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## Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in New Mexico 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 Mexico, 26 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 23 percent are disabled.\* The House plan would cut \$3.3 million from housing agencies across New Mexico, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Alamogordo Hsg	221	\$163,000
Albuquerque HA	953	\$644,000
Artesia	137	\$101,000
Bayard	70	\$52,000
Bernalillo Co.	21	\$15,000
Bernalillo HA	76	\$53,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Chama	38	\$29,000
Cimarron	16	\$12,000
Clayton	50	\$36,000
Clovis HA	131	\$110,000
Cuba HA	28	\$19,000
Dona Ana Co HA	6	\$6,000
Espanola HA	178	\$140,000
Eunice	20	\$14,000
Fort Sumner	47	\$32,000
Gallup HA	267	\$211,000
Grants HA	20	\$18,000
Las Cruces	250	\$155,000
Las Vegas	284	\$243,000
Lordsburg PHA	100	\$82,000
Lovington	50	\$37,000
Maxwell	22	\$18,000
Pecos	31	\$25,000
Raton	155	\$124,000
Region V HA	54	\$44,000
Region VI HA	102	\$68,000
Rio Arriba Co HA	53	\$43,000
Santa Clara HA	32	\$23,000
Santa Fe Civic HA	534	\$316,000
Santa Fe Co Hsg	199	\$142,000
Springer	56	\$42,000
Sunland Park	40	\$32,000
Taos Co HA	167	\$134,000
Truth or Consequences HA	100	\$70,000
Tucumcari HA	90	\$65,000
Vaughn	20	\$14,000
Wagon Mound	18	\$14,000

\* 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.