

REFERENCE TITLE: homeless shelter services fund; appropriation

State of Arizona
Senate
Fifty-seventh Legislature
First Regular Session
2025

SB 1043

Introduced by
Senators Miranda: Gabaldón, Kuby, Ortiz; Representative Crews

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 9-500.52; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 37, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-3958; APPROPRIATING MONIES;
RELATING TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 9, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 9-500.52, to read:

4 9-500.52. Homeless shelter beds; definitions

5 A. A CITY OR TOWN WITH MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE INDIVIDUALS
6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2024 POINT-IN-TIME
7 HOMELESSNESS COUNT SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. PROVIDE OR ENSURE THAT THERE IS AT LEAST ONE SHELTER BED WITHIN
9 THE CITY'S OR TOWN'S JURISDICTION FOR EVERY FOUR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
10 HOMELESSNESS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2024 POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESSNESS COUNT.

11 2. ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR
12 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. ANY JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM
13 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT DUPLICATE, DISRUPT OR
14 INTERFERE WITH A HOMELESS COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-601 OR ANY OTHER
15 COURT DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
16 ILLNESS.

17 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

18 1. "JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM" MEANS A SPECIALIZED COURT DESIGNED
19 TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS, INCLUDING SERIOUS
20 MENTAL ILLNESS, OR HOMELESSNESS TO RESOLVE MINOR LEGAL FEES.

21 2. "POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESSNESS COUNT" MEANS THE ANNUAL STREET AND
22 SHELTER COUNT THAT DETERMINES THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
23 HOMELESSNESS.

24 Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 37, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
25 is amended by adding section 41-3958, to read:

26 41-3958. Homeless shelter and services fund; exemption;
27 grants; annual report; definitions

28 A. THE HOMELESS SHELTER AND SERVICES FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING
29 OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER MONIES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
30 ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND
31 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF
32 APPROPRIATIONS.

33 B. ON NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST
34 AND DIVEST MONIES IN THE FUND AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 35-313, AND MONIES
35 EARNED FROM INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

36 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE MONIES TO AWARD GRANTS PURSUANT TO
37 CHAPTER 24 OF THIS TITLE TO COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, INDIAN TRIBES AND
38 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SHELTER AND SERVICES TO
39 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESCRIBE A
40 SIMPLIFIED FORM AND PROCEDURE TO APPLY FOR AND APPROVE GRANTS AND
41 ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA BY WHICH GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED.

42 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS FOR HOMELESS SHELTER AND
43 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHILE GIVING PRIORITY
44 TO GRANTS THAT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 1. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHELTER BEDS AND HOUSING OPTIONS AND
2 INCREASE CAPACITY AND IMPROVE MEASURABLE OUTCOMES OF THE EXISTING HOMELESS
3 SHELTER AND SERVICES SYSTEM, INCLUDING SUSTAINING OPERATIONS OF HOMELESS
4 SHELTER AND SERVICES PROGRAMS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE DISCONTINUED.

5 2. IMPROVE THE HOMELESS SHELTER AND SERVICES SYSTEM WITH ENHANCED
6 TRIAGE AND EVIDENCED-BASED SPECIALIZED SERVICE OPTIONS, INCLUDING ANY OF
7 THE FOLLOWING:

8 (a) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO ASSESSMENT
9 AND ENROLLMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE LIVING WITH A SERIOUS MENTAL
10 ILLNESS BUT ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A SYSTEM OF CARE IN THIS STATE
11 FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS.

12 (b) SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT.

13 (c) RESOURCES FOR VETERANS.

14 (d) EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TRAINING.

15 (e) FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.

16 (f) OTHER SHELTER SERVICE MODELS DESIGNED FOR HARD-TO-REACH
17 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

18 3. SUPPORT HEAT RELIEF EFFORTS, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE WITH BUILDING
19 LEASES, MAINTENANCE, STAFFING, SECURITY AND TRANSPORTATION FOR HEAT
20 RESPIRE SERVICES.

21 E. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT MONIES, AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE
22 LOCAL OR DONATED MATCHING MONIES EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONIES
23 PROVIDED TO THE APPLICANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR AN APPLICANT MAY
24 DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT SPENT LOCAL OR DONATED MONIES ON HOMELESS
25 SHELTER AND SERVICES IN THE APPLICANT'S JURISDICTION IN THE PRIOR YEAR IN
26 AN AMOUNT THAT IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF GRANT MONIES
27 PROVIDED TO THE APPLICANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

28 F. AN APPLICANT MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE ANY POLICY OR PRACTICE
29 THAT PROHIBITS OR DETERS ENFORCEMENT OF ANY ORDER OR ORDINANCE THAT BANS
30 PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING.

31 G. EACH GRANTEE SHALL TRACK PERFORMANCE DATA, INCLUDING CERTAIN KEY
32 METRICS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE GRANTEE SHALL REPORT
33 PERFORMANCE DATA, INCLUDING CERTAIN KEY METRICS, IN A FORMAT AND ON A
34 SCHEDULE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

35 H. EACH GRANTEE SHALL REPORT RELEVANT AGGREGATED DATA FROM THE
36 HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING ANY OF
37 THE FOLLOWING:

38 1. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE SERVICES.

39 2. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DID AND DID NOT
40 END THEIR HOMELESSNESS.

41 3. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MOVE FROM
42 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER TO NONCONGREGATE OR TRANSITIONAL SHELTER.

43 4. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MOVE FROM
44 SHELTERED STATUS TO UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS.

1 5. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED
2 AND WHO OBTAINED AND MAINTAINED NONSUPPORTED OR SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT.

3 6. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LEFT THE PROGRAM
4 BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM AND THE REASON, IF KNOWN.

5 I. EACH RECIPIENT OF A GRANT FOR HEAT RESPITE EFFORTS SHALL REPORT
6 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE DEPARTMENT:

7 1. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO USE HEAT RESPITE,
8 IN THE AGGREGATE AND ON AN HOUR-BY-HOUR BASIS.

9 2. THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SELF-REPORT EXPERIENCING
10 HOMELESSNESS WHILE USING HEAT RESPITE.

11 3. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE SERVICES
12 IN ADDITION TO HEAT RESPITE.

13 4. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PLACED INTO
14 HOMELESS SHELTER AND SERVICES WHILE USING HEAT RESPITE.

15 J. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
16 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE
17 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OUTLINING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

18 1. FUND EXPENDITURES.

19 2. GRANT RECIPIENTS.

20 3. THE NUMBER AND DEMOGRAPHIC OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED, THE SELECTED
21 VENDORS AND PERFORMANCE DATA REPORTED BY GRANTEEES.

22 K. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

23 1. "DEMOGRAPHIC" INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

24 (a) AGE.

25 (b) SELF-IDENTIFIED GENDER.

26 (c) ETHNICITY.

27 (d) SELF-REPORTED REASON FOR HOMELESSNESS.

28 (e) THE LENGTH OF THE CURRENT PERIOD OF HOMELESSNESS.

29 (f) PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, IF ANY.

30 (g) THE NUMBER AND LENGTH OF PRISON COMMITMENTS, IF ANY.

31 2. "INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS" MEANS INDIVIDUALS WHO
32 HAVE A PRIMARY NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE THAT IS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PLACE NOT
33 DESIGNED FOR OR ORDINARILY USED AS A REGULAR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION FOR
34 HUMAN BEINGS.

35 Sec. 3. Appropriation; homeless shelter and services fund

36 The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general fund
37 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the homeless shelter and services fund
38 established by section 41-3958, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
39 act.