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## **LOCAL EFFECTS OF CUTS IN HOUSING VOUCHER ASSISTANCE IN 2005**

### **Montana**

The table shows voucher estimates based in part on data that housing agencies reported to HUD covering the period through July 2004. Individual agencies will have more current data they can use to update the estimates. The funding figures in the column “Voucher renewal funding allocated by HUD” come directly from HUD data. The estimated annual per voucher subsidy cost (PUC) is derived by adjusting the agency’s voucher cost data in mid-2004 by the applicable HUD annual adjustment factor. Agencies’ actual voucher costs in 2005 may be more or less than the estimate.

The column “vouchers cut in 2005” is the number of vouchers the appropriations act directs HUD to fund — authorized vouchers in use in May – July 2004 plus any additional vouchers issued to replace other federal housing subsidies that need renewal funding in 2005 — that are unfunded due to the appropriations shortfall. If the estimated “vouchers cut in 2005” is less than the “total expiring vouchers not funded,” it is likely that the agency was not using all its vouchers in mid-2004. The number of vouchers in use in February 2005 that are not funded may be less than the estimates provided if an agency is using fewer vouchers than in mid-2004 or if the agency’s average per unit cost has declined substantially. The number of vouchers in use that are not funded may be more than the estimates provided if the agency’s per unit cost is currently greater than the estimate. For some agencies (marked with an asterisk) our estimates include adjustments made in light of HUD’s final funding figures, and may be more subject to error.

Agencies may be able to remedy a funding shortfall through use of reserve funds (if accessed quickly) or other policy changes, rather than by reducing the number of families receiving voucher assistance.

HUD Code	Housing Agency name	Authorized vouchers in January 2005	Number of expiring vouchers	Expiring vouchers eligible for funding under bill formula	Voucher renewal funding allocated by HUD (HAP)	Annual per voucher subsidy cost (PUC)	Number of expiring vouchers funded (based on PUC)	Total expiring vouchers not funded	Vouchers cut in 2005
MT001*	Billings*	503	503	503	\$2,224,026	\$4,610	482	-21	-21
MT003	Butte HA	21	21	21	\$79,383	\$3,941	20	-1	-1
MT002	Great Falls HA	200	200	189	\$847,396	\$4,674	181	-19	-8
MT004	Helena HA	292	292	289	\$1,430,447	\$5,166	277	-15	-12
MT033	Missoula HA	754	754	746	\$3,546,179	\$4,954	716	-38	-30
MT901	Montana Department of Commerce	3,716	3,671	3,671	\$15,328,412	\$4,353	3,521	-150	-150
MT006	Richland County HA	92	92	89	\$184,498	\$2,161	85	-7	-4
MT036	Ronan HA	36	36	36	\$144,128	\$4,216	34	-2	-1
MT015	Whitefish Housing Authority	10	10	10	\$43,325	\$4,607	9	0	0
Total for Montana		5,624	5,579	5,554	\$23,827,794		5,327	-252	-227