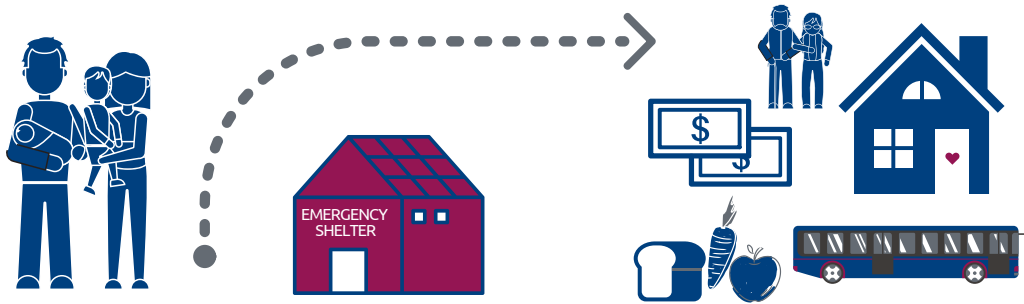


# Funding Homelessness Services in Michigan

*Funding homeless services is a smart investment*

## SHELTER DIVERSION PROGRAMS



*Common diversion strategies include accessing family connections, providing food, cash, and travel assistance, or mediating landlord conflicts<sup>1</sup>*

Diversion keeps individuals and families out of emergency shelters by helping them identify and access resources to stay where they are currently residing or move to another housing option.<sup>2</sup>

Existing Michigan programs are able to successfully divert an average of **30%** households seeking emergency shelter. This saves an average of **\$975** per household and keeps beds available for those most in need.<sup>3</sup>

## EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM (ESP)

### MICHIGAN

**\$18/night**

### OTHER STATES

**\$25 - \$78/night**

Michigan's per diem rate for FY21 is far below the national average, limiting the support that shelters can provide.<sup>4</sup>



Increased funding for shelters creates more capacity for helping clients find stable housing and increases case management and support services.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support appropriations ask for \$1M for shelter diversion programs
- Support appropriations increase for the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) from \$18 to \$20 a day.

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