Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund

The Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund (LTHSSF), launched in 2005, funds supportive services to help adults, families and youth experiencing long-term homelessness find and maintain housing. The fund was created by the 2005 Legislature.

The fund provides support by:

- Providing services, including case management, outreach and direct assistance that allow individuals and families to attain and stay in their housing
- Prioritizing multi-county and tribal collaboratives and ensuring local community nonprofits and government entities provide services to homeless Minnesotans in the most effective and efficient manner. Currently there are seven projects; six multi-county collaboratives and one multi-tribal collaborative. Geographically most of the state is covered by these seven projects.
- Connecting homeless Minnesotans with state and federal housing resources to ensure support and long-term success.

Serving people

- 2,839 Minnesotans were served by the LTHSSF program in 2016.
- 1,357 households were served, of which 45% were families and 55% were single adults.
- 56.7% were people of color.
- Approximately one-third of households served were in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area; the remaining households served were in Greater Minnesota.
- 63% of individuals were living without a permanent home for more than a year before receiving services, while 14 percent were homeless for at least six years.
- 68% of program participants had a long-term disability; 77% of those involved some type of mental illness.

Making a substantial impact

Recent progress through the Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund has resulted in:

- The average fung participant spent 923 days (2.5 years) in permanent housing.
- Of the individuals who exited the LTHSSF, 14% fewer households had no income than when they entered.
• 15% more households were receiving $800 per month or more in income from entry into the program to exit.
• Fund participants with earned income increased from just under 10% at entry into the program to 21% at exit.

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