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AN ACT to renumber and amend 46.97 (3) (a) 3 and 4; to amend 46.97 (2) (a) and (3) (a) (intro.) and 2 and 46.97 (3) (b); and to create 46.97 (3) (am) (intro.), 46.97 (3) (am) 3 and 4 and 50.01 (1) (d) of the statutes, relating to aid to shelters for the homeless, an exception to the definition of community-based residential facility and providing for a study.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 46.97 (2) (a) and (3) (a) (intro.) and 2 of the statutes, as created by 1985 Wisconsin Act 29, are amended to read:

46.97 (2) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (cc), the department shall award grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of supplementing the operating budgets of agencies and shelter facilities that have or anticipate ~~an operating deficit~~ a need for additional funding because of the renovation or expansion of an existing shelter facility, the development of an existing building into a shelter facility, the expansion of shelter services for homeless persons or an inability to obtain adequate funding to continue the provision of an existing level of services.

(3) (a) (intro.) An eligible applicant which is not located in Dane county or Milwaukee county may submit an application for ~~any one~~ one of the following:

2. A grant of not more than 25% of the portion of the applicant's current or proposed operating budget allocated for providing homeless individuals with vouchers that may be exchanged for temporary shelter, ~~except that no grant may be awarded for this purpose to an applicant located in Milwaukee county or Dane county which provides shelter services solely through the use of vouchers.~~

SECTION 2. 46.97 (3) (a) 3 and 4 of the statutes, as created by 1985 Wisconsin Act 29, are renumbered 46.97 (3) (am) 1 and 2 and amended to read:

46.97 (3) (am) 1. ~~A~~ Before July 1, 1987, a grant of not more than ~~25%~~ 35% of the total current or proposed operating budgets of one or more shelter facilities from which the applicant purchases shelter for homeless persons and to which the applicant will distribute the money it receives under conditions described in the application.

2. ~~A~~ Before July 1, 1987, a grant of not more than ~~25%~~ 35% of the total current or proposed operating

budgets of 2 or more shelter facilities which the applicant represents and to which the applicant will distribute the money received under conditions described in the application.

SECTION 3. 46.97 (3) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

46.97 (3) (am) (intro.) An eligible applicant located in Dane county or Milwaukee county may submit an application for one of the following:

SECTION 3m. 46.97 (3) (am) 3 and 4 of the statutes are created to read:

46.97 (3) (am) 3. After June 30, 1987, a grant of not more than 25% of the total current or proposed operating budgets of one or more shelter facilities from which the applicant purchases shelter for homeless persons and to which the applicant will distribute the money it receives under conditions described in the application.

4. After June 30, 1987, a grant of not more than 25% of the total current or proposed operating budgets of 2 or more shelter facilities which the applicant represents and to which the applicant will distribute the money received under conditions described in the application.

SECTION 4. 46.97 (3) (b) of the statutes, as created by 1985 Wisconsin Act 29, is amended to read:

46.97 (3) (b) Applications shall be submitted in the form required by the department and shall be accompanied by the current or proposed operating budget or both, as required by the department, of each shelter facility or agency which will, directly or indirectly, receive any of the grant money, and an explanation of

why the shelter facility or agency has or anticipates a ~~deficit~~ need for additional funding.

SECTION 5. 50.01 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

50.01 (1) (d) A place that provides lodging for individuals who are ambulatory and that may also provide board, information, referral, advocacy, job guidance and social services case management and intervention to those individuals but that does not provide personal care or health care.

SECTION 6. **Nonstatutory provisions.** (1) **HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES; REPORT.** The department of health and social services shall report recommendations concerning ways to help homeless individuals and residents of shelters for the homeless apply for, qualify for and receive medical assistance benefits to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature when the legislature convenes in 1987.

(2) **HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; STUDY.** The Wisconsin housing and economic development authority is requested to study the number of inexpensive, single-room housing units, such as rooms in rooming houses and old hotels, in metropolitan areas of this state and the need for single-room housing units for the homeless. The Wisconsin housing and economic development authority shall report its findings and its recommendations concerning the appropriate role for the state in ensuring that a sufficient number of single-room housing units are available in this state to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature when the legislature convenes in 1987.