

Total Amount Spent on the Number of Shelter Nights Provided and Average Stay in Emergency Shelter

(FY2021 Appropriation Act - Public Act 166 of 2020)

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Sec. 453. (1) *From the funds appropriated in part 1 for homeless programs, the department shall maintain emergency shelter program per diem rates at \$18.00 per bed night to support efforts of shelter providers to move homeless individuals and households into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Expected outcomes are increased shelter discharges to stable housing destinations, decreased recidivism rates for shelter clients, and a reduction in the average length of stay in emergency shelters.*

(2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the total amount expended for the program in the previous year, as well as the total number of shelter nights provided and the average length of stay in an emergency shelter.



Emergency Shelter Program

(1) Total Amount Expended from the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) in FY 2020.

In FY20, ESP expended 100% of its allocation: \$16,528,929.

(2) Total Number of Shelter Nights Provided

A total of 838,709 bed nights were provided in FY20. This includes 802,167 nights of shelter as well as 36,542 nights of motel.

(3) Average Length of Stay in an Emergency Shelter

The average number of continuous nights of shelter stays for discharged clients in FY20 was 29 nights.