

ESSB 5959 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The transitional housing operating and rent program is created  
6 in the department to assist homeless individuals and families secure  
7 and retain safe, decent, and affordable housing. The department shall  
8 provide grants to eligible organizations, as described in RCW  
9 43.185.060, to provide assistance to program participants. The  
10 eligible organizations must use grant moneys for:

11 (a) Rental assistance, which includes security or utility deposits,  
12 first and last month's rent assistance, and eligible moving expenses to  
13 be determined by the department;

14 (b) Case management services designed to assist program  
15 participants to secure and retain immediate housing and to transition  
16 into permanent housing and greater levels of self-sufficiency;

17 (c) Operating expenses of transitional housing facilities that  
18 serve homeless families with children; and

19 (d) Administrative costs of the eligible organization, which must  
20 not exceed limits prescribed by the department.

21 (2) Eligible to receive assistance through the transitional housing  
22 operating and rent program are:

23 (a) Families with children who are homeless or who are at risk of  
24 becoming homeless and who have household incomes at or below fifty  
25 percent of the median household income for their county;

26 (b) Families with children who are homeless or who are at risk of  
27 becoming homeless and who are receiving services under chapter 13.34  
28 RCW;

29 (c) Individuals or families without children who are homeless or at

1 risk of becoming homeless and who have household incomes at or below  
2 thirty percent of the median household income for their county;

3 (d) Individuals or families who are homeless or who are at risk of  
4 becoming homeless and who have a household with an adult member who has  
5 a mental health or chemical dependency disorder; and

6 (e) Individuals or families who are homeless or who are at risk of  
7 becoming homeless and who have a household with an adult member who is  
8 an offender released from confinement within the past eighteen months.

9 (3) All program participants must be willing to create and actively  
10 participate in a housing stability plan for achieving permanent housing  
11 and greater levels of self-sufficiency.

12 (4) Data on all program participants must be entered into and  
13 tracked through the Washington homeless client management information  
14 system as described in RCW 43.185C.180. For eligible organizations  
15 serving victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, compliance with  
16 this subsection must be accomplished in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Sec.  
17 11383(a)(8).

18 (5) The department encourages eligible organizations funded through  
19 the program to have a quality management system and to submit an  
20 application to the Washington state quality award program to evaluate  
21 that system.

22 (6) The department may develop rules, requirements, procedures, and  
23 guidelines as necessary to implement and operate the transitional  
24 housing operating and rent program.

25 (7) The department shall produce an annual transitional housing  
26 operating and rent program report that must be included in the  
27 department's homeless housing strategic plan as described in  
28 43.185C.040. The report must include performance measures to be  
29 determined by the department that address, at a minimum, the following  
30 issue areas:

31 (a) The success of the program in helping program participants  
32 transition into permanent housing and increase their levels of self-  
33 sufficiency;

34 (b) The financial performance of the program related to efficient  
35 program administration by the department and program operation by  
36 selected eligible organizations, including an analysis of the costs per  
37 program participant served;

1 (c) The quality, completeness, and timeliness of the information on  
2 program participants provided to the Washington homeless client  
3 management information system database; and

4 (d) The satisfaction of program participants in the assistance  
5 provided through the program.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The transitional housing operating and rent account is created in  
9 the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from sources directed  
10 to the transitional housing operating and rent program must be  
11 deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used  
12 solely for the purpose of the transitional housing operating and rent  
13 program as described in section 1 of this act. Only the director of  
14 the department or the director's designee may authorize expenditures  
15 from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under  
16 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
17 expenditures.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 59.18.600 (Rental to offenders--  
19 Limitation on liability) and 2007 c 483 s 602 are each repealed.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
21 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
22 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
23 void."

24 Correct the title.

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