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## HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN NEBRASKA UNDER PENDING PROPOSALS

For 2007, Congress will have to choose among three funding approaches that have been put forward. Each provides the same new funding for the program nationally in 2007, but uses a different method for distributing the money among the 2,400 state and local housing agencies. Here is the impact that each of the three formulas would have on Nebraska.

- Under the formula in the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (or SEVRA), a bill passed by the House Financial Services Committee on June 14, 2006, *all vouchers in use in Nebraska in 2006 would be funded*. Moreover, agencies in Nebraska would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **98 percent of Nebraska's currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the SEVRA formula.
- The formula in the Senate appropriations bill would also renew funding for all vouchers in use in Nebraska in 2006. Overall, **97 percent of Nebraska's currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 14 housing agencies in Nebraska would be forced to cut assistance to 68 low-income families in 2007. **97 percent of Nebraska's currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the House appropriations formula.

For a description of the pending proposals for distribution of renewal funding to state and local agencies and an analysis of their national impact, see "Fixing the Housing Voucher Formula: A No-Cost Way to Strengthen the Section 8 Program," <http://www.cbpp.org/11-1-06hous.htm>. The paper's Technical Appendix explains the sources and methods for the data in this table.

## Agency Estimates

Housing Agency	HUD Code	Authorized Vouchers as of Jan. 2006	Vouchers in Use in 2006 (Estimated)	Authorized Vouchers Funded in 2007			Vouchers in Use That Would Be Cut Under House Appropriations Bill
				SEVRA	Senate Appropriations Bill	House Appropriations Bill	
Alliance HA	NE141	187	173	187	177	165	8
Beatrice HA	NE114	204	168	204	171	160	7
Bellevue HA	NE174	220	220	220	220	220	0
Central NE Joint HA	NE182	73	68	73	69	69	0
Chadron HA	NE143	40	32	40	33	30	3
Columbus HA	NE104	100	100	100	100	95	5
Cozad HA	NE083	59	48	59	49	45	4
Crete	NE041	25	21	25	21	21	0
Douglas County HA**	NE153	814	814	814	814	814	0
Fremont HA	NE100	133	133	133	133	131	2
Goldenrod Joint HA	NE181	137	134	137	137	128	7
Gothenburg HA	NE120	25	19	19	19	21	0
Hall County HA	NE003	413	335	413	342	355	0
Hastings HA	NE150	477	287	287	293	437	0
Kearney HA	NE004	103	103	103	103	103	0
Lexington HA	NE010	122	119	122	122	112	7
Lincoln HA	ne002	2,864	2,755	2,864	2,864	2,848	0
McCook HA	NE123	73	69	73	71	69	0

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Norfolk HA	NE157	254	251	254	254	254	0
North Platte HA	NE125	60	54	60	55	53	0
Northeast Nebraska	NE180	73	60	73	61	57	2
Joint Housing							
Omaha*	NE001	4,016	3,956	4,016	4,016	4,016	0
Scotts Bluff County	NE078	410	410	410	410	393	17
South Sioux City HA	NE175	235	235	235	235	230	5
West Central Nebraska	NE179	155	155	155	155	155	0
Joint HA							
York HA	NE094	99	84	99	86	86	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,371</b>	<b>10,803</b>	<b>11,175</b>	<b>11,009</b>	<b>11,067</b>	<b>68</b>

\*Agency received new "tenant protection" vouchers from HUD in 2005 to replace demolished public housing units or privately-owned units that no longer receive project-based federal housing assistance. Incomplete information was available to estimate the additional funding due these agencies in 2007 to renew these vouchers under each of the approaches. As a result, estimates for these agencies may be too low, and under the House approach may be too low or too high.

\*\*Agency took over administration of additional vouchers from another agency in 2005 or early 2006. Our estimates may not fully account for the effect of the consolidation on the agency's likely funding in 2007.