

# Fund Homeless and Housing Services

Illinois' Homeless and Housing line items provide a vital safety net to families experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness.

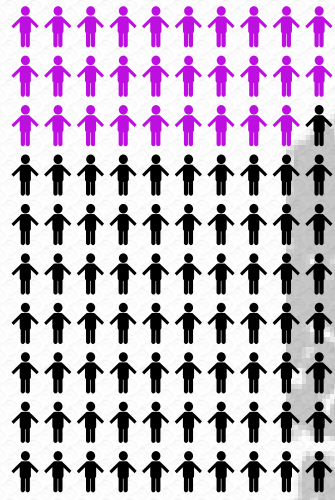
## INCREASE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO \$10.4 MILLION

In FY17 this safety net program provided comprehensive shelter services to over 32,793 adults and children. But at the current funding level, people are turned away over 38,000 times annually due to lack of funding and resources.

### SNAPSHOT OF PEOPLE SERVED BY EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FUNDING IN FY17

9,595 were children

7,301 were differently-abled



## RETURN HOMELESS YOUTH FUNDING TO 5.6 MILLION

As a result of the budget impasse, 46% of the homeless youth organizations reduced and/or eliminated services for youth. Illinois *saves* money when it invests, in Homeless Youth Programs, which prevent youth involvement in other more costly systems.

**\$111,000**

Average cost to the state to incarcerate one youth per year in Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

**\$16,700**

Average cost to house and provide services for a youth experiencing homelessness in Illinois per year

**\$48,328**

Average cost to care for one youth age 17-21 per year in DCFS substitute care placements..

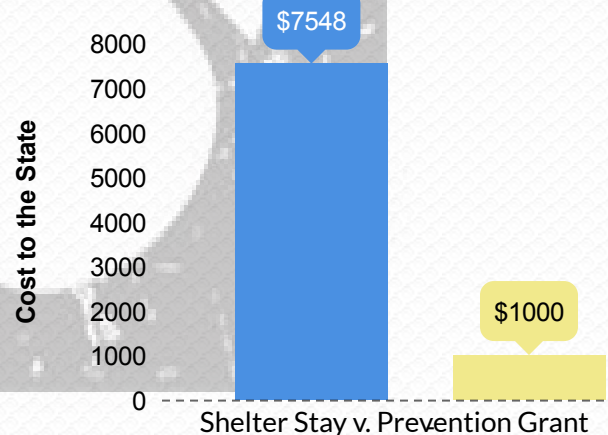
## Increase Homelessness Prevention Funding

This line item has experienced dramatic cuts in the state budget. At its height Homelessness Prevention received \$11 million. This meant 14,000 households received needed assistance annually. As of FY18, the funding is at \$4.9 million, a fraction of previous levels, meaning less people are served.

**Increase the Homelessness Prevention by \$2 million dollars so that service providers will be able to provide more grants and services to eligible families.**

**This program has proved successful, cost saving, and a common-sense way in which to keep Illinois families off the streets.**

In studying Chicago's Homeless Prevention Program between 2010-2012, the University of Notre Dame researchers found that those who called when funding was available—and received the cash assistance—were 88% less likely to become homeless after 3 months and 76% less likely after 6 months.



**With this one time grant of \$1,000 homelessness prevention services is estimated to save \$7,548 annually keeping individuals and families housed and stable.\***

