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## HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN NORTH DAKOTA 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 Dakota has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 93 percent in 2006. In other words, **227 vouchers have already been cut** in North Dakota 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 Dakota.

- 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 Dakota in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in North Dakota would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **96 percent of North Dakota’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 Dakota in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in North Dakota with enough funding to restore a substantial share of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **94 percent of North Dakota’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 15 housing agencies in North Dakota would be forced to cut assistance to 54 low-income families in 2007. **96 percent of North Dakota’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	
Barnes County Housing Authority	ND022	155	149	155	152	143	6
Benson County HA	ND030	16	11	11	11	16	0
Burleigh County HA	ND021	1,041	1,041	1,041	1,041	1,024	17
Cass County	ND001	379	379	379	379	379	0
Cavalier County HA	ND024	50	50	50	50	50	0
Cooperstown Housing and Redevelopment Commission	ND040	45	39	45	40	39	1
Dickey/Sargent Housing*	ND052	53	32	53	33	43	0
Dunn County HA	ND037	41	20	20	21	31	0
Eddy County HA	ND016	55	50	50	51	55	0
Emmons County HA	ND054	4	4	4	4	4	0
Fargo HA	ND014	1,146	1,108	1,146	1,130	1,134	0
Foster County	ND028	60	59	60	60	56	3
Grand Forks HA	ND012	1,220	1,012	1,012	1,032	1,133	0
LaMoure County HA	ND038	31	23	31	24	23	1
McHenry/Pierce HA	ND055	43	43	43	43	42	1

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McIntosh County HA	ND039	41	41	41	41	40	1
McKenzie County HA	ND036	33	29	29	29	33	0
Mercer County HA*	ND015	17	15	17	15	17	0
Minot HA	ND017	778	757	778	772	766	0
Morton County Housing*	ND010	609	583	609	594	587	0
Mountrail County HA	ND026	74	68	74	69	60	7
Northwest Regional HA	ND070	46	42	46	43	41	2
Pembina County HA	ND044	178	178	178	178	175	3
Ramsey County HA	ND013	183	153	183	156	158	0
Ransom County HA	ND025	55	52	55	53	52	0
Richland County HA	ND035	61	61	61	61	61	0
Rollette County HA	ND003	64	62	64	63	58	3
Stark County HA	ND031	306	234	234	238	289	0
Stutsman County HA	ND011	487	485	487	487	487	0
Towner County HA	ND009	20	20	20	20	20	0
Trail County HA	ND019	39	34	39	34	33	1

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Walsh County HA	ND049	94	91	94	93	87	4
Wells County HA	ND057	25	25	25	25	23	2
Williston	ND002	32	26	32	26	25	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,481</b>	<b>6,975</b>	<b>7,166</b>	<b>7,069</b>	<b>7,183</b>	<b>54</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.