

Funding Homelessness Services in Michigan

Funding homeless services is a smart investment

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM (ESP)



In 2018, ESP funded **68** emergency shelters and **34** motel service providers.¹

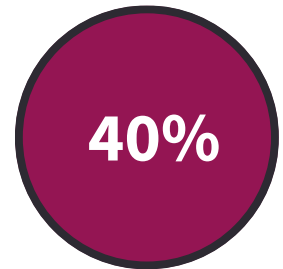
MICHIGAN

\$18/night

OTHER STATES

\$25 - \$78/night

Michigan's per diem rate for FY19 is far below the national average, limiting the support that shelters can provide.¹

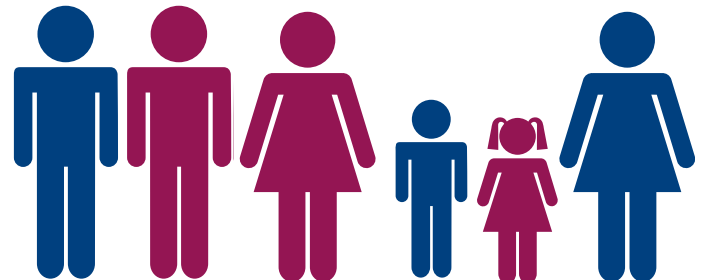


Approximately 40% of all ESP funding is TANF.¹

BIRTH CERTIFICATES



Most homeless service agencies pay for client birth certificates through separate agency, private, or client funds.²



Each month, MI homeless service providers help between 5-6 adults and children obtain their birth certificate **each month**.²

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support appropriations increase for the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) from \$18 to \$24 a day.
- Support the Governor's budget proposal for \$226,000 to reimburse MDHHS Central Registry and public service agencies that provide documentation of paying birth certificate fees on behalf of category 1 homeless clients at county clerk's offices.

SOURCES

1. The Salvation Army, *MDHHS Emergency Shelter Program* (2018).
2. Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, *State ID Needs Survey* (2017).