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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 New Hampshire.

- 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 New Hampshire in 2006 would be funded.*** Moreover, agencies in New Hampshire would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **100 percent of New Hampshire'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 New Hampshire in 2006. Overall, **99 percent of New Hampshire's currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 14 housing agencies in New Hampshire would be forced to cut assistance to 246 low-income families in 2007. **Only 95 percent of New Hampshire'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	
Berlin HA	NH011	285	285	285	285	281	4
Claremont HA	NH012	140	135	140	137	130	5
Concord HA	NH005	224	224	224	224	223	1
Derry HRA	NH022	100	100	100	100	97	3
Dover HA	NH003	317	317	317	317	312	5
Exeter HA	NH014	169	164	169	167	156	8
Keene HA	nh010	359	359	359	359	359	0
Laconia HRA	NH007	407	399	407	406	376	23
Lancaster	NH015	68	68	68	68	68	0
Lebanon	NH009	163	163	163	163	163	0
Manchester HRA	NH001	1,813	1,722	1,813	1,757	1,650	73
Nashua HA	NH002	758	736	758	751	702	34
Newmarket	NH013	72	63	72	64	60	2
NH Housing Finance Authority* **	NH901	3,326	3,325	3,326	3,326	3,253	72
Northumberland	NH016	15	14	14	15	15	0
Portsmouth HA	NH004	406	404	406	406	395	9
Rochester HA	NH008	182	182	182	182	176	6
Somersworth HA	NH006	183	162	183	165	161	1
Total		8,987	8,821	8,986	8,892	8,575	246

*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.