



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

STATE HOMELESS GRANT FUNDING

REQUEST

Increase and/or fully fund the Challenge Grant and reinstate the Housing Homeless Recovery (HHR) Grant.

FULLY FUND PROGRAM

ANALYSIS:

- The state's Challenge Grant funds have been reduced, and the HHR grant has been eliminated. This combination results in a \$850,000 funding reduction impact annually in housing assistance for homeless families in Lake County.

BACKGROUND:

During the past year, the number of homeless families has increased dramatically due to a lack of jobs, increased rents, and diminishing safety nets that were provided at a local level for low-income working families. Lake County needs an increase in funding to assist in providing safe, decent housing and adequate support services for our homeless families. During the previous funding year, the Challenge Grant was partially funded and the Housing Homeless Recovery (HHR) grants were eliminated. The reduction in the Challenge Grant and elimination of the HHR grant funds to Lake County has had an impact of up to \$850,000 annually. If fully funded, 250 families could receive housing assistance and support services with these grant dollars.

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