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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Iowa 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 Iowa, 49 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 24 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$2.7 million from housing agencies across Iowa, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Afton Housing Commission	30	\$17,000
Albia Low Rent HA	40	\$24,000
Area XV Multi-Co. HA	86	\$57,000
Burlington	192	\$111,000
Centerville HA	100	\$60,000
Central IA Reg HA	132	\$95,000
Chariton HA	73	\$38,000
Charles City Hsg and Redev	147	\$78,000

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Clarinda Low Rent Housing Agency	74	\$37,000
Clinton HA	50	\$42,000
Corning Housing Commission	47	\$24,000
Davenport Hsg. Comm.	42	\$32,000
Des Moines Municipal HA	497	\$526,000
Eastern IA Reg HA	164	\$104,000
Essex Low Rent Housing Agency	15	\$7,000
Evansdale Municipal HA	34	\$28,000
Fort Dodge HA	135	\$80,000
Fort Madison HA	134	\$82,000
Iowa City HA	82	\$68,000
Keokuk HA	196	\$124,000
Knoxville Low Rent HA	49	\$38,000
Lenox Low Rent Housing Agency	30	\$15,000
Lone Tree Housing Commission	19	\$10,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Bancroft	28	\$16,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Farragut	20	\$11,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Hamburg	24	\$12,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Leon	42	\$20,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Missouri Valley	52	\$27,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Mount Ayr	26	\$13,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Onawa	62	\$31,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Red Oak	50	\$25,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Sidney	20	\$10,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Sioux Center	71	\$43,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Waverly	47	\$24,000
Low Rent Housing Agency of Winterset	46	\$23,000
Malvern Low Rent Housing Agency	20	\$10,000
Manning HA	29	\$14,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Municipal HA	294	\$155,000
Muscatine Municipal HA	151	\$90,000
North IA Reg HA	121	\$75,000
Ottumwa	359	\$213,000
Rock Rapids Municipal Housing Agency	36	\$26,000
Shenandoah Low Rent Housing Agency	78	\$40,000
Southern IA Reg HA	125	\$76,000
Stanton Housing Commission	20	\$10,000
Tabor Low Rent Housing Agency	20	\$11,000
Villisca Low Rent Housing Agency	44	\$23,000
Waterloo HA	50	\$28,000

* 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.

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.