



## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 119

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 16.308 (5) (c); *to renumber and amend* 16.308 (3m); and *to*  
2             *create* 16.308 (3m) (b) to (i) and 16.308 (3s) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants  
3             to homeless shelters and modifying administrative rules promulgated by the  
4             Department of Administration.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

5             **SECTION 1.** 16.308 (3m) of the statutes is renumbered 16.308 (3m) (intro.) and  
6             amended to read:

7             16.308 (**3m**) GRANT ELIGIBILITY. (intro.) In awarding grants under this section,  
8             the department shall consider ~~whether~~ all of the following:

9             (a) Whether the community in which an eligible applicant provides services has  
10            a coordinated system of services for homeless individuals and families.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 119****SECTION 2**

1           **SECTION 2.** 16.308 (3m) (b) to (i) of the statutes are created to read:

2           16.308 **(3m)** (b) The number of shelter days the eligible applicant intends to  
3 provide during the year for which the grant application is submitted.

4           (c) The eligible applicant's history of successfully transitioning homeless  
5 individuals or families to permanent housing.

6           (d) Whether the eligible applicant provides intensive case management  
7 services.

8           (e) Whether the eligible applicant provides trauma-informed care.

9           (f) Whether the eligible applicant provides opportunities for shelter residents  
10 to obtain employment, increase their income, or increase their hours worked.

11           (g) The utilization rate of each unit at each shelter facility operated by the  
12 eligible applicant.

13           (h) The average length of stay of shelter residents at each shelter facility  
14 operated by the eligible applicant.

15           (i) The percentage of shelter residents served by the eligible applicant that is  
16 chronically homeless.

17           **SECTION 3.** 16.308 (3s) of the statutes is created to read:

18           16.308 **(3s)** IMPLEMENTATION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. (a) 1. In each fiscal year  
19 of the 2019-21 fiscal biennium, all amounts expended under this section that exceed  
20 the amount shown in the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the 2018-19 fiscal year may  
21 be expended only for grants awarded after the department considers the eligibility  
22 criteria specified in sub. (3m) (b) to (i).

23           2. The department shall phase in over fiscal years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22,  
24 and 2022-23 the award of grants based on consideration of the eligibility criteria  
25 specified in sub. (3m) (b) to (i). Beginning in fiscal year 2023-24, 100 percent of the

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1 grants awarded under this section shall be awarded after the department considers  
2 all of the eligibility criteria specified in sub. (3m) (a) to (i).

3 (b) Before the department awards a grant based on consideration of the  
4 eligibility criteria specified in sub. (3m) (b) to (i), the department shall consider  
5 whether an eligible applicant's rules, policies, or procedures for providing services  
6 to homeless individuals and families have an impact on how one or more of those  
7 criteria apply with respect to the eligible applicant and may adjust any grant award  
8 accordingly.

9 **SECTION 3g.** 16.308 (5) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 4.** Adm 86.03 (1) of the administrative code is amended to read:

11 Adm 86.03 (1) The department shall solicit applications for grants under s.  
12 16.308, Stats., and this chapter ~~at least once every 2 years.~~

13 **SECTION 5.** Adm 86.05 (2) (a) (intro.) of the administrative code is amended to  
14 read:

15 Adm 86.05 (2) (a) (intro.) A lead agency located in Dane county or Milwaukee  
16 county may receive, before July 1, 1987, a grant of not more than 35% and after June  
17 30, 1987, a grant of not more than ~~25%~~ 50% of the total current or proposed operating  
18 budgets of:

19 **SECTION 6.** Adm 86.05 (2) (b) of the administrative code is amended to read:

20 Adm 86.05 (2) (b) An eligible applicant which is not located in Dane county or  
21 Milwaukee county may receive a grant ~~or~~ of not more than ~~25%~~ 50% of:

22 1. The current or proposed operating budget of one or more shelter facilities  
23 operated by the applicant; or

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1           2. The portion of the applicant's current or proposed operating budget allocated  
2 for providing homeless persons with vouchers that may be exchanged for temporary  
3 shelter.

4           **SECTION 6m. Nonstatutory provisions.**

5           (1) In the 2019-21 fiscal biennium, if the department of administration  
6 requests under s. 13.101 (3) that the joint committee on finance supplement the  
7 appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (fm) for the purpose of providing grants under s.  
8 16.308 (2) (a), the committee may supplement that appropriation for that purpose  
9 without finding that an emergency exists under s. 13.101 (3) (a) 1.

10           (1g) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WAIVER FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING HOUSING. The  
11 department of health services shall submit to the federal department of health and  
12 human services a request for a waiver of federal Medicaid law or a state Medical  
13 Assistance plan amendment that allows the department of health services to provide  
14 under the Medical Assistance program intensive case management services to assist  
15 Medical Assistance recipients who are homeless in obtaining permanent housing.  
16 If the federal department of health and human services does not disapprove the  
17 request under this subsection, the department of health services shall implement the  
18 waiver or state plan amendment.

19           (1k) PAYMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND. No later than June 30, 2020, the Wisconsin  
20 Housing and Economic Development Authority shall pay \$1,000,000 from the  
21 authority's surplus fund, as specified in s. 234.165 (1), to the secretary of  
22 administration for deposit in the general fund. The payment under this subsection  
23 is not subject to s. 234.165 (2) (c) and may, at the discretion of the Wisconsin Housing

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1 and Economic Development Authority, include surplus amounts previously  
2 approved for expenditure for another purpose under s. 234.165 (2) (b).

3 (END)