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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Mississippi 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 Mississippi, 22 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 22 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$12.3 million from housing agencies across Mississippi, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Aberdeen	151	\$114,000
Amory	112	\$81,000
Attala County	61	\$45,000
Baldwyn	65	\$47,000
Bay St. Louis	36	\$66,000
Biloxi	790	\$693,000
Booneville	160	\$106,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Brookhaven	229	\$252,000
Canton	150	\$110,000
Clarksdale	296	\$220,000
Columbus	479	\$402,000
Corinth	330	\$234,000
Forest	78	\$60,000
Greenwood HA	408	\$363,000
Hattiesburg	296	\$215,000
Hazlehurst	122	\$91,000
Holly Springs	90	\$63,000
Itta Bena	70	\$56,000
Iuka	76	\$58,000
Jackson HA	173	\$413,000
Laurel	624	\$517,000
Long Beach	75	\$49,000
Louisville	154	\$115,000
McComb	435	\$349,000
Meridian HA	1,101	\$1,037,000
Mississippi RHA #5	572	\$468,000
Mississippi RHA #6	136	\$116,000
Mississippi RHA #7	120	\$82,000
Mississippi RHA #8	798	\$1,417,000
Mississippi RHA IV	389	\$303,000
Mound Bayou	100	\$77,000
Natchez	296	\$257,000
Okolona	67	\$52,000
Oxford HA	212	\$175,000
Picayune	332	\$259,000
Pontotoc	80	\$61,000
Richton	57	\$52,000
Sardis	82	\$61,000
Senatobia	120	\$92,000
Shelby	24	\$17,000
Starkville	243	\$188,000
Summit	30	\$23,000
Tennessee Valley RHA	1,208	\$1,295,000
Tupelo	386	\$329,000
Vicksburg	428	\$363,000
Walnut	34	\$26,000
Water Valley	200	\$150,000
Waveland	75	\$52,000
Waynesboro	50	\$35,000
West Point	226	\$169,000
Winona	160	\$138,000
Yazoo City	288	\$246,000

* 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.