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## HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN NEW MEXICO 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 New Mexico has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 89 percent in 2006. In other words, **916 vouchers have already been cut** in New Mexico 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 New Mexico.

- 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 Mexico in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in New Mexico would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **97 percent of New Mexico’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 Mexico in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in New Mexico with enough funding to restore a substantial share of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **91 percent of New Mexico’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 12 housing agencies in New Mexico would be forced to cut assistance to 246 low-income families in 2007. **90 percent of New Mexico’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	
Albuquerque HA	NM001	3,851	3,694	3,851	3,767	3,568	126
Bernalillo Co.	NM057	2,021	1,539	2,021	1,570	1,482	58
Bernalillo HA	NM035	75	75	75	75	74	0
Clovis HA	NM065	608	519	608	529	535	0
Cuba HA	NM071	58	49	58	50	47	1
Dona Ana County HA	NM062	605	566	566	577	604	0
Eastern Plains Council of Gov/Region IV HA	NM064	557	529	557	539	509	19
Gallup HA	NM006	38	24	24	24	33	0
Grants HA	NM030	98	94	98	96	93	1
Las Cruces	NM003	917	809	917	825	834	0
Los Lunas, Village	NM070	122	100	100	102	121	0
Mexico	NM010	204	146	146	149	163	0
Mora County HA	NM042	66	51	66	52	53	0
Mountainair HA	NM069	136	92	92	93	131	0
New Mexico Region II HA	NM076	104	97	104	99	95	2
Region V HA* **	NM067	911	837	837	853	911	0
Region VI HA* **	NM063	1,285	1,243	1,285	1,267	1,279	0

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Rio Arriba County HA	NM039	25	18	25	18	18	0
San Juan County HA	NM066	278	208	208	212	239	0
San Miguel County	NM061	112	102	112	104	91	11
Santa Fe Civic HA	NM009	514	466	514	475	484	0
Santa Fe County Housing	NM050	241	226	241	231	218	8
Socorro County HA	NM077	318	271	318	276	278	0
Taos County HA	NM038	448	407	448	415	387	20
Truth or Consequences HA	NM020	170	138	138	140	151	0
Tucumcari HA	NM033	140	140	140	140	140	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,902</b>	<b>12,436</b>	<b>13,549</b>	<b>12,679</b>	<b>12,537</b>	<b>246</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.