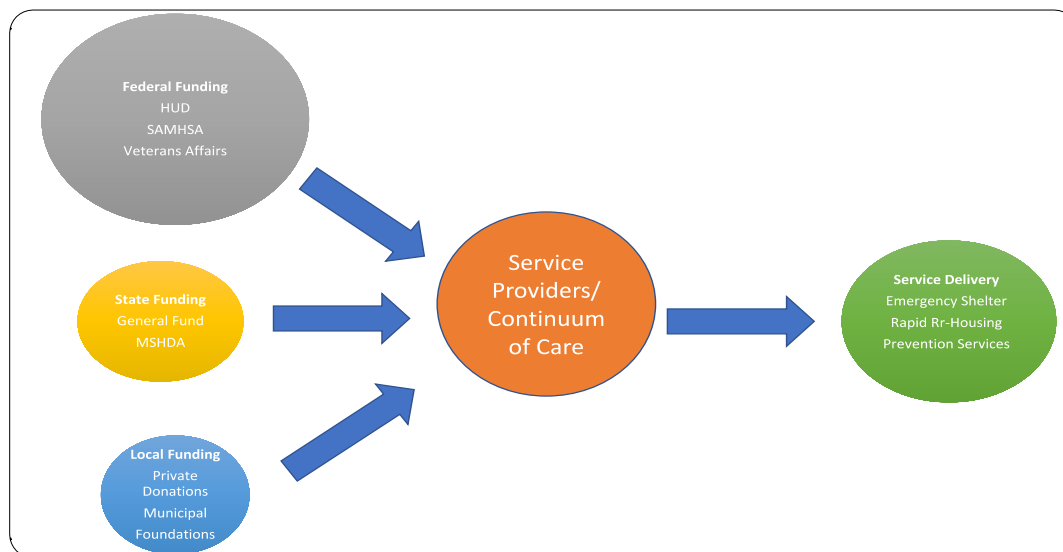


## Increasing and Preserving Funding

Funding is a perennial issue for agencies that work with people who are homeless. Because the majority of funding for homelessness programs in Michigan comes from HUD, attention tends to be focused on what is happening in Congress.



However, there are opportunities to increase funding at the state level. The Governor's proposed budget for FY18 includes increased funding for programs that work with people experiencing homelessness:

- A \$3.7 million increase for Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Shelter Program. The shelter reimbursement rate, which hasn't seen an increase since 2003, would go from \$12 a day to \$16 a day. To help provide some context, here are some specific examples of per diem rates paid by state, federal, and local governments for shelter care:
  - US Department of Veterans Affairs has established a \$43.32/day per bed rate for all of their providers across the country
  - Massachusetts sets its shelter per bed rates by community, which ranges from \$25 - \$72/day
  - New York City's per diem rate for shelter in FY14 was \$78.38 for a single adult facility and \$101.50 for a family facility<sup>1</sup>
  - Mercer County, New Jersey shelter per diem is \$25 per day for singles and \$69 for families
- The Department of Education increase of \$150 million for students who are identified as 'at-risk.' The definition for the students who would be eligible for these programs and services would be expanded to include students experiencing homelessness.

### How you can help

- Support the budget increases for the Emergency Shelter Program and 'at-risk' students that have been proposed by the Governor in his executive budget.

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