

LONG-TERM HOMELESS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FUND

As part of the state's Business Plan to End Long-Term Homelessness, The Long-Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund provides integrated services needed to stabilize individuals, families, and youth living in supportive housing. "Long-Term Homeless" means lacking a permanent place to live continuously for one year or more or at least four times in the past three years.

Who is served by the Long-Term Homeless Supportive Service Fund (SFY2011)?

- 1,646 long-term homeless households (3,534 individuals, 1,528 of which were children with an average age of 7)
- 59% had been living without a permanent home for over one year; 11% had been homeless for at least six years.
- Half of participants documented one or more serious disabilities

How It Works

- The commissioner of DHS, in consultation with the commissioners of the Department of Corrections and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, counties, providers and funders of supportive housing and services, develop application requirements and make funds available for services.
- Counties are eligible for funding, with priority given to proposals submitted on behalf of multi-county partnerships.
- Funds can be used to fill gaps in the current service system and for services ranging from utility bill assistance to transportation needs to crisis intervention.
- In SFY2012, \$5.26 million was provided to five projects, covering 37 counties and six American Indian reservations.

Outcomes

- Of the 29% who entered the program with earned income, over two-thirds increased their income
- 58% left the program for permanent housing
- 34% left the program with an earned income



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