

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-3296/1	Introduction Number AB-0931
Description housing authorities with waiting lists for public housing	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
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5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2021 Assembly Bill 931 (AB-931) would create s. 16.312, Wis. Stats., Housing authorities with waiting lists, which would require any housing authority in the State of Wisconsin maintaining a waiting list for public housing of at least one individual or family to apply for the federal Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under 42 USC 1437u. Under current law, housing authorities may voluntarily establish a FSS program, regardless of the existence of a waiting list.

This federal program is established to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the low-income housing assistance certificate and voucher programs under 42 USC 1437f with public and private resources to enable participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency. Under the FSS Program, housing authorities work collaboratively with a Program Coordinating Committee to secure commitments of public and private resources for the operation of the program, to develop an action plan for the program, and to implement it. Supportive services most commonly provided to FSS Program participants are childcare, transportation, remedial education, and job training. Major components of the program are a contract of participation between the housing authority and the family or individual, training and services plans for each participant, and an interest-bearing escrow account. Credits to this escrow account are based on increased income earned by family members during the contract term. On completion of the contract, a family may claim its escrow account if no family member is receiving welfare assistance.

There is no fiscal impact anticipated for the Department of Administration.

Assuming any given housing authority maintaining a waiting list is not already familiar with or has not already established an FSS Program, there would be an additional workload associated with the development of an application and for the administration and maintenance of the program once it is established. Depending on the staffing levels and funding available to housing authorities, there may be insufficient staff resources to dedicate to a program of this scope, although the overall impact is indeterminate considering the varying circumstances of housing authorities in the State.

While there may be an ability to contract out program coordination and certain services required by families in administering the FSS Program and for one contracted coordinator to support a portfolio of several smaller housing authorities to mitigate costs, oversight and contract maintenance could itself produce a considerable workload. Funding has historically been made available annually for the personnel cost of a FSS Program coordinator at the housing authority through a competitive grant awarded by HUD, although it is possible additional resources beyond this position would need to be dedicated to the administration of the program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications