2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 120

March 25, 2019 – Introduced by Representatives JAMES, STEINEKE, RODRIGUEZ, SNYDER, PRONSCINSKE, KURTZ, PLUMER, DITTRICH, NYGREN, FELZKOWSKI, ROHRKASTE, TITTL, MURSAU, SPIROS, STEFFEN, ALLEN, DUCHOW, KULP, PETRYK, PETERSEN, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, KITCHENS and EDMING, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development.

AN ACT to amend 16.3085 (2) (a) and 49.175 (1) (f); and to create 16.3085 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes; relating to: homelessness case management services and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The bill requires the Department of Children and Families to allocate in each fiscal year $1,000,000 of funding under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program for the Department of Administration to make grants to shelter facilities for case management services for homeless families. Current law requires DCF to allocate $500,000 of that funding to DOA to make the grants. The bill also increases the annual limit on grants to a shelter facility from $50,000 to $75,000. Also, the bill eliminates a restriction under current law that limits DCF to making no more than ten grants in total each year. In addition, the bill allows shelters to use the grants for professional development of case managers, in addition to the uses allowed under current law. The bill provides that professional development includes travel expenses necessary for case managers to participate in training. However, the bill provides that no more than 10 percent of a grant can be used for profession development purposes.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 16.3085 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.3085 (2) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (kg), the department may award up to 10 annual grants, of up to $50,000 each, annually $75,000 to any shelter facility.

SECTION 2. 16.3085 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

16.3085 (2) (b) 5. Professional development of case managers, including travel expenses necessary for case managers to participate in training for professional development. No more than 10 percent of the amount of a grant may be used for the purposes described in this subdivision.

SECTION 3. 49.175 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (f) Homeless case management services grants. For grants to shelter facilities under s. 16.3085, $500,000 $1,000,000 in each fiscal year. All moneys allocated under this paragraph shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (7) (kg).

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