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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Illinois 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 Illinois, 29 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 26 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$78.3 million from housing agencies across Illinois, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Adams County	126	\$73,000
Alexander County HA	483	\$441,000
Aurora HA	644	\$506,000
Bloomington	627	\$435,000
Bureau Co. Hsg	251	\$161,000
Calhoun County	43	\$31,000
Carroll County HA	89	\$48,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Champaign Co.	441	\$511,000
Chicago HA	21,477	\$50,596,000
Christian Co.	218	\$246,000
Clark Co. HA	87	\$57,000
Clay County HA	187	\$116,000
Cook Co.	2,032	\$1,681,000
County of Bond	154	\$92,000
County of Brown	62	\$37,000
County of Cass	50	\$37,000
County of Hardin	147	\$95,000
County of Lawrence	171	\$90,000
County of Union	346	\$256,000
County of Wabash	156	\$73,000
Cumberland Co.	92	\$60,000
Danville HA	526	\$408,000
Decatur HA	676	\$553,000
Dekalb Co.	278	\$199,000
Dewitt County HA	245	\$194,000
East St. Louis HA	1,982	\$1,771,000
Edgar Co.	199	\$128,000
Edwards County HA	51	\$31,000
Effingham County HA	103	\$68,000
Elgin	254	\$176,000
Ford Co. HA	60	\$39,000
Franklin Co.	684	\$486,000
Freeport HA	446	\$391,000
Fulton Co.	284	\$206,000
Gallatin County	97	\$64,000
Granite City HA	368	\$547,000
Greene County	202	\$122,000
Grundy County HA	95	\$44,000
HA - City of Alton	248	\$302,000
HA County of Coles	176	\$119,000
Hamilton County HA	84	\$50,000
Hancock County HA	30	\$17,000
Henry Co.	449	\$365,000
Jackson Co. HA	810	\$592,000
Jefferson Co. HA	308	\$269,000
Jersey Co.	146	\$90,000
Jo Daviess Co.	109	\$57,000
Johnson County	77	\$52,000
Joliet	989	\$902,000
Kankakee Co. HA	223	\$221,000
Knox Co. HA	427	\$369,000
Lake Co. HA	620	\$494,000
LaSalle Co.	928	\$727,000
Lee Co. HA	211	\$135,000

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Livingston Co.	237	\$179,000
Logan Co. HA	193	\$121,000
Macoupin County HA	362	\$306,000
Madison Co. HA	376	\$661,000
Marion	328	\$238,000
Marion Co. HA	445	\$352,000
Mason Co. HA	50	\$33,000
Massac County HA	233	\$143,000
McDonough Co.	279	\$229,000
McHenry Co. HA	23	\$18,000
Menard Co. HA	164	\$154,000
Mercer Co.	60	\$30,000
Moline HA	486	\$428,000
Montgomery Co.	235	\$195,000
Morgan Co. HA	419	\$337,000
North Chicago	150	\$70,000
Oak Park Hsg	198	\$99,000
Ogle Co. HA	130	\$69,000
Pekin	196	\$130,000
Peoria HA	803	\$1,242,000
Perry County HA	361	\$247,000
Piatt County	60	\$39,000
Pike County HA	228	\$123,000
Pope County	122	\$70,000
Pulaski County	134	\$87,000
Quincy HA	408	\$349,000
Randolph Co.	218	\$143,000
Richland Co. HA	75	\$47,000
Rock Island	487	\$498,000
Rock Island Co. GMAHA	482	\$456,000
Rockford	1,906	\$1,524,000
Saline Co. HA	481	\$358,000
Scott County HA	105	\$64,000
Shelby Co. HA	132	\$72,000
Springfield HA	915	\$724,000
St. Clair Co. HA	996	\$752,000
Vermilion Co.	212	\$125,000
Warren Co. HA	272	\$192,000
Waukegan HA	447	\$298,000
Wayne Co. HA	226	\$136,000
White County HA	115	\$68,000
Whiteside Co.	265	\$251,000
Williamson Co. HA	725	\$496,000
Winnebago Co. HA	251	\$232,000
Woodford Co. HA	64	\$35,000

* 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.