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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Louisiana 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 Louisiana, 23 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 20 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$24.7 million from housing agencies across Louisiana, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Abbeville	156	\$102,000
Alexandria	518	\$630,000
Arcadia	120	\$84,000
Basile	22	\$15,000
Berwick	128	\$86,000
Bogalusa HA	340	\$250,000
Bossier City	436	\$352,000

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Breaux Bridge	98	\$70,000
Bunkie	106	\$74,000
Caldwell Parish HA	116	\$77,000
Church Point HA	123	\$81,000
City of Opelousas	690	\$504,000
Colfax HA	90	\$60,000
Cotton Valley	20	\$12,000
Cottonport	60	\$37,000
Covington	49	\$37,000
Crowley HA	350	\$249,000
Delcambre	56	\$40,000
Denham Springs HA	52	\$31,000
Dequincy	80	\$50,000
DeRidder	122	\$87,000
Donaldsonville	151	\$103,000
Duson	30	\$19,000
East Baton Rouge Parish	1,177	\$831,000
East Carroll Parish HA	40	\$28,000
East Hodge	25	\$17,000
Elton	18	\$12,000
Erath	58	\$36,000
Eunice	149	\$108,000
Farmerville	40	\$30,000
Ferriday	68	\$47,000
Gibsland	22	\$14,000
Grambling HA	95	\$64,000
Grant Parish HA	28	\$19,000
Gueydan	23	\$18,000
Haynesville	120	\$75,000
Homer	100	\$65,000
Houma	511	\$448,000
Housing Auth. of the Town of St. Martinville	124	\$75,000
Independence HA	58	\$36,000
Iowa	60	\$39,000
Jefferson Parish	200	\$140,000
Jena	50	\$34,000
Jennings	165	\$121,000
Jonesboro	191	\$130,000
Kaplan	86	\$61,000
Kenner HA	136	\$97,000
Kinder	30	\$21,000
Lafayette	570	\$368,000
Lafourche Parish	276	\$204,000
Lake Arthur	49	\$38,000
Lake Charles	833	\$642,000
Lake Providence	150	\$101,000

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Leesville HA	193	\$128,000
Logansport	26	\$17,000
Mamou	120	\$80,000
Mansfield	140	\$96,000
Marksville	169	\$126,000
Merryville	88	\$62,000
Minden HA	247	\$165,000
Monroe HA	1,517	\$1,295,000
Morgan City HA	323	\$246,000
Natchitoches	398	\$309,000
Natchitoches Parish HA	92	\$67,000
New Iberia	200	\$143,000
New Orleans	4,855	\$11,002,000
New Roads	60	\$42,000
Oakdale HA	156	\$98,000
Oberlin	18	\$13,000
Oil City	78	\$49,000
Olla	45	\$33,000
Parks	16	\$8,000
Patterson	106	\$71,000
Pineville HA	121	\$74,000
Ponchatoula HA	109	\$77,000
Rapides Parish HA	182	\$137,000
Rayne	200	\$137,000
Rayville	100	\$69,000
Ruston	299	\$202,000
Sabine Parish	262	\$194,000
Shreveport HA	668	\$679,000
Simmesport	56	\$41,000
Slidell	124	\$79,000
South Landry	148	\$94,000
Southwest Acadia Consolidated HA	54	\$34,000
St. Charles Parish HA	129	\$80,000
St. James Parish	318	\$237,000
St. John the Baptist Parish	302	\$249,000
St. Landry Parish HA	146	\$99,000
Sulphur HA	202	\$132,000
Thibodaux	306	\$250,000
Vernon Parish	66	\$56,000
Village of Fenton HA	25	\$20,000
Ville Platte	216	\$147,000
Vinton HA	68	\$42,000
Vivian	80	\$50,000
Welsh	36	\$26,000
Westwego	300	\$234,000
White Castle	134	\$94,000

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Winnfield	118	\$78,000
Winnsboro	150	\$104,000
Youngsville	20	\$12,000

* 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.