

Homeless Housing Grant Program (2163)

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (ESSHB) 2163 created the Homeless Housing Grant Program (HHGP) in Washington State. The bill mandates a document-recording fee on certain documents to be utilized by counties to reduce homelessness. Administration of the grant funds are shared between local governments and the State. Eligible uses of the funds are broad as long as the funded program meets goals and strategies identified in the 5 year Housing and Homeless Strategic Plan.

Priorities – Homeless Housing Grant Program Eligible activities are those that assist homeless individuals through activities identified in the 5-year Housing and Homeless Strategic Plan. Funded projects will be contracted on the state fiscal year timeline of July 1 2020 to June 30 2021.

Staff recommends that a release of notification of funding availability as follows:

Homeless Housing Grant RFP Total	420,000.00
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Consolidated Homeless Grant Program (CHG)

The Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) Program is part of the Department of Commerce's Consolidated Homeless Grant. The CHG is designed to support an integrated system of housing assistance to prevent homelessness and secure permanent housing for households who are unsheltered or in temporary housing. This grant provides resources to address the housing needs of people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, as described in local plans to end homelessness.

Priorities – The Washington State Legislature, through its Biennium Budget, and the Department of Commerce determine CHG amounts that are set-aside for certain programs – the CHG Rental Assistance Program Rapid Re-housing (RRH), the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Program and Chronically Homeless Families (CHF). CHG funds will be sub-contracted for these programs on the State fiscal year timeline of July 1 2020 to June 30 2021. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be issued for each of these programs.

Staff recommends that a release of notification of funding availability as follows:

CHG RFP 2020

Rent Facility (RRH)	77,249
HEN	456,263
CHF	12,420

CHG RFP 2020 Total	545,932
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The above line items are set forth by the Department of Commerce. Additional funding may become available for administration in the above categories as negotiated by awardee and county.