

Consolidated Homeless Grant – SFY 2018 Report

Per RCW 43.185c.045

The Consolidated Homeless Grant includes funding from the Home Security Fund and the Affordable Housing for All Account. These funds are also known as Housing Surcharge and Document Recording Fees.

The Consolidated Homeless Grant funding supports crisis response systems in every county across the state so that people who are experiencing homelessness quickly receive the right intervention and services, with the goal of making homeless episodes rare, brief, and one-time. The basic elements of a crisis response system include outreach and engagement, coordinated entry, diversion, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent housing, and permanent supportive housing.

SFY 2018 Expenditure

Category	Expenditure
Grantee Pass Thru	\$10,432,121.95
Commerce Admin	\$866,758.73
Total	\$11,298,880.70

Commerce uses the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH) measures to review performance toward achieving an effective crisis response system.

SFY 2018 Outcomes by Intervention

HEARTH Outcome Measures	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Rehousing	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Services Only/ CE/Other
Households Enrolled	822	1,696	8,368	138	106	2317
Households Served	1,057	2,437	9,527	300	541	5,969
Households Exited	839	1,662	7,817	132	113	2,059
Average length of stay/ participants exited to stable housing	111	116	89	431	759	145
Of all exits, Percent exited to any stable housing	90%	86%	18%	55%	79%	29%

Housing & Essential Needs– SFY 2018 Report

Per RCW 43.185C.220

The Housing and Essential Needs funds are State General Funds and are incorporated into the Consolidated Homeless Grant.

The Department of Social and Health Services determines eligibility for a “Housing and Essential Needs Referral” based on a person’s level of disability. Once a person has a Referral, they can access assistance through their county’s homeless services coordinated entry system. Assistance may include help with rent, case management and essential needs items such as bus passes, and hygiene and cleaning supplies.

SFY 2018 Expenditure

Category	Expenditure
Grantee Pass Thru	\$27,278,777.06
Commerce Administration	\$970,615.90
Total	\$28,249,392.96

Commerce uses the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH) measures to review performance toward achieving an effective crisis response system.

SFY 2018 Outcomes by Intervention

<u>HEARTH</u> Outcome Measures	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Rehousing
Households Enrolled	2,607	712
Households Served	5,283	1,191
Households Exited	1,549	592
Average length of stay/ participants exited to stable housing	314	342
Of all exits, Percent exited to any stable housing	71%	57%

Consolidated Homeless Grant providers who administer Housing and Essential Needs funding provided 33,214 people with “essential need” items including hygiene, cleaning items and transportation passes in SFY 2018. In addition, providers partnered with other entities to leverage local resources in providing health and safety items and bus passes.

At this time, Commerce does not have a mechanism to report the housing status of people who have requested, but did not receive, support from the Housing and Essential Needs program. The Department of Housing and Urban Development recently released draft reporting specifications to report this through the Homeless Management Information System. Commerce anticipates the ability to report on this in future years.

Homeless Student Stability Program – SFY 2018 Report

Per RCW 43.185C.340

The Homeless Student Stability Program (HSSP) grant is funded with State General funds.

The HSSP grant links both unaccompanied students and families that include homeless students to stable housing located in the homeless student’s school district. “Homeless Housing Navigators” from a homeless service agency partner with school district staff (McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons) to support students and their families with assistance to gain stable housing. The goal of the program is to provide educational stability for homeless students by promoting housing stability.

SFY 2018 Expenditure

Category	Expenditure
Grantee Pass Thru	\$710,919.51
Commerce Administration	\$112,694.04
Total	\$823,613.60

Commerce uses the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH) measures to review performance toward achieving an effective crisis response system.

SFY 2018 Outcomes

<u>HEARTH</u> Outcome Measures	Services Only
Households Served	461
Households Exited	235
Average length of stay/ participants exited to stable housing	90
Of all exits, Percent exited to any stable housing	61%

At this time, Commerce does not have a mechanism to report on the academic performance of students who received assistance in the Homeless Student Stability Program. Commerce remains in conversations with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction about this issue.

Independent Youth Housing Program

Per RCW 43.63A.311

The Independent Youth Housing Program grant is funded by the Home Security Fund and the Affordable Housing for All Account. These funds are also known as *Housing Surcharge* and *Document Recording Fees*.

The Independent Youth Housing Program provides rent assistance and case management to youth ages 18 to 23 years old who have exited the state dependency system. The goal of the program is to support youth as they transition to independent living.

SFY 2018 Expenditure

Category	Expenditure
Grantee Pass Thru	\$ 848,155.12
Commerce Admin	\$0

The original legislation requires Commerce to report on the following specific outcomes.

SFY 2018 Outcomes

Outcome Measures	Outcomes
Total Households Enrolled	43
Total Households Served	100
Total Households Exited	48
Average length of program participation of exited participants	426
Exited to a stable housing situation with or without subsidy	31
Exited to an unstable housing situation	22
Exited to any other housing situation	17
Exited with increased income*	17
Exited with improved economic self-sufficiency*	16
Exited with increased education*	5
Exited with increased employment*	5
Exited with increased life skills*	13
Exited with decreased use of state funded services *	5

*Households may be counted in one or more of these categories

This table provides a county-by-county breakdown of participant outcomes for Independent Youth Housing Program.

SFY 2018 Outcomes by County

	Benton Franklin	King	Kittitas	Lewis	Pierce	Spokane	Thurston	Walla Walla	Yakima	Total
Households Newly Enrolled During the Report Period	9	2	0	0	6	13	9	1	3	43
Households Served During Report Period	10	19	0	2	15	22	17	4	11	100
Households Exited During Report Period	1	11	0	1	6	13	11	1	4	48
The Average Length of Program Participation (days)	120	532	n/a	662	808	250	356	303	374	426
Exited to Stable Housing	0	7	n/a	1	6	6	9	1	1	31
Exited to Unsubsidized Stable Housing	0	5	n/a	0	6	1	8	1	1	22
Exited to any Other Housing Situation	1	4	n/a	0	0	7	2	0	3	17
Exited with Increased Income	0	2	n/a	1	4	7	3	0	1	17

Exited with Improved Economic Self – sufficiency (3+categories)	0	3	n/a	0	0	7	5	0	1	16
Exited with Increased Education	0	2	n/a	0	0	2	1	0	0	5
Exited with Increased employment	0	1	n/a	0	0	1	3	0	0	5
Exited with Increased Life Skills	0	2	n/a	0	1	5	5	0	0	13
Exited with decreased use of Non Cash Benefits	0	3	n/a	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
Total Exited with Improved Circumstances	0	8	n/a	1	6	10	10	1	4	40