

Proposed FY20 Budget Cuts Will Eliminate Housing and Homeless Service Programs



\$634,082 of housing and service supports at risk in Kenai Peninsula



1,461
Accessed services funded by at risk programs in Kenai Peninsula

The budget vetoes announced on June 28, 2019 for the state FY20 budget will adversely impact persons and families experiencing homelessness across Alaska. Many programs are expected to close if funding is discontinued resulting in vulnerable Alaskans losing housing and essential services. The proposed budget recommends cutting nearly \$11 million from four key programs.

- The **Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)** will be cut from \$7.8 million dollars to \$950,000. Thousands of Alaskans will lose access to homeless prevention supports (rental/utility emergency assistance), emergency shelter options, and the ability to be rapidly rehoused in multiple communities.
- The **Special Needs Housing Grant (SNHG)** will be cut from \$3.7 million dollars to \$1,700,000. SNHG operating dollars and housing vouchers provide long-term rental assistance for seventeen successful housing programs targeting the most vulnerable homeless population.
- The **Human Services Community Matching Grant (HSCMG) & Community Initiative Matching Grants (CIMGP)** funding of \$2,248,700 will be eliminated. These programs provide funding to prevent and alleviate challenges for those with serious mental or physical hardships. HSCMG, in particular, is one of the only funding streams to support operations for safety net services like basic shelter and food provision

| FY20 Governor's Amended Budget Statewide Amounts | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Program | Legislative Approved FY20 Funding | Governor Approved FY20 Funding |
| Homeless Assistance Program | \$7,800,000 | \$950,000 |
| Special Needs Housing Grant | \$3,700,000 | \$1,700,000 |
| Human Services Community Matching Grant | \$1,387,000 | \$0 |
| Community Initiative Matching Grant Program | \$861,700 | \$0 |
| Total | \$13,748,700 | \$2,650,000 |

Local Agencies Currently Receiving or Expected to Receive HAP, SNHG, HSCMG, or CIMGP Funding

| Program | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Independent Living Center | \$45,505 |
| South Peninsula Haven House | \$100,079 |
| Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiatives | \$51,608 |
| Kenaitze Indian Tribe IRA | \$40,000 |
| Love INC of the Kenai Peninsula | \$321,294 |
| The Lee Shore Center | \$53,575 |
| Seaview Community Services | \$22,021 |
| Potential Cuts to Kenai Peninsula Agencies | \$634,082 |

Kenai Peninsula Services at Risk:

- Homeless Prevention
- Temporary Rental Assistance
- Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services
- Emergency Shelter

More Information:

Brian Wilson

Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

director@alaskahousing-homeless.org

Proposed FY20 Budget Cuts Will Eliminate Housing and Homeless Service Programs



Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness



\$11,098,700 of housing and service supports at risk in Alaska

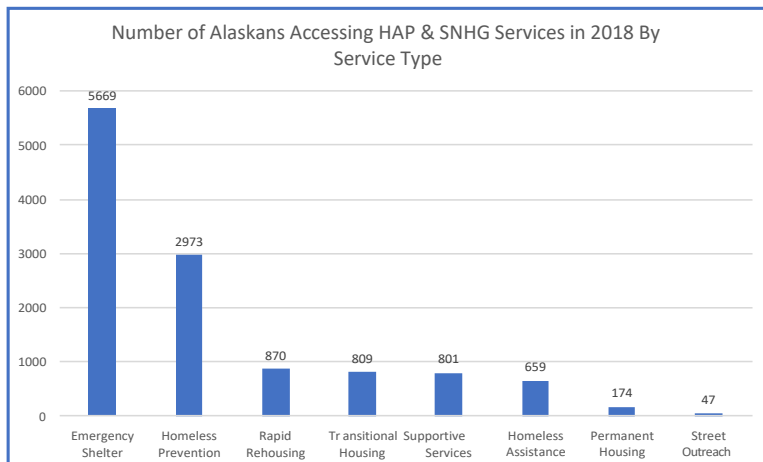


10,934 Alaskans accessed services funded by housing programs at risk of budget cuts

Communities Receiving or Expected to Receive HAP, SNHG, HSCMG, or CIMGP Funding Next Fiscal Year

| Community | FY19 Funding | Community | FY19 Funding |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Anchorage | \$5,314,448 | Kodiak | \$263,676 |
| Bethel | \$94,531 | Kotzebue | \$50,000 |
| Bristol Bay | \$50,000 | Mat-Su Valley | \$1,487,408 |
| Fairbanks | \$1,217,059 | Nome | \$397,433 |
| Glennallen | \$70,000 | Southeast Alaska Communities | \$316,156 |
| Juneau | \$1,338,564 | Unalakleet | \$30,144 |
| Kenai Peninsula | \$634,082 | Alaska Legal Services | \$264,801 |

2017 & 2018 Client Details for BHAP & SNHG



In 2017 and 2018, **5,290** Alaskans accessed homeless prevention services...

...only **3.18%** of them returned to homelessness



1,541 Alaskans currently fleeing or were victims of domestic violence accessed services through programs proposed to be cut

3,167 Alaskans who accessed these programs reported having a disabling condition

More Information:

Brian Wilson - Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
director@alaskahousing-homeless.org

Release date: July 3, 2019