

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **21-2142/1** Introduction Number **AB-0146**

Description
grants to homeless individuals and families, grants to defray housing costs and for diversion programming, housing navigator grants, homeless case management services, and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate
 Increase Existing Appropriations Increase Existing Revenues Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 Decrease Existing Appropriations Decrease Existing Revenues Yes No
 Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs

Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 Towns Village Cities
 Counties Others
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.437(2)(md)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, \$500,000 in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding is allocated for homeless case management services grants awarded by the Department of Administration to eligible shelter facilities. Up to 10 grants can be awarded annually, and individual grants are limited to \$50,000 each. Shelter facilities can use grant money for providing intensive case management services to homeless families, including financial management services, employment-related services, services to ensure continuation of school enrollment for children, and services related to enrollment of unemployed or under employed parents in the FoodShare Employment and Training Program (FSET) or the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program.

Assembly Bill 146 increases funding available for homeless case management services grants. The bill also eliminates the limit on the total number of grants that can be awarded each year and increases the per-grant limit from \$50,000 to \$75,000. In addition, the bill adds professional development of case managers, including travel needed to participate, as an eligible use of grant money. No more than 10 percent of the grant could be used for case manager professional development.

The fiscal impact of the bill is that an additional \$500,000 TANF could be spent annually on homeless case management services grants.

Relating to use of grant funds for case manager professional development, per guidance from the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), a state may treat costs for staff training directly associated with providing program services as program costs under its cost allocation plan. Staff training for administrative functions such as eligibility determinations would be considered administrative costs, which fall under the state's 15% cap on administrative expenditures.

The same definitions of administrative costs and program costs apply to both Federal TANF and State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds. The department does not anticipate this to be an immediate problem and will monitor the amount remaining in Wisconsin's TANF administrative cap. In addition, the increased TANF funding provided under the bill would add to the TANF structural deficit.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The increased TANF funding provided under the bill for homeless case management services grants would add to the TANF structural deficit by \$500,000.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
II. Annualized Costs:		
	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	500,000	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$500,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED	500,000	
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$500,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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