



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

<b>2019 Assembly Bill 123</b>	<b>Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1</b>
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### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 123**

Under **current law**, the Department of Administration (DOA) is authorized to award a grant to an eligible applicant for the purpose of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families. An “eligible applicant” means any of the following: a county or municipal governing body; a county or municipal governmental agency; a community action agency under s. 49.265, Stats.; a private, nonprofit organization; and an organization operated for profit. [s. 16.306 (1), Stats.] In the current fiscal year (2018-19), \$300,000 was provided for the program, from the shelter for homeless and housing grants appropriation.

**Assembly Bill 123** increases the appropriation for the program by \$900,000 for each of the next two fiscal years (2019-20 and 2020-21).

### **ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 revises the method of providing the additional funding. Rather than increasing the scheduled appropriation, the amendment utilizes the procedure available under current law by which the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) may supplement an appropriation if it finds that funds are not available to accomplish the purpose of an authorized program and it finds that an emergency exists. Under the amendment, if DOA requests amounts from any supplemental funding set aside for the 2019-21 biennium, JCF may approve the additional funding for the program without finding that an emergency exists.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 provides that a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in Wisconsin is an eligible applicant under the program.

**BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 were introduced by Representative Snyder on May 30, 2019. On June 6, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, as amended, by votes of Ayes 6; Noes, 3; and passage of Assembly Bill 123, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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