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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in New York 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 York, 36 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 17 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$178.5 million from housing agencies across New York, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Albany HA	1,828	\$1,171,000
Amsterdam HA	261	\$193,000
Auburn HA	50	\$36,000
Batavia HA	197	\$111,000
Beacon HA	244	\$146,000
Binghamton	637	\$466,000
Buffalo Municipal HA	4,133	\$5,189,000
Canton HA	162	\$118,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Catskill HA	80	\$61,000
Cohoes HA	308	\$246,000
Cortland HA	379	\$261,000
Dunkirk HA	233	\$142,000
Ellenville HA	64	\$40,000
Elmira HA	479	\$309,000
Freeport HA	352	\$247,000
Geneva HA	247	\$137,000
Glen Cove Public HA	250	\$199,000
Glens Falls HA	175	\$97,000
Gloversville HA	293	\$199,000
Greenburgh HA	115	\$76,000
Harrietstown HA	113	\$77,000
Hempstead Village	281	\$249,000
Herkimer HA	175	\$109,000
Hoosick	25	\$18,000
Hornell HA	158	\$102,000
Hudson	132	\$101,000
Huntington HA	80	\$56,000
Ilion HA	158	\$95,000
Islip	372	\$216,000
Ithaca HA	334	\$238,000
Jamestown HA	246	\$126,000
Kenmore HA	194	\$112,000
Kingston HA	162	\$101,000
Kiryas Joel	60	\$57,000
Lackawanna Municipal HA	490	\$484,000
Lockport HA	352	\$265,000
Long Beach HA	374	\$297,000
Malone HA	175	\$121,000
Massena HA	241	\$178,000
Mechanicville HA	160	\$100,000
Monticello HA	98	\$70,000
Mount Kisco HA	76	\$51,000
Municipal HA	871	\$1,026,000
New Rochelle	543	\$370,000
New York City HA	197,510	\$149,841,000
Newark HA	160	\$113,000
Newburgh HA	135	\$80,000
Niagara Falls HA	819	\$651,000
North Hempstead HA	188	\$88,000
North Tarrytown HA	86	\$53,000
Norwich HA	101	\$66,000
Ogdensburg HA	385	\$254,000
Olean HA	306	\$253,000
Oneida HA	138	\$87,000
Oneonta HA	112	\$69,000

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Oyster Bay HA	911	\$501,000
Peekskill HA	282	\$218,000
Plattsburgh HA	604	\$414,000
Port Chester HA	337	\$260,000
Port Jervis HA	75	\$46,000
Poughkeepsie	359	\$311,000
Ramapo HA	200	\$101,000
Rensselaer HA	146	\$102,000
Rochester HA	2,515	\$2,123,000
Rockville Centre HA	50	\$23,000
Rome HA	334	\$174,000
Saratoga Springs	339	\$227,000
Schenectady Municipal HA	1,010	\$793,000
St. Johnsville	42	\$31,000
Syracuse HA	2,316	\$1,627,000
Tarrytown Municipal HA	151	\$97,000
Town of Hempstead HA	1,309	\$744,000
Troy Hsg	1,248	\$972,000
Tuckahoe HA	149	\$89,000
Tupper Lake HA	90	\$68,000
Village of Great Neck HA	75	\$35,000
Village of Spring Valley HA	146	\$92,000
Watertown HA	674	\$503,000
Watervliet	307	\$230,000
West Carthage HA	50	\$35,000
White Plains HA	712	\$655,000
Wilna HA	100	\$67,000
Woodridge HA	40	\$30,000
Yonkers MHA	2,047	\$2,334,000

* 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.