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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in New Jersey 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 New Jersey, 46 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 19 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$37.7 million from housing agencies across New Jersey, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Asbury Park HA	586	\$537,000
Atlantic City HA	1,501	\$1,060,000
Bayonne HA	1,284	\$1,310,000
Belmar HA	50	\$24,000
Bergen Co	503	\$334,000
Berkeley HA	70	\$47,000
Beverly HA	71	\$45,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Boonton	74	\$42,000
Brick HA	266	\$146,000
Bridgeton	440	\$336,000
Buena HA	60	\$35,000
Burlington HA	90	\$59,000
Camden	1,704	\$1,671,000
Cape May HA	84	\$51,000
Carteret HA	252	\$214,000
Clementon Borough	70	\$35,000
Cliffside Park	354	\$265,000
Collingswood HA	95	\$48,000
Dover	59	\$29,000
East Orange	241	\$349,000
Edgewater	30	\$15,000
Edison HA	159	\$108,000
Elizabeth	1,297	\$1,543,000
Englewood	152	\$71,000
Florence HA	50	\$35,000
Fort Lee HA	40	\$24,000
Franklin HA	40	\$64,000
Freehold HA	85	\$49,000
Garfield HA	456	\$310,000
Glassboro HA	179	\$101,000
Gloucester City HA	106	\$67,000
Gloucester Co.	262	\$217,000
Guttenberg HA	251	\$231,000
Hackensack HA	504	\$432,000
Haddon HA	100	\$47,000
Harrison HA	268	\$346,000
Highland Park	124	\$62,000
Highlands HA	125	\$68,000
Hightstown HA	100	\$61,000
Hoboken HA	1,353	\$998,000
Irvington HA	652	\$499,000
Jersey City HA	2,839	\$3,110,000
Keansburg HA	80	\$40,000
Lakewood HA	268	\$156,000
Linden	201	\$101,000
Lodi HA	220	\$128,000
Long Branch	523	\$670,000
Madison	134	\$93,000
Middletown HA	99	\$47,000
Millville HA	493	\$260,000
Morris Co. Hsg	304	\$171,000
Morristown	470	\$316,000
Neptune HA	345	\$230,000
New Brunswick Hsg	390	\$460,000

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Newark HA	8,405	\$10,124,000
Newton HA	80	\$40,000
North Bergen	985	\$737,000
Ocean City HA	121	\$71,000
Orange	390	\$355,000
Passaic HA	699	\$559,000
Paterson	1,141	\$1,603,000
Penns Grove	152	\$89,000
Perth Amboy HA	610	\$586,000
Phillipsburg HA	578	\$638,000
Plainfield HA	464	\$372,000
Pleasantville HA	207	\$177,000
Princeton HA	209	\$119,000
Rahway	274	\$220,000
Red Bank	90	\$53,000
Salem HA	181	\$192,000
Secaucus	275	\$155,000
South Amboy	152	\$87,000
Summit HA	194	\$127,000
Trenton HA	1,838	\$1,642,000
Union City HA	455	\$364,000
Vineland	600	\$438,000
Weehawken	99	\$56,000
West New York	715	\$624,000
Wildwood HA	170	\$106,000
Woodbridge HA	564	\$428,000

* 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.