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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Colorado Under House GOP Bill

The 2011 funding proposal (H.R. 1) that the House of Representatives passed on February 19 would reduce public housing capital funding by nearly \$1.1 billion, or 43 percent, compared to the 2010 level. This cut would prevent local housing agencies from carrying out needed repairs to public housing developments, such as replacing boilers or fixing roofs. As a result, it would:

- Cause living conditions to deteriorate for over one million vulnerable families that live in public housing;
- Eliminate or prevent creation of jobs in the hard-hit residential construction sector;
- Increase future federal costs by deferring improvements that would reduce energy consumption or avoid more expensive damage down the road (for example, by patching a leaky roof);
- Risk creating blight that would lower property values in surrounding neighborhoods; and
- Permit some developments to deteriorate to the point where they must be demolished, squandering decades of federal and local investment and eliminating badly needed affordable housing.

In Colorado, 30 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 23 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$6.6 million from housing agencies across Colorado, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Adams Co. HA	42	\$51,000
Aguilar	18	\$14,000
Alamosa	199	\$149,000
Antonito	29	\$22,000
Aurora HA	130	\$138,000
Boulder	333	\$238,000
Boulder Co. HA	0**	\$39,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Brighton HA	44	\$29,000
Brush	30	\$20,000
Burlington HA	31	\$23,000
Center HA	30	\$22,000
Colorado Springs	705	\$513,000
Conejos County HA	44	\$36,000
Costilla County HA	57	\$44,000
Delta HA	75	\$63,000
Denver City and Co.	3,890	\$3,085,000
Engelwood HA	110	\$74,000
Fort Collins HA	154	\$112,000
Fort Lupton	50	\$54,000
Fort Morgan HA	86	\$59,000
Fountain HA	40	\$25,000
Grand Junction HA	0**	\$25,000
Greeley	86	\$67,000
HA for the Town of Cheyenne Wells	25	\$19,000
Haxtun	22	\$16,000
Holly	16	\$12,000
Holyoke HA	30	\$21,000
Julesburg HA	52	\$40,000
Keenesburg	20	\$13,000
Kersey	20	\$10,000
La Junta HA	86	\$72,000
Lakewood HA	113	\$165,000
Lamar	30	\$23,000
Limon	39	\$28,000
Littleton HA	143	\$100,000
Longmont HA	0**	\$5,000
Louisville HA	13	\$10,000
Loveland	3	\$50,000
Montezuma Co. HA	31	\$25,000
Pueblo	899	\$633,000
Salida	50	\$34,000
Sterling	110	\$82,000
Trinidad HA	198	\$145,000
Walsenburg	129	\$99,000
Wellington HA	42	\$30,000
Wray	40	\$28,000
Yuma	50	\$34,000

* HUD defines a household as “elderly” if the head or spouse of the head is 62 or older, and as “disabled” if the head or spouse of the head has a disability. The percentage of disabled households shown here includes only non-elderly disabled households.

** Agencies shown as administering zero public housing units have demolished or otherwise taken out of use all of their public housing developments and receive capital funds to develop replacement housing.

Note: Estimated cuts are relative to the 2010 funding level, and assume that agencies will be eligible for the same percentage share of capital funds in 2011 as they were in 2010. Unit counts show the total number of public housing units administered by the agency according to the most recent publicly available HUD data. A small portion of the units in these data (likely less than 5 percent nationally) are in the process of being demolished, sold, or otherwise taken out of use as public housing.