HOUSE BILL No. 2723

By Committee on Welfare Reform

Requested by Jason Watkins on behalf of Representative Howell and the Sedgwick County Commission

AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; relating to the department for aging and disability services; creating a grant program to fund proposed homeless shelter infrastructure; establishing requirements for such grants awarded.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

(a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

Homeless shelter infrastructure grant ........................................ $40,000,000

Provided, That expenditures shall be made from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant account in an amount not to exceed $40,000,000 to administer a program intended to address homeless shelter infrastructure pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. (a) Subject to appropriations, the secretary for aging and disability services shall develop and administer a grant program to award funds to Kansas local governments to be allocated for the building of or capital improvements to congregate and non-congregate shelters that provide services for homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness.

(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the secretary for aging and disability services shall award grants to Kansas local governments that:

(1) Propose a building plan or improvement plan for a congregate or non-congregate shelter that provides services for homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness;

(2) provide wraparound housing services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness;

(3) collect data required by the department of housing and urban development;

(4) prioritize long-term wraparound services for persons who are Kansas residents or have proof of presence within Kansas for eight
consecutive months;
(5) provide long-term wraparound services prioritized for Kansas residents; and
(6) enforce local ordinances regarding camping and vagrancy.
(c) Funding to a local government shall be matched by the local government receiving the funding on the basis of $1 provided by the local government for each $1 provided pursuant to this section.
(d) If the unit of local government or private nonprofit organization has misused funds or failed to use funds for the awarded purpose, enforce local ordinances regarding camping and vagrancy and provide the required wraparound services:
(1) The unit or organization shall pay the secretary for aging and disability services the amount originally awarded under this section; or
(2) the secretary for aging and disability services may file for a lien to be attached on the real property in the amount originally awarded under this section.
(e) There is hereby established in the state treasury the homeless shelter infrastructure grant fund, and such fund shall be administered by the secretary for aging and disability services. All expenditures from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant fund shall be for grants awarded according to this section. All expenditures from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary for aging and disability services or the secretary's designee. All moneys received pursuant to subsection (d) shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the homeless shelter infrastructure grant fund.
Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.