

Subject Homeless Youth Act grants

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$89,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for Homeless Youth Act grants.

The Homeless Youth Act was established by the legislature in 2006 and is a state-funded grant program administered by DHS to provide street and community outreach and drop-in programs, emergency shelter programs, and integrated supportive housing and transitional living programs to reduce the incidence of homelessness among youth.

A homeless youth is a person age 24 years or younger who is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian and who has no shelter where appropriate care and supervision are available; whose parent or legal guardian is unable or unwilling to provide shelter and care; or who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. A youth at risk of homelessness is a person age 24 years or younger whose status or circumstances indicate a significant danger of experiencing homelessness in the near future. A runaway is defined as an unmarried child under the age of 18 years who is absent from the home of a parent or guardian or other lawful placement without the consent of the parent, guardian, or lawful custodian.