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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN WISCONSIN 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 Wisconsin has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 91 percent in 2006. In other words, **1,300 vouchers have already been cut** in Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin.

- 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 Wisconsin in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Wisconsin would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **98 percent of Wisconsin’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 Wisconsin in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in Wisconsin with enough funding to restore a substantial share of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **93 percent of Wisconsin’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 41 housing agencies in Wisconsin would be forced to cut assistance to 560 low-income families in 2007. **92 percent of Wisconsin’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
				Senate Appropriations SEVRA Bill	House Bill		
Amery HA	WI019	40	40	40	40	40	0
Antigo HA	WI085	149	142	149	145	137	4
Appleton HA	WI217	547	529	547	540	542	0
Ashland County HA	WI231	68	68	68	68	60	8
Ashland HA	WI131	62	58	62	59	56	2
Barron County HA	WI245	140	136	140	139	131	6
Beloit Community Development	WI064	598	561	598	572	539	21
Brown County HA	WI186	3,234	2,937	2,937	2,996	3,147	0
Burnett County	WI242	33	21	21	22	23	0
Chippewa County HA	WI248	382	382	382	382	382	0
Crawford County	WI230	25	25	25	25	25	0
Dane County	WI214	1,057	995	1,057	1,015	948	47
Dodge County HA	WI233	152	146	152	149	139	7
Dodgeville HA	WI091	66	44	66	45	43	2
Door County	WI206	255	231	255	235	223	8
Dunn County HA	WI160	89	74	74	75	88	0
Eau Claire County HA	WI193	221	218	218	221	221	0
Eau Claire HA	WI207	405	405	405	405	405	0
Evansville HA	WI203	79	78	79	79	75	3

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Fond du Lac County HA	WI246	430	421	430	430	428	0
Hartford Community Development	WI146	148	127	148	129	133	0
Janesville CDA	WI219	543	450	543	459	438	12
Kaukauna HA	WI043	90	84	90	86	85	0
Kenosha HA	WI195	1,107	1,079	1,107	1,101	1,054	25
La Crosse HA	WI006	144	138	144	140	133	5
Lafayette County HA	WI221	52	37	37	38	41	0
Madison	WI003	1,606	1,317	1,606	1,343	1,362	0
Marinette County HA	WI241	234	205	234	209	197	8
Marshfield Community	WI011	95	83	95	85	77	6
Mauston HA	WI069	113	99	113	101	99	0
Middleton HA	WI156	103	85	103	87	85	0
Milwaukee County HA	WI218	2,014	1,936	2,014	1,974	1,862	74
Milwaukee HA*	WI002	5,539	4,848	5,539	4,944	5,216	0
Monroe County HA	WI205	132	130	132	132	108	22
New Berlin HA	WI259	88	82	88	83	79	3
New London HA	WI048	97	87	97	88	83	4
New Richmond HA	WI020	20	19	20	20	19	1

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Oconto County HA	WI262	73	73	73	73	65	8
Oshkosh HA	WI113	66	49	49	50	66	0
Platteville HA	WI208	128	78	128	80	75	3
Portage County HA	WI237	156	146	146	149	156	0
Racine County HA	WI183	1,539	1,286	1,539	1,312	1,233	53
Rhineland HA	WI070	141	130	141	132	123	7
Rice Lake HA	WI050	93	80	93	82	77	3
Richland County	WI256	217	199	217	203	190	9
River Falls HA	WI060	75	66	75	67	63	2
Sauk County HA	WI204	298	280	298	286	270	10
Sawyer County HA	WI222	197	183	197	186	172	10
Shawano HA	WI045	48	35	48	36	34	1
Sheboygan HA	WI047	186	145	145	147	154	0
Stevens Point HA	WI037	14	14	14	14	14	0
Superior HA	WI001	169	151	151	154	161	0
Taylor County	WI263	30	30	30	30	30	0
Tomah HA	WI096	14	9	14	9	9	0
Trempealeau County HA	WI166	222	204	222	208	193	11
Walworth County HA	WI244	410	370	410	377	387	0

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Washburn HA	WI127	73	68	73	70	65	3
Waukesha County HA	WI261	376	376	376	376	362	14
Waukesha HA	WI142	792	767	792	782	737	30
Wausau HA	WI031	395	395	395	395	385	10
West Allis Community Development	WI201	457	446	457	454	420	25
West Bend HA	WI083	159	145	159	147	140	4
Winnebago County HA	WI213	347	342	347	347	347	0
Wisconsin HA*	WI901	1,263	1,253	1,263	1,263	1,164	89
Wisconsin Rapids HA	WI068	243	222	243	227	226	0
Wittenberg HA	WI039	20	15	15	15	18	0
Total		28,358	25,872	27,925	26,332	26,060	560

*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.