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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts, 43 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 27 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$30.3 million from housing agencies across Massachusetts, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Amherst	15	\$12,000
Auburn HA	103	\$32,000
Barnstable	68	\$42,000
Beverly HA	168	\$103,000
Boston HA	11,009	\$12,850,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Bourne	56	\$38,000
Brockton	1,354	\$937,000
Brookline	437	\$269,000
Cambridge HA	2,033	\$1,593,000
Chelsea	352	\$394,000
Chicopee HA	383	\$306,000
Clinton HA	99	\$70,000
Concord HA	18	\$14,000
Danvers HA	76	\$51,000
Dedham HA	24	\$18,000
Dracut	44	\$20,000
Fall River HA	1,628	\$1,194,000
Falmouth	222	\$122,000
Fitchburg	99	\$49,000
Framingham	235	\$164,000
Gloucester	89	\$56,000
Groveland HA	58	\$35,000
Hanson HA	6	\$5,000
Holyoke	704	\$551,000
Hudson HA	92	\$57,000
Lawrence HA	1,049	\$857,000
Lexington HA	77	\$55,000
Lowell	1,639	\$1,464,000
Lynn HA	455	\$334,000
Malden HA	966	\$798,000
Maynard HA	32	\$24,000
Medford	556	\$362,000
Medway HA	100	\$61,000
Methuen	42	\$29,000
Milford	65	\$37,000
Needham	75	\$53,000
New Bedford	1,646	\$1,733,000
Newburyport	50	\$26,000
Newton	262	\$136,000
North Adams	306	\$195,000
North Andover	105	\$66,000
Northampton	109	\$65,000
Norwood HA	96	\$51,000
Pembroke HA	49	\$27,000
Pittsfield	163	\$105,000
Plymouth	112	\$64,000
Quincy	649	\$522,000
Revere	194	\$116,000
Rockland	40	\$23,000
Salem HA	39	\$24,000
Saugus	100	\$57,000
Scituate HA	51	\$25,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Shrewsbury	99	\$52,000
Somerville	583	\$357,000
Springfield	1,325	\$1,002,000
Stoughton	40	\$22,000
Swansea HA	8	\$5,000
Taunton	487	\$238,000
Tewksbury	50	\$30,000
Wakefield HA	40	\$21,000
Waltham	265	\$209,000
Watertown	50	\$32,000
Wayland	136	\$51,000
Webster	61	\$34,000
Weymouth HA	70	\$44,000
Winchendon	131	\$83,000
Woburn	100	\$76,000
Worcester HA	2,233	\$1,757,000

* 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.