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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Connecticut 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 Connecticut, 38 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 23 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$13.0 million from housing agencies across Connecticut, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Ansonia HA	243	\$204,000
Bloomfield HA	17	\$13,000
Bridgeport HA	2,581	\$2,017,000
Bristol HA	541	\$396,000
Brooklyn HA	11	\$9,000
Danbury	353	\$312,000
East Hartford HA	620	\$347,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Glastonbury	199	\$163,000
Greenwich	327	\$227,000
Hartford HA	1,253	\$2,138,000
Manchester HA	316	\$182,000
Meriden HA	483	\$354,000
Middletown	247	\$207,000
Milford HA	330	\$198,000
Naugatuck	103	\$75,000
New Britain	804	\$628,000
New Canaan HA	18	\$14,000
New Haven HA	2,389	\$2,202,000
New London	223	\$136,000
Norwalk HA	853	\$605,000
Norwich HA	177	\$107,000
Portland	48	\$42,000
Putnam	124	\$111,000
Seymour	120	\$40,000
Stamford HA	658	\$553,000
Stratford HA	301	\$214,000
Torrington	431	\$141,000
Vernon	225	\$99,000
Waterbury HA	784	\$628,000
West Hartford HA	95	\$65,000
West Haven	611	\$328,000
Willimantic	250	\$176,000
Winchester	105	\$47,000
Windsor Locks	76	\$39,000

* 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. Data exclude most households assisted by the 33 agencies participating in the Moving-to-Work demonstration.

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.