

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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Fund Sources Affected
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2023 Assembly Bill 600 (AB600) creates new requirements for the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). Under AB600, WHEDA would be required to annually issue a report to the legislature on the number of households with worst case housing needs in Wisconsin. The report must include data and demographic information on these households, analysis of the impediments to obtaining affordable housing, and recommendations on how to improve state and local programs to assist these households with their housing needs.

WHEDA does not currently have data related to renters with worst case housing needs and does not survey households. To acquire this information, WHEDA may be able to hire a consultant to obtain Wisconsin data from the US Census and additional data through surveys or other means. This would be a large and costly undertaking to complete annually.

AB600 also requires WHEDA to create a two-year pilot program and develop policies and procedures for this pilot program that gives priority to homeless children and their families under the federal Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. WHEDA maintains a very small percentage of the state's federal HVC allocation, which is 100% prescribed at this time. WHEDA could establish a pilot prioritizing homeless children and families as allowed within existing HUD Federal regulations with existing internal staff.

Finally, AB600 expands the current responsibilities of the Interagency Council on Homelessness to include the identification of ways in which WHEDA can increase access to services for homeless individuals and families, including homeless children and youths as defined under federal law, and receive advice from the Interagency Council on homelessness on the revision of any policy or practice that the council determines impedes homeless individuals and families from obtaining services.

WHEDA participates on the Interagency Council on Homelessness. It is assumed that any WHEDA staff engaged with the Interagency Council on Homelessness will be tasked with making the identifications and providing advice on any revisions. This requirement will necessitate the engagement of more WHEDA staff time and resources for accuracy in reporting to the Interagency Council on Homelessness, the extent of which cannot be estimated at this time.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Reporting on "households with worst case housing needs in Wisconsin" annually into perpetuity might require a .5 FTE to accumulate the data, analyze it, and provide a report to the legislature as required by AB600.

The Interagency Council on Homelessness is tasked with creating a report to the legislature no later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year into perpetuity. The increased responsibility of WHEDA staff to the Interagency Council on Homelessness might require the creation of a dedicated .5 FTE position.