



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 689**

February 20, 2024 - Offered by Representative BARE.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 16.307 (2) and 49.175 (1) (f); and *to create* 16.307 (1m),
2 16.3077, 16.3078, 20.505 (7) (bp), 20.505 (7) (bq) and 20.505 (7) (fn) of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** funding for assistance in connection with housing and
4 homelessness in Wisconsin and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1.** 16.307 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
6 16.307 (1m) GRANTS FOR HOUSING NAVIGATORS. From the appropriation under
7 s. 20.505 (7) (fn), the department shall make equal grants to each continuum of care
8 organization in this state designated by the federal department of housing and urban
9 development. All grant funds shall be used to hire housing navigators to engage in
10 activities that include: acting as a liaison with landlords, rental property managers,
11 and homeless assistance programs; recruiting new landlords; identifying affordable

1 housing for program participants; and mediating landlord-tenant issues. The
2 department shall ensure that the grant funds are expended to fill housing navigator
3 positions that are reasonably balanced among the geographic areas served by each
4 continuum of care organization.

5 **SECTION 2.** 16.307 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 16.307 (2) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS. The department shall ensure that grants
7 awarded under ~~sub.~~ subs. (1) and (1m) are not used to supplant other state funds
8 available for homelessness prevention or services to homeless individuals or
9 families.

10 **SECTION 3.** 16.3077 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **16.3077 Housing quality standards grants.** From the appropriation under
12 s. 20.505 (7) (bp), the department shall award grants to owners of rental housing
13 units in this state for purposes of satisfying applicable housing quality standards.

14 **SECTION 4.** 16.3078 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **16.3078 Rental assistance grants for homeless veterans.** From the
16 appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (bq), the department shall award grants to provide
17 tenant-based rental assistance to homeless veterans and veterans facing eviction in
18 this state.

19 **SECTION 5.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
20 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2023-24 2024-25

21 **20.505 Administration, department of**

22 (7) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1	(bp) Housing quality standards				
2	grants	GPR	A	2,000,000	2,000,000
3	(bq) Rental assistance for homeless				
4	veterans	GPR	A	1,000,000	1,000,000
5	(fn) Funding for housing navigators	GPR	C	600,000	600,000

6 **SECTION 6.** 20.505 (7) (bp) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.505 (7) (bp) *Housing quality standards grants*. The amounts in the schedule
8 for housing quality standards grants under s. 16.3077.

9 **SECTION 7.** 20.505 (7) (bq) of the statutes is created to read:

10 20.505 (7) (bq) *Rental assistance for homeless veterans*. The amounts in the
11 schedule for the rental assistance grants awarded under s. 16.3078.

12 **SECTION 8.** 20.505 (7) (fn) of the statutes is created to read:

13 20.505 (7) (fn) *Funding for housing navigators*. As a continuing appropriation,
14 the amounts in the schedule for grants to continuum of care organizations under s.
15 16.307 (1m).

16 **SECTION 9.** 49.175 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 49.175 (1) (f) *Homeless case management services grants*. For grants to shelter
18 facilities under s. 16.3085, ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year. All moneys
19 allocated under this paragraph shall be credited to the appropriation account under
20 s. 20.505 (7) (kg).

21 **SECTION 10. Nonstatutory provisions.**

22 (1) GPR POSITION AUTHORIZATION. The authorized FTE positions for the
23 department of administration are increased by 2.0 GPR positions to carry out
24 functions related to housing assistance and the alleviation of homelessness.

1 (2) PR POSITION AUTHORIZATION. The authorized FTE positions for the
2 department of administration are increased by 1.0 PR position, to be funded from the
3 appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (kg), to carry out functions related to the homeless
4 case management grant program under. s. 16.3085.

5 **SECTION 11. Fiscal changes.**

6 (1) FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)
7 for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (h), the
8 dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the purpose of
9 funding the homelessness prevention program under s. 16.303 (7). In the schedule
10 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under
11 s. 20.505 (7) (h), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$1,000,000
12 for the purpose of funding the homelessness prevention program under s. 16.303 (7).

13 (2) FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS DIVERSION PROGRAM. In the schedule under s.
14 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505
15 (7) (h), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the
16 purpose of funding a homelessness diversion program, as recommended by the
17 Interagency Council on Homelessness in its February, 2022, statewide action plan.
18 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of
19 administration under s. 20.505 (7) (h), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is
20 increased by \$1,000,000 for the purpose of funding a homelessness diversion
21 program, as recommended by the Interagency Council on Homelessness in its
22 February, 2022, statewide action plan.

23 (3) FUNDING TO SUBSIDIZE SHELTER FACILITIES. In the schedule under s. 20.005
24 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (fm),
25 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$700,000 for the purpose

1 of funding grants to agencies and shelter facilities for homeless individuals and
2 families as provided under s. 16.308. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
3 appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (fm), the dollar
4 amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$700,000 for the purpose of funding
5 grants to agencies and shelter facilities for homeless individuals and families as
6 provided under s. 16.308.

7 (4) FUNDING FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005
8 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b),
9 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$5,000,000 for grants under
10 s. 16.303 (1) (a) to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing
11 costs. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of
12 administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is
13 increased by \$5,000,000 for grants under s. 16.303 (1) (a) to persons or families of low
14 or moderate income to defray housing costs.

15 (5) FUNDING FOR SKILLS ENHANCEMENT GRANTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005
16 (3) for the appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437
17 (2) (fr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$250,000 for the
18 purposes for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)
19 for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the
20 dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$250,000 for the purposes for
21 which the appropriation is made.

22 (END)