

Session of 2024

**SENATE BILL No. 542**

By Committee on Ways and Means

3-11

years

and June 30, 2026,

1 AN ACT making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending  
2 June 30, 2025; relating to the Kansas department for aging and  
3 disability services; creating a grant program to fund proposed homeless  
4 shelter infrastructure; establishing requirements for such grants to be  
5 awarded; creating the homeless shelter infrastructure grant fund in the  
6 state treasury.

requiring cities and counties to adopt ordinances and resolutions regarding camping and vagrancy; prohibiting the transportation of certain individuals; providing for exceptions thereof

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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*  
9 Section 1.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR  
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

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

15,000,000

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

Insert Attachment A

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

As used in this section:  
(1) "shelter" means any facility which primary purpose is to provide temporary or transitional shelter for the general population or a specific population of homeless individuals or families.  
(2) "wraparound services" means any program that serves the underlying vocational, behavioral or physical health needs of the general population or a specific population of homeless individuals or families.  
Redesignate sections accordingly

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

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

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

strike in line 31

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

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

35 (4) prioritize long-term wraparound services for persons who are  
36 Kansas residents or have proof of presence within Kansas for eight

strike in line 35

1 consecutive months;

2 (5) ~~provide long-term wraparound services prioritized for Kansas~~  
3 ~~residents; and~~

4 (6) enforce local ordinances regarding camping and vagrancy.

5 (c) Funding to a local government shall be matched by the local  
6 government receiving the funding on the basis of \$1 provided by the local  
7 government for each \$1 provided pursuant to this section.

8 (d) ~~If the unit of local government has misused funds or failed to use~~  
9 ~~funds for the awarded purpose, enforce local ordinances regarding~~  
10 ~~camping and vagrancy and provide the required wraparound services:~~

11 (1) The unit shall pay the secretary for aging and disability services  
12 the amount originally awarded under this section; or

13 (2) the secretary for aging and disability services may file for a lien to  
14 be attached on the real property in the amount originally awarded under  
15 this section.

16 (e) There is hereby established in the state treasury the homeless  
17 shelter infrastructure grant fund, and such fund shall be administered by  
18 the secretary for aging and disability services. All expenditures from the  
19 homeless shelter infrastructure grant fund shall be for grants awarded  
20 according to this section. All expenditures from the homeless shelter  
21 infrastructure grant fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation  
22 acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant  
23 to vouchers approved by the secretary for aging and disability services or  
24 the secretary's designee. All moneys received pursuant to subsection (d)  
25 shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of  
26 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such  
27 remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state  
28 treasury to the credit of the homeless shelter infrastructure grant fund.

29 Sec. 3. ~~This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its~~  
30 ~~publication in the statute book.~~

and comply with section 3, and amendments thereto;  
(6) limit shelter space and wraparound services to persons with U.S.  
citizenship or lawful immigration status; and  
(7) implement and enforce a policy that individuals seeking to stay  
overnight at such shelter shall not be under the influence of drugs or  
alcohol.

On or before the 2025 regular session of the legislature, a unit of local  
government awarded funds under this section shall submit a report to the  
Kansas department for aging and disability services, the house of  
representatives committees on social services budget and appropriations  
and the senate committee on ways and means and any relevant  
subcommittee on enforcement actions required by subsection (b)(5) and  
outcome measures from the awarded grant.

, implement and enforce a policy regarding drugs and alcohol

(f) An employee of the shelter and the unit of local government  
overseeing the shelter shall be liable for damages in a civil action for  
injuries suffered by a person staying in such shelter resulting from a  
failure or refusal to implement and enforce the policy described in  
subsection (b)(6).

Attachment B

Attachment A

: *Provided further*, That no moneys shall be expended from such account for the building of or capital improvements to a homeless shelter located within the boundaries of Sedgwick county precinct 606: *And provided further*, That all expenditures from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant account shall be used for the purposes of building of or improvements to a homeless shelter as required by section 3, and amendments thereto, and shall be approved by the state finance council acting on this matter, which is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in K.S.A. 75-3711c(c), and amendments thereto, except that such expenditure shall be approved by the governor and six legislative members of the state finance council and that such approval also may be given while the legislature is in session: *And provided further*, That the state finance council is hereby authorized to approve the expenditure of moneys from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant account for building of or improvements to a homeless shelter as required by section 3, and amendments thereto: *And provided further*, That each grant recipient shall receive 75% of the determined amount awarded by the above agency for fiscal year 2025.

Sec. 2

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, 2026, the following:

Homeless shelter infrastructure grant.....\$5,000,000

*Provided*, That expenditures shall be made from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant account in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to administer a program pursuant to section 3, and amendments thereto: *Provided further*, That no moneys shall be expended for the building of or capital improvements to a homeless shelter located within the boundaries of Sedgwick county precinct 606: *And provided further*, That all expenditures from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant account shall be used for the purposes of building of or improvements to a homeless shelter as required by section 3, and amendments thereto, and shall be approved by the state finance council acting on this matter, which is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in K.S.A. 75-3711c(c), and amendments thereto, except that such expenditure shall be approved by the governor and six legislative members of the state finance council and that such approval also may be given while the legislature is in session: *And provided further*, That the state finance council is hereby authorized to approve the expenditure of moneys from the homeless shelter infrastructure grant account for building of or improvements to a homeless shelter as required by section 3, and amendments thereto: *And provided further*, That each grant recipient shall receive 25% of the determined amount awarded by the above agency for fiscal year 2026.

renumber sections accordingly

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Proposed Amendments to:  
SB 542

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Attachment B

- (a) All cities and counties shall adopt an ordinance or resolution, respectively, prohibiting unauthorized public camping, sleeping or obstructions of sidewalks without exceptions or conditions other than authorization by a temporary permit issued by such city or county.
- (b) No city or county shall refuse to enforce such ordinance or resolution, respectively, prohibiting unauthorized public camping, sleeping or obstruction of sidewalks.
- (c) A city or county shall not adopt a written policy prohibiting a law enforcement officer who is employed or otherwise under the direction or control of such city or county from enforcing any ordinance or resolution prohibiting unauthorized public camping, sleeping or obstruction of sidewalks.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from adopting an ordinance or resolution that encourages or offers the provision of services.
- (e) Any person may bring a writ of mandamus for a violation of this section for the person and for the state.

Section 5

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Drop off" means the act of transporting a homeless individual to a location within the state of Kansas different from the location where the party transporting such individual assumed custody, control, or care of or provided treatment to such individual, including, but not limited to directly providing or funding the transportation of such individual to such different location.

(2) "Homeless individual" means a person who has no access to or reasonably can be expected not to have access to either traditional or permanent housing that is considered safe, sanitary, decent, and affordable.

(b) No city or county shall drop off a homeless individual outside such city or county's jurisdiction within the state of Kansas unless:

(1) Such drop-off location is in the city where such individual was a resident prior to receiving health care services or treatment; or

(2) Such drop off is at a facility or with a person, business or organization that has agreed to accept such individual.

(c) A city or county that violates this section shall be liable to any state agency, city or county within the state of Kansas for any costs incurred by such state agency, city or county by providing services for a homeless individual as a result of such violation.

Section 6