1,483	1,525	1,512	1,464	19
Metropolitan HA*							
Four County Community Services, Inc.	NC150	437	417	437	425	430	0
Four Square Community Action, Inc.	NC146	469	453	469	462	425	28
Franklin Vance Warren Opp, Inc.	NC155	526	496	526	506	477	19
Gastonia HA	NC057	1,155	1,032	1,155	1,052	1,054	0
Goldsboro HA	NC015	237	230	237	235	237	0
Graham HA	NC059	1,005	931	1,005	949	977	0
Greene County Public Housing Agency	NC163	286	274	286	279	263	11
Greensboro	NC011	2,543	2,543	2,543	2,543	2,543	0
Greenville HA	NC022	652	598	652	610	575	23
Harnett County Housing	NC158	277	226	226	231	242	0
Hickory HA	NC056	449	449	449	449	443	6
Highpoint*	NC006	1,350	1,234	1,350	1,258	1,271	0
Isothermal Planning & Development Commission	NC161	1,331	1,270	1,331	1,296	1,178	92
Jackson County Public Housing Agency	NC154	324	303	324	309	292	12
Johnston County Housing Assistance Payments Program	NC164	619	611	619	619	588	23
Kinston Housing	NC004	765	571	571	582	606	0

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Laurinburg	NC018	530	453	530	462	476	0
Lexington HA	NC039	512	501	512	511	486	16
Lincolnton HA	NC070	275	248	248	252	270	0
Lumberton HA	NC014	596	591	596	596	579	12
Macon Program for Progress, Inc.	NC165	224	161	224	164	155	6
Madison County HA	NC175	191	179	191	183	172	7
Mid-East Regional HA	NC087	537	499	537	508	499	0
Monroe HA	NC065	318	278	278	284	297	0
Mountain Projects, Inc.	NC152	684	684	684	684	666	18
Nash-Edgecombe Eco., Dev., Inc.	NC137	585	493	585	503	471	22
NC Dept of Admin, Commission of Indian Affairs	NC901	936	851	936	868	819	32
New Reidsville	NC098	220	181	220	185	174	7
Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments	NC166	842	764	842	779	778	0
Northwestern Regional HA	NC167	1,945	1,817	1,945	1,853	1,709	108
Orange County	NC104	623	609	623	621	603	5
Pender Count Housing	NC173	217	195	195	199	217	0

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Raleigh Housing	NC002	3,537	3,537	3,537	3,537	3,496	41
Roanoke Chowan Regional HA	NC118	882	764	882	779	756	8
Rockingham	NC025	55	55	55	55	55	0
Rocky Mount HA	NC019	265	246	265	251	248	0
Rowan County HA	NC102	554	488	554	498	478	11
Salisbury HA	NC016	44	41	41	41	44	0
Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.	NC149	567	533	567	543	517	16
Sanford HA	NC035	441	373	441	381	358	15
Section (8) Housing	NC160	267	250	267	255	241	9
Statesville HA	NC072	704	638	638	651	704	0
Thomasville HA	NC071	100	79	100	81	78	1
Troy	NC043	25	23	25	23	22	1
Twin Rivers Opportunities, Inc.	NC151	880	776	880	791	787	0
Wadesboro HA	NC050	131	115	131	118	120	0
Wake Count HA	NC021	193	188	193	192	179	9
Washington HA	NC032	370	282	282	288	331	0
Western Carolina Community Action, Inc.	NC140	646	592	592	604	638	0
Western Piedmont	NC159	1,017	955	1,017	974	1,006	0

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Council of Governments							
Williamston HA	NC077	157	123	123	125	132	0
Wilmington	NC001	1,722	1,616	1,722	1,648	1,573	43
Wilson HA	NC020	550	501	550	511	510	0
Winston-Salem	NC012	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>55,302</b>	<b>52,288</b>	<b>54,521</b>	<b>52,995</b>	<b>51,994</b>	<b>951</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.