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Estimated Public Housing Capital Fund Cuts in Washington 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 Washington, 26 percent of households in public housing are elderly and 33 percent are disabled.* The House plan would cut \$14.9 million from housing agencies across Washington, as shown below.

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Anacortes	111	\$94,000
Asotin Co HA	140	\$114,000
Bellingham	527	\$299,000
Bremerton HA	233	\$545,000
Clallam Co	263	\$227,000

Housing Agency	Number of Public Housing Units	Estimated Capital Fund Cut Under H.R. 1
Everett	623	\$433,000
Grant Co HA	218	\$164,000
Grays Harbor HA	415	\$224,000
HA City of Othello	55	\$50,000
HA City of Sedro Woolley	80	\$67,000
HA City of Sunnyside	140	\$91,000
HA County of Kittitas	110	\$82,000
Island Co HA	110	\$73,000
Kalama HA	16	\$12,000
Kelso HA	100	\$69,000
Kennewick HA	189	\$133,000
King Co HA	2,882	\$2,762,000
Kitsap Co Consolidated HA	136	\$106,000
Pasco HA	280	\$225,000
Pierce Co HA	127	\$119,000
Renton HA	238	\$172,000
Seattle HA	5,034	\$6,214,000
Snohomish Co	253	\$178,000
Spokane HA	125	\$90,000
Tacoma HA	924	\$1,727,000
Vancouver HA	549	\$416,000
Walla Walla HA	84	\$81,000
Whatcom County	63	\$61,000
Yakima HA	150	\$113,000

* 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.