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## HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER PENDING PROPOSALS

Due largely to the flaws in the formula for distributing “Section 8” housing voucher funding, the share of vouchers in use in South Carolina has fallen over the past few years, from 94 percent in 2004 to a projected 93 percent in 2006. In other words, **339 vouchers have already been cut** in South Carolina over the past two years.

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 South Carolina.

- 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 South Carolina in 2006 would be funded.*** Moreover, agencies in South Carolina would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **97 percent of South Carolina’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 South Carolina in 2006. Overall, **94 percent of South Carolina’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 19 housing agencies in South Carolina would be forced to cut assistance to 361 low-income families in 2007. **94 percent of South Carolina’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	
Aiken HA	SC007	815	724	724	738	814	0
Anderson HA	SC037	499	428	499	436	452	0
Beaufort	SC026	562	515	562	526	511	4
Bennettsville HA	SC015	64	64	64	64	63	1
Charleston County	SC056	1,079	947	947	966	1,079	0
Charleston HA	SC001	1,274	1,241	1,274	1,266	1,192	49
Cheraw HA	SC031	175	173	175	175	162	11
Chester HA	SC020	269	264	269	269	269	0
Columbia HA	SC002	2,994	2,877	2,994	2,934	2,769	108
Conway HA	SC025	368	342	368	349	324	18
Darlington HA	SC005	93	93	93	93	93	0
Florence HA	SC027	615	615	615	615	609	6
Fort Mill HA	SC036	154	154	154	154	154	0
Georgetown HA	SC028	163	153	163	157	148	5
Greenville HA	SC004	2,426	2,172	2,172	2,215	2,312	0
Greenwood HA	SC030	776	776	776	776	763	13
Greer HA	SC016	280	256	280	261	246	9
Hartsville HA	SC029	210	177	177	180	199	0
Lake City HA	SC018	211	154	211	157	148	5
Lancaster HA	SC032	247	221	247	226	213	9

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Marion HA	SC021	153	99	99	101	121	0
Marlboro County HA	SC059	235	235	235	235	233	2
Mullins HA	SC033	60	55	60	56	54	0
Myrtle Beach HA	SC034	605	555	555	566	605	0
Newberry HA	SC035	235	235	235	235	235	0
North Charleston HA	SC057	2,002	1,953	2,002	1,992	2,002	0
Rock Hill HA	SC022	500	489	500	499	471	19
SC Regional HA #1*	SC008	1,553	1,537	1,553	1,553	1,553	0
SC Regional HA #3	SC024	530	511	530	521	508	2
SC State HFA	SC911	2,380	1,930	2,380	1,968	1,856	73
Spartanburg HA*	SC003	1,599	1,503	1,503	1,533	1,599	0
Sumter HA*	SC023	879	790	790	806	862	0
Union, SC HA	SC019	274	261	274	266	242	18
York HA	SC046	233	229	233	233	221	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>24,512</b>	<b>22,729</b>	<b>23,713</b>	<b>23,119</b>	<b>23,085</b>	<b>361</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.