

SB 113-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***113-FN-A***

AN ACT making appropriations to the department of health and human services for
homeless services and homeless prevention.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill makes appropriations to the department of health and human services to support homeless prevention, rehousing, and homeless shelter services, and directs the renewal of the 1915(i) Medicaid state plan amendment for supportive housing services.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Homeless Services.

2 I. The sum of \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of
3 \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated to the department of
4 health and human services for the purpose of contracting with nonprofits that provide a continuum
5 of services to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. The appropriations made
6 in this section shall be in addition to any other funds appropriated to the department. The governor
7 is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
8 appropriated. Notwithstanding RSA 14:30-a, VI, the department is authorized, without prior
9 approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, to accept and expend any matching federal
10 funds available for services.

11 II. The sum of \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of
12 \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated to the department of
13 health and human services for the housing stabilization fund to contract with nonprofits that provide
14 eviction prevention and rehousing services. Funding may be used for assistance with rental
15 deposits, rental guarantees, or rental assistance. The department of health and human services
16 shall annually report the usage of this fund with regional breakdowns according to populations
17 including families with children, low-income seniors, and veterans.

18 III. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit a
19 renewal of the state plan amendment as provided in Section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act or a
20 waiver under other provisions of the Act to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to
21 sustain a state Medicaid benefit for supportive housing services. The department of health and
22 human services shall fully implement the new supportive housing Medicaid benefit and provide a
23 report to the legislature on its implementation on November 1, 2025 and November 1, 2026.

24 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

SB 113-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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AN ACT making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.

FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

METHODOLOGY:

This bill makes general fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human services to support homeless prevention, rehousing, and homeless shelter services, and directs the renewal of the 1915(i) Medicaid state plan amendment for supportive housing services.

The Department of Health and Human Services states this bill will require the creation of two new staff positions to provide support for contracting, programming and invoicing as follows:

- A Program Specialist IV would be needed for the grant management, monitoring, invoicing, and program support for the homeless services funding. The estimated cost for this position is \$93,000 in FY 2026, \$98,000 in FY 2027, and \$101,000 in FY 2028.
- In addition the Department indicates a Business Administrator I would be needed to handle fiscal contract management at an estimated cost of \$78,000 in FY 2026, \$82,000 in FY 2027, and \$84,000 in FY 2028.

This bill does not authorize establishment of the additional positions.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services

