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1 AN ACT Relating to programs to end homelessness; amending RCW
2 43.185C.005, 43.185C.010, 43.185C.020, 43.185C.040, 43.185C.050,
3 43.185C.060, 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080, 43.185C.090, 43.185C.100,
4 43.185C.130, 43.185C.160, 43.185C.900, 36.22.179, 43.185C.170,
5 43.185C.180, 43.185B.030, 43.20A.790, and 43.63A.650; adding new
6 sections to chapter 43.185C RCW; recodifying RCW 36.22.179, 43.20A.790,
7 and 43.63A.650; and making appropriations.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.005 and 2005 c 484 s 1 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Despite laudable efforts by all levels of government, private
12 individuals, nonprofit organizations, and charitable foundations to end
13 homelessness, the number of homeless persons in Washington is
14 unacceptably high. The state's homeless population, furthermore,
15 includes a large number of families with children, youth, and employed
16 persons. The legislature finds that the fiscal and societal costs of
17 homelessness are high for both the public and private sectors, and that
18 ending homelessness (~~should~~) must be a goal for state and local
19 government.

1 The legislature finds that there are many causes of homelessness,
2 including a shortage of affordable housing; a shortage of family-wage
3 jobs which undermines housing affordability; a lack of an accessible
4 and affordable health care system available to all who suffer from
5 physical and mental illnesses and chemical and alcohol dependency;
6 domestic violence; ~~((and))~~ a lack of education and job skills necessary
7 to acquire adequate wage jobs in the economy of the twenty-first
8 century; inadequate availability of services for citizens with mental
9 illness and developmental disabilities living in the community; and the
10 difficulties faced by formerly institutionalized persons in
11 reintegrating to society and finding stable employment and housing.

12 The support and commitment of all sectors of the statewide
13 community is critical to the chances of success in ending homelessness
14 in Washington. While the provision of housing and housing-related
15 services to the homeless should be administered at the local level to
16 best address specific community needs, the legislature also recognizes
17 the need for the state to play a primary coordinating, supporting,
18 ~~((and))~~ monitoring, and evaluating role. There must be a clear
19 assignment of responsibilities and a clear statement of achievable and
20 quantifiable goals. Systematic statewide data collection on
21 ~~((homelessness))~~ homeless individuals in Washington must be a critical
22 component of such a program enabling the state to work with local
23 governments not only to count all homeless people in the state, but to
24 record and manage information about homeless persons ~~((and))~~ in order
25 to assist them in finding housing and other supportive services that
26 can help them, when possible, achieve the highest degree of self-
27 sufficiency and economic independence that is appropriate given their
28 specific abilities and situations.

29 The systematic collection and rigorous evaluation of homeless data,
30 a nationwide search for and implementation through adequate resource
31 allocation of best practices, and the systematic measurement of
32 progress toward interim goals and the ultimate goal of ending
33 homelessness are all necessary components of a statewide effort to end
34 homelessness in Washington by July 1, 2015.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2006 c 349 s 6 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
4 economic development.

5 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
6 trade, and economic development.

7 (3) "Homeless person" means an individual (~~((living outside or in a~~
8 ~~building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal~~
9 ~~right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing~~
10 ~~program which may include a transitional and supportive housing program~~
11 ~~if habitation time limits exist))~~ living outside, in a building not
12 meant for human habitation or which he or she has no legal right to
13 occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing program that
14 may include a transitional and supportive housing program if habitation
15 time limits exist. This definition includes substance abusers,
16 (~~((mentally ill people))~~) individuals with mental illness, and sex
17 offenders who are homeless.

18 (4) "Washington homeless census" or "census" means (~~((an annual))~~) a
19 statewide census conducted twice every year as a collaborative effort
20 by towns, cities, counties, community-based organizations, and state
21 agencies, with the technical support and coordination of the
22 department, to count and collect (~~((data on))~~) information about all
23 homeless individuals in Washington.

24 (5) "~~((Homeless housing))~~ Ending homelessness account" means the
25 state treasury account receiving the state's portion of income from
26 revenue from the sources established by RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by
27 this act) and section 15 of this act.

28 (6) "~~((Homeless housing))~~ Ending homelessness grant program" means
29 the (~~((vehicle by))~~) program established in RCW 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080,
30 and 43.185C.090 under which competitive grants are awarded by the
31 department, utilizing moneys from the (~~((homeless housing))~~) ending
32 homelessness account, to local governments for programs directly
33 related to housing homeless individuals and families, addressing the
34 root causes of homelessness, preventing homelessness, collecting data
35 and information on homeless individuals, and other efforts directly
36 related to housing homeless persons.

37 (7) "Local government" means a county government in the state of

1 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the
2 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing
3 homeless persons within its (~~borders~~) jurisdiction.

4 (8) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals along
5 a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and
6 homeownership at the other.

7 (9) "Local (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness task force"
8 means a voluntary local committee created under RCW 43.185C.160 to
9 (~~advise a local government on the creation of~~) develop a local
10 (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness plan and participate in a
11 local (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness program. (~~It must~~
12 ~~include a representative of the county, a representative of the largest~~
13 ~~city located within the county, at least one homeless or formerly~~
14 ~~homeless person, such other members as may be required to maintain~~
15 ~~eligibility for federal funding related to housing programs and~~
16 ~~services and if feasible, a representative of a private nonprofit~~
17 ~~organization with experience in low income housing.~~)

18 (10) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and
19 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no
20 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

21 (11) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee
22 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level
23 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of
24 community, trade, and economic development; (b) the department of
25 corrections; (c) the department of social and health services; (d) the
26 department of veterans affairs; (~~and~~) (e) the department of health;
27 and (f) the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

28 (12) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing
29 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

30 (13) "Performance evaluation" means the process of evaluating
31 performance by established criteria according to the achievement of
32 outlined goals, measures, targets, standards, or other outcomes, using
33 a ranked scorecard from highest to lowest performance that employs a
34 scale of one to one hundred, one hundred being the optimal score.

35 (14) "Quality management program" means a nationally recognized
36 program using criteria similar or equivalent to the Baldrige criteria.
37 All local governments receiving over five hundred thousand dollars from
38 (a) state funding sources, including the housing trust fund, (b)

1 housing finance commission programs, (c) the ending homelessness
2 program surcharge in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act) and the
3 surcharges in RCW 36.22.178, and (d) sections 15 and 16 of this act
4 shall implement a quality management program, perform a quality self-
5 assessment each year, and apply to the Washington state quality award
6 program once every three years beginning by January 1, 2010. The
7 department and the Washington state housing finance commission must
8 apply to the Washington quality awards program by December 31, 2009,
9 and at least once every three years thereafter.

10 (15) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public
11 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

12 ((+14)) (16) "Housing authority" means any of the public
13 corporations created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

14 ((+15) "~~Homeless housing~~") (17) "Ending homelessness program" means
15 the program authorized under this chapter as administered by the
16 department at the state level and by the local government or its
17 designated subcontractor at the local level.

18 ((+16) "~~Homeless housing~~") (18) "Local ending homelessness plan"
19 means the ((ten-year)) plan developed by the ((county or other)) local
20 government to address ((housing for homeless persons)) ending
21 homelessness.

22 ((+17) "~~Homeless housing~~") (19) "State ending homelessness
23 strategic plan" means the ((ten-year)) plan developed by the
24 department, in consultation with the interagency council on
25 homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board, to address
26 ending homelessness.

27 ((+18)) (20) "Washington homeless client management information
28 system" means a database of information about homeless individuals in
29 the state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to
30 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-sufficiency
31 or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon their
32 individual situations.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.185C.020 and 2005 c 484 s 5 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 There is created within the department the ((homeless housing))
36 ending homelessness program to develop and ((coordinate)) implement a
37 statewide ending homelessness strategic plan ((aimed at housing

1 ~~homeless persons)), coordinate and monitor local government ending~~
2 ~~homelessness plans and programs, and implement and manage an ending~~
3 ~~homelessness grant program. The ending homelessness program has an~~
4 ~~established short-term goal of reducing the homeless population~~
5 ~~statewide and in each county by fifty percent by July 1, 2015, and an~~
6 ~~ultimate goal of ending homelessness. The ending homelessness program~~
7 ~~((shall be)) is developed and administered by the department with~~
8 ~~advice and input from the affordable housing advisory board established~~
9 ~~in RCW 43.185B.020.~~

10 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.185C.040 and 2005 c 484 s 7 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) ~~((Six months after the first Washington homeless census,))~~ The
13 department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on
14 homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board, prepare and
15 ~~((publish a ten-year homeless housing))~~ annually update a state ending
16 homelessness strategic plan which ~~((shall))~~ must outline statewide
17 goals and performance measures ~~((and shall be coordinated with the plan~~
18 ~~for homeless families with children required under RCW 43.63A.650. To~~
19 ~~guide local governments in preparation of their first local homeless~~
20 ~~housing plans due December 31, 2005, the department shall issue by~~
21 ~~October 15, 2005, temporary guidelines consistent with this chapter and~~
22 ~~including the best available data on each community's homeless~~
23 ~~population)).~~ Local governments' ~~((ten-year homeless housing))~~ local
24 ending homelessness plans ~~((shall not))~~ must include all of the
25 performance measures included in the state ending homelessness
26 strategic plan and must be substantially ~~((inconsistent))~~ consistent
27 with the goals and program recommendations of ~~((the temporary~~
28 ~~guidelines and, when amended after 2005,))~~ the state ending
29 homelessness strategic plan.

30 (2)(a) Program outcomes and performance measures and goals
31 ~~((shall))~~ must be created by the department ~~((and reflected))~~ in
32 consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and a task
33 force established by the department consisting of the committee chairs
34 of the appropriate committees of the legislature, representatives
35 appointed by the director from a minimum of five local ending
36 homelessness task forces representing both urban and rural areas and
37 communities east and west of the Cascade mountains, and a

1 representative from a statewide membership organization that advocates
2 for ending homelessness. Performance measures and yearly targets must
3 be established by December 31, 2007, and must be reviewed annually by
4 the department and the interagency council on homelessness after
5 soliciting feedback from all local ending homelessness task forces.
6 Performance measures must be included in the department's ((homeless
7 housing)) state ending homelessness strategic plan ((as well as)) and
8 all local ending homelessness plans.

9 (b) The department may determine a timeline for implementation and
10 measurement of each performance measure for the state and local ending
11 homelessness plans, except that the state and all local governments
12 must implement and respond to all performance measures by December 31,
13 2009, unless the department finds that a performance measure is not
14 applicable to a specific local area according to parameters and
15 thresholds established by the department.

16 (c) Performance measures must be created, at a minimum, to gauge
17 the success of the state and each local government in the following
18 areas:

19 (i) The societal cost of homelessness;

20 (ii) The cost of ending homelessness in comparison with available
21 and committed resources;

22 (iii) The self-sufficiency of persons in Washington;

23 (iv) The achievement of an appropriate level of self-sufficiency
24 for homeless individuals;

25 (v) The quality and completeness of the Washington homeless client
26 management information system database;

27 (vi) The quality of the performance management systems of state
28 agencies, local governments, and local government subcontractors
29 executing programs, as authorized by RCW 43.185C.080(1), that
30 contribute to the overall goal of ending homelessness; and

31 (vii) The quality of local ending homelessness plans.

32 Performance measurements are reported upon by city and county
33 geography, including demographics with yearly or more frequent targets.

34 (3) Interim goals against which state and local governments'
35 performance may be measured must also be described and reported upon in
36 the state ending homelessness strategic plan, including:

37 (a) ((By the end of year one, completion of the first census as
38 described in RCW 43.185C.030;

1 ~~(b)~~) By the end of each subsequent year, goals common to all state
2 and local programs which are measurable and the achievement of which
3 would move that community toward housing its homeless population; and

4 ~~((e))~~ (b) By July 1, 2015, reduction of the homeless population
5 statewide and in each county by fifty percent.

6 ~~((3))~~ (4) The department shall develop a consistent statewide
7 data gathering instrument to monitor the performance of cities and
8 counties receiving ending homelessness grants in order to determine
9 compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the ending
10 homelessness grant application or required by the department.

11 (5) The department shall, in consultation with the interagency
12 council on homelessness and the affordable housing advisory board,
13 report annually to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
14 legislature ~~((an assessment of))~~ the fiscal and societal costs of the
15 homeless crisis, including identifying, to the extent practical,
16 savings in state and local program costs that could be obtained through
17 the achievement of stable housing for the clients served by those
18 programs. The department shall also deliver a summary annual report,
19 including information about the state's performance in furthering the
20 goals of the state ~~((ten-year homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness
21 strategic plan and the performance of each participating local
22 government in creating and executing a local ~~((homeless housing))~~
23 ending homelessness plan ~~((which))~~ that meets the requirements of this
24 chapter. ~~((The annual report may include performance measures such as:~~

25 ~~(a) The reduction in the number of homeless individuals and~~
26 ~~families from the initial count of homeless persons;~~

27 ~~(b) The number of new units available and affordable for homeless~~
28 ~~families by housing type;~~

29 ~~(c) The number of homeless individuals identified who are not~~
30 ~~offered suitable housing within thirty days of their request or~~
31 ~~identification as homeless;~~

32 ~~(d) The number of households at risk of losing housing who maintain~~
33 ~~it due to a preventive intervention;~~

34 ~~(e) The transition time from homelessness to permanent housing;~~

35 ~~(f) The cost per person housed at each level of the housing~~
36 ~~continuum;~~

37 ~~(g) The ability to successfully collect data and report~~
38 ~~performance;~~

1 ~~(h) The extent of collaboration and coordination among public~~
2 ~~bodies, as well as community stakeholders, and the level of community~~
3 ~~support and participation;~~

4 ~~(i) The quality and safety of housing provided; and~~

5 ~~(j) The effectiveness of outreach to homeless persons, and their~~
6 ~~satisfaction with the program.~~

7 ~~(4))~~ (6) The state plan must also include a response to each
8 recommendation included in the local plans for policy changes to assist
9 in ending homelessness.

10 (7) Based on the performance of local ((homeless housing)) ending
11 homelessness programs in meeting their interim goals, on general
12 population changes and on changes in the homeless population recorded
13 in the ((annual)) census, the department may revise the performance
14 measures and goals of the state ((homeless housing strategic plan))
15 ending homelessness plans, set goals for years following the initial
16 ten-year period, and recommend changes in local governments' ending
17 homelessness plans.

18 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185C.050 and 2005 c 484 s 8 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1)(a)(i) Each local ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness task
21 force shall prepare and recommend to its local government legislative
22 authority a ((ten-year homeless housing)) local ending homelessness
23 plan for its jurisdictional area ((which shall be not inconsistent))
24 that is consistent with the department's ((statewide temporary
25 guidelines, for the December 31, 2005, plan, and thereafter the
26 department's ten-year homeless housing)) state ending homelessness
27 strategic plan and ((which shall be)) is aimed at eliminating
28 homelessness, with a minimum goal of reducing homelessness by fifty
29 percent by July 1, 2015. ((The local government may amend the proposed
30 local plan and shall adopt a plan by December 31, 2005. Performance in
31 meeting the goals of this local plan shall be assessed annually in
32 terms of the performance measures published by the department.)) Local
33 governments must update their local ending homelessness plan annually
34 on a schedule to be determined by the department.

35 (ii) Local plans must include specific strategic objectives,
36 consistent with the state plan, and must include corresponding action
37 plans. Local plans must address identified strategies to meet the

1 needs of all homeless populations, including chronic homeless, short-
2 term homeless, families, individuals, and youth, including youth who
3 have been involved in the foster care system. Each local plan must
4 include the total estimated cost of accomplishing the goals of the plan
5 to reduce homelessness by fifty percent by July 1, 2015, and must
6 include an accounting of total committed funds for this purpose.

7 (b)(i) The department must conduct an annual performance evaluation
8 of each local plan by December 31st of each year beginning in 2007.
9 The department must also conduct an annual performance evaluation of
10 each local government's performance related to its local plan by
11 December 31st of each year beginning in 2007. A local government's
12 performance must be evaluated using, at a minimum, the performance
13 measures outlined in RCW 43.185C.040(2).

14 (ii) In addition to the performance measures mandated in RCW
15 43.185C.040(2), local plans may include specific local performance
16 measures adopted by the local government legislative authority((~~r~~)) and
17 ((~~may~~)) must include recommendations for ((~~any~~)) state legislation
18 needed to meet the state or local plan goals. The recommendations must
19 be specific and must, if funding is required, include an estimated
20 amount of funding required and suggestions for an appropriate funding
21 source.

22 (2) Eligible activities under the local plans include:

23 (a) Rental and furnishing of dwelling units for the use of homeless
24 persons;

25 (b) Costs of developing affordable housing for homeless persons,
26 and services for formerly homeless individuals and families residing in
27 transitional housing or permanent housing and still at risk of
28 homelessness;

29 (c) Operating subsidies for transitional housing or permanent
30 housing serving formerly homeless families or individuals;

31 (d) Services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency eviction
32 prevention programs, including temporary rental subsidies to prevent
33 homelessness;

34 (e) Temporary services to assist persons leaving state institutions
35 and other state programs, including youth who have been involved in the
36 foster care system or who have otherwise been dependents of the state
37 under chapter 13.34 RCW, to prevent them from becoming or remaining
38 homeless;

1 (f) Outreach services for homeless individuals and families;
2 (g) Development and management of local ~~((homeless))~~ ending
3 homelessness plans, including homeless census data collection~~((+))~~ and
4 information, identification of goals, performance measures, strategies,
5 and costs, and evaluation of progress towards established goals;

6 (h) Rental vouchers payable to landlords for persons who are
7 homeless or below thirty percent of the median income or in immediate
8 danger of becoming homeless;

9 (i) Rental vouchers payable to landlords for youth who have been
10 involved in the foster care system or who have otherwise been
11 dependents of the state under chapter 13.34 RCW and are homeless or in
12 danger of becoming homeless;

13 (j) Implementing a quality management program; and

14 ~~((+))~~ (k) Other activities to reduce and prevent homelessness as
15 identified for funding in the local plan.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.060 and 2005 c 484 s 10 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness account is created in
19 the custody of the state treasurer. The state's portion of the
20 surcharge established in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act) and
21 section 15 of this act must be deposited in the account. Expenditures
22 from the account may be used only for the ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending
23 homelessness program as described in this chapter. Only the director
24 or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.
25 The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
26 but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

27 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.070 and 2005 c 484 s 11 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) During each calendar year in which moneys from the ~~((homeless~~
30 ~~housing))~~ ending homelessness account are available for use by the
31 department for the ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness grant
32 program, the department shall announce to all Washington counties,
33 participating cities, and through major media throughout the state, a
34 grant application period of at least ninety days' duration. Only a
35 local government participating in the ending homelessness program is
36 eligible to receive an ending homelessness grant. This announcement

1 will be made as often as the director deems appropriate for proper
2 utilization of resources. The department shall then promptly grant as
3 many applications as will utilize available funds, less appropriate
4 administrative costs of the department as described in RCW 36.22.179
5 (as recodified by this act).

6 (2) The department ~~((will))~~ shall develop, ~~((with advice and input
7 from the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW
8 43.185B.020))~~ in consultation with the interagency council on
9 homelessness, criteria to evaluate grant applications.

10 (3) The department may approve only those applications ~~((only if
11 they))~~ that are consistent with the local and state ~~((homeless housing
12 program strategic))~~ ending homelessness plans. The department may give
13 preference to applications based on some or all of the following
14 criteria:

15 (a) The total homeless population in the applicant local government
16 service area, as reported by the most recent ~~((annual))~~ Washington
17 homeless census;

18 (b) Current local expenditures to provide housing for the homeless
19 and to address the underlying causes of homelessness as described in
20 RCW 43.185C.005;

21 (c) Local government and private contributions pledged to the
22 program in the form of matching funds, property, infrastructure
23 improvements, and other contributions; and the degree of leveraging of
24 other funds from local government or private sources for the program
25 for which funds are being requested, to include recipient contributions
26 to total project costs, including allied contributions from other
27 sources such as professional, craft, and trade services, and lender
28 interest rate subsidies;

29 (d) Construction projects or rehabilitation that will serve
30 homeless individuals or families for a period of at least twenty-five
31 years;

32 (e) Projects which demonstrate serving homeless populations with
33 the greatest needs, including projects that serve special needs
34 populations;

35 (f) The degree to which the applicant project represents a
36 collaboration between local governments, nonprofit community-based
37 organizations, local and state agencies, and the private sector((7

1 especially through its integration with the coordinated and
2 comprehensive plan for homeless families with children required under
3 RCW 43.63A.650));

4 (g) The cooperation of the local government in the ((annual))
5 Washington homeless census ((project));

6 (h) The commitment of the local government and any subcontracting
7 local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit entities to
8 employ a diverse work force and pay wages at or above the self-
9 sufficiency standard;

10 (i) The existence of a quality management program at the local
11 government level;

12 ((+i)) (j) The extent that a local government's subcontractors
13 have developed or are developing a quality management program;

14 (k) The extent, if any, that the local homeless population is
15 disproportionate to the revenues collected under this chapter and RCW
16 36.22.178 and 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act); and

17 ((+j)) (l) Other elements shown by the applicant to be directly
18 related to the goal and the department's state ending homelessness
19 strategic plan.

20 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.080 and 2005 c 484 s 12 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) ~~((Only a local government is eligible to receive a homeless~~
23 ~~housing grant from the homeless housing account. Any city may assert~~
24 ~~responsibility for homeless housing within its borders if it so~~
25 ~~chooses, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of the~~
26 ~~county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a separate~~
27 ~~homeless housing program. The city shall then receive a percentage of~~
28 ~~the surcharge assessed under RCW 36.22.179 equal to the percentage of~~
29 ~~the city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the~~
30 ~~county. A participating city may also then apply separately for~~
31 ~~homeless housing program grants. A city choosing to operate a separate~~
32 ~~homeless housing program shall be responsible for complying with all of~~
33 ~~the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local homeless~~
34 ~~housing plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for county local~~
35 ~~plans. However, the city may by resolution of its legislative~~
36 ~~authority accept the county's homeless housing task force as its own~~

1 and based on that task force's recommendations adopt a homeless housing
2 plan specific to the city.

3 ~~(2)~~) Local governments (~~(applying for homeless housing funds)~~) may
4 subcontract with any other local government, housing authority,
5 community action agency, or other nonprofit organization for the
6 execution of programs contributing to the overall goal of ending
7 homelessness within a defined service area. All subcontracts (~~(shall)~~)
8 must be consistent with the local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
9 homelessness plan adopted by the legislative authority of the local
10 government, time limited, and filed with the department, and (~~(shall)~~)
11 must have specific performance terms. Local governments must strongly
12 encourage all subcontractors under the ending homelessness program to
13 implement a quality management program and apply to the Washington
14 state quality award program. While a local government has the
15 authority to subcontract with other entities, the local government
16 continues to maintain the ultimate responsibility for the (~~(homeless~~
17 ~~housing)~~) ending homelessness program within its (~~(borders)~~)
18 jurisdiction.

19 ~~((3))~~ (2) A county may decline to participate in the program
20 authorized in this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution
21 adopted by the county legislative authority stating the intention not
22 to participate. A copy of the resolution (~~(shall)~~) must also be
23 transmitted to the county auditor and treasurer. If (~~(such a)~~) the
24 resolution is adopted, all of the funds otherwise due to the county
25 under RCW (~~(43.185C.060 shall)~~) 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act)
26 and sections 15 and 16 of this act, minus funds due to any city that
27 has chosen to participate through the process established in subsection
28 (3) of this section, must be remitted monthly to the state treasurer
29 for deposit in the (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness account,
30 without any reduction by the county for collecting or administering the
31 funds. Upon receipt of the resolution, the department shall promptly
32 begin to identify and contract with one or more entities eligible under
33 this section to create and execute a local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
34 homelessness plan for the county meeting the requirements of this
35 chapter. The department shall expend all of the funds received from
36 the county under this subsection to carry out the purposes of this
37 chapter (~~(484, Laws of 2005)~~) in the county, (~~(provided that)~~) but the

1 department may retain six percent of these funds to offset the cost of
2 managing the county's program.

3 (3) Any city may assert responsibility for homeless housing within
4 its borders, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of
5 the county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a
6 separate ending homelessness program. A city choosing to operate a
7 separate ending homelessness program receives a percentage of the
8 surcharge assessed under RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act) and
9 under sections 15 and 16 of this act equal to the percentage of the
10 city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the
11 county. A participating city may also then apply separately for ending
12 homelessness grants. A city choosing to operate a separate ending
13 homelessness program must comply with all of the same requirements as
14 counties and shall adopt a local ending homelessness plan meeting the
15 requirements of this chapter for local ending homelessness plans.
16 However, the city may by resolution of its legislative authority accept
17 the county's ending homelessness task force as its own and based on
18 that task force's recommendations adopt an ending homelessness plan
19 specific to the city.

20 (4) A resolution by the county declining to participate in the
21 program (~~(shall have)~~) has no effect on the (~~(ability)~~) authority of
22 each city in the county to assert its right to manage its own program
23 under this chapter, and the county shall monthly transmit to the city
24 the funds due under (~~(this chapter)~~) RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by
25 this act) and sections 15 and 16 of this act.

26 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185C.090 and 2005 c 484 s 13 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 The department shall allocate ending homelessness grant moneys from
29 the (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness account to finance in
30 whole or in part programs and projects in approved local (~~(homeless~~
31 ~~housing)~~) ending homelessness plans to assist homeless individuals and
32 families gain access to adequate housing, prevent at-risk individuals
33 from becoming homeless, address the root causes of homelessness, track
34 and report on homeless-related data, and facilitate the movement of
35 homeless or formerly homeless individuals along the housing continuum
36 toward more stable and, when appropriate, independent housing and

1 economic independence. The department may issue criteria or guidelines
2 to guide local governments in the application process.

3 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.185C.100 and 2005 c 484 s 14 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The department shall provide technical assistance to any
6 participating local government that requests such assistance.
7 Technical assistance activities may include:

8 (1) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate parties to
9 participate on local (~~((homeless housing))~~) ending homelessness task
10 forces;

11 (2) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate service
12 providers with which the local governments may subcontract for service
13 provision and development activities, when necessary;

14 (3) Assisting local governments to implement or expand homeless
15 census programs to meet (~~((homeless housing))~~) ending homelessness
16 program requirements;

17 (4) Assisting local governments in the local implementation and
18 updating of the homeless client management information system as
19 required in RCW 43.185C.180;

20 (5) Assisting local governments to implement a quality management
21 program;

22 (6) Assisting local governments to strongly encourage all
23 subcontractors to implement quality management programs and apply to
24 the Washington state quality award program;

25 (7) Assisting local governments to create quality ending
26 homelessness plans;

27 (8) Assisting in the identification of "best practices" from other
28 areas;

29 (~~((+5))~~) (9) Assisting in identifying additional funding sources for
30 specific projects; and

31 (~~((+6))~~) (10) Training local government and subcontractor staff,
32 including quality management training.

33 **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.185C.130 and 2005 c 484 s 17 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 The department shall ensure that the state's interest is protected
36 upon the development, use, sale, or change of use of projects

1 constructed, acquired, or financed in whole or in part through the
2 (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant program. These policies
3 may include, but are not limited to: (1) Requiring a share of the
4 appreciation in the project in proportion to the state's contribution
5 to the project, or (2) requiring a lump sum repayment of the grant upon
6 the sale or change of use of the project.

7 **Sec. 12.** RCW 43.185C.160 and 2005 c 485 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Each county shall create (~~a homeless housing~~) an ending
10 homelessness task force to develop a (~~ten-year homeless housing~~)
11 ending homelessness plan addressing short-term and long-term services
12 and housing (~~for homeless persons~~) to prevent and reduce homelessness
13 by fifty percent by 2015.

14 Membership on the task force may include representatives of the
15 counties, cities, towns, housing authorities, civic and faith
16 organizations, schools, community networks, human services providers,
17 law enforcement personnel, criminal justice personnel, including
18 prosecutors, probation officers, and jail administrators, substance
19 abuse treatment providers, mental health care providers, emergency
20 health care providers, businesses, at-large representatives of the
21 community, and a homeless or formerly homeless individual.

22 In lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may
23 designate an existing governmental or nonprofit body (~~which~~) that
24 substantially conforms to this section and (~~which~~) includes at least
25 one homeless or formerly homeless individual to serve as its homeless
26 representative. As an alternative to a separate plan, two or more
27 local governments may work in concert to develop and execute a joint
28 (~~homeless housing~~) local ending homelessness plan, or to contract
29 with another entity to do so according to the requirements of this
30 chapter. While a local government has the authority to subcontract
31 with other entities, the local government continues to maintain the
32 ultimate responsibility for the (~~homeless housing~~) ending
33 homelessness program within its borders.

34 (~~A county may decline to participate in the program authorized in~~
35 ~~this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by~~
36 ~~the county legislative authority stating the intention not to~~
37 ~~participate. A copy of the resolution shall also be transmitted to the~~

1 ~~county auditor and treasurer. If a county declines to participate, the~~
2 ~~department shall create and execute a local homeless housing plan for~~
3 ~~the county meeting the requirements of this chapter.)~~

4 (2) In addition to developing a (~~ten-year homeless housing~~) local
5 ending homelessness plan, each task force shall establish guidelines
6 consistent with the statewide (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness
7 strategic plan, as needed, for the following:

8 (a) Emergency shelters;

9 (b) Short-term housing needs;

10 (c) Temporary encampments;

11 (d) Rental voucher programs;

12 (e) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; (~~and~~
13 ~~e~~) (f) Long-term housing; and

14 (g) Prevention services.

15 Guidelines must include, when appropriate, standards for health and
16 safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the
17 homeless.

18 (3) Each county (~~, including counties exempted from creating a new~~
19 ~~task force under subsection (1) of this section,~~) shall report to the
20 department of community, trade, and economic development (~~such~~) any
21 information (~~as may be~~) needed to ensure compliance with this
22 chapter.

23 **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.185C.900 and 2005 c 484 s 2 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 This chapter may be known and cited as the ending homelessness
26 (~~housing and assistance~~) act.

27 **Sec. 14.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2005 c 484 s 9 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and
30 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional
31 surcharge of ten dollars shall be charged by the county auditor for
32 each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other charge
33 allowed by law. The funds collected pursuant to this section are to be
34 distributed and used as follows:

35 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the fee,
36 and of the remainder shall remit sixty percent to the county to be

1 deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and its cities
2 and towns to accomplish the purposes of chapter ((484, Laws of 2005))
3 43.185C RCW, six percent of which may be used by the county for
4 administrative costs related to its ((homeless housing)) local ending
5 homelessness plan, and the remainder for programs which directly
6 accomplish the goals of the county's ((homeless housing)) local ending
7 homelessness plan, except that for each city in the county which elects
8 as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to operate its own ((homeless
9 housing)) local ending homelessness program, a percentage of the
10 surcharge assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the
11 city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the
12 county shall be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer,
13 without any deduction for county administrative costs, for use by the
14 city for program costs which directly contribute to the goals of the
15 city's ((homeless housing)) local ending homelessness plan; of the
16 funds received by the city, it may use six percent for administrative
17 costs for its ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness program.

18 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
19 treasurer for deposit in the ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness
20 account. The department may use twelve and one-half percent of this
21 amount for administration of the program established in RCW
22 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating the statewide ((homeless
23 housing)) ending homelessness strategic plan, measuring performance,
24 providing technical assistance to local governments, and managing the
25 ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness grant program. The remaining
26 eighty-seven and one-half percent is to be distributed by the
27 department to local governments through the ((homeless housing)) ending
28 homelessness grant program.

29 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
30 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) In addition to the surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and
34 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act), and except as provided in
35 subsection (2) of this section, the county auditor shall charge an
36 additional surcharge of ten dollars for each document recorded, which

1 is in addition to any other charge allowed by law. The funds collected
2 under this section are to be distributed and used as follows:

3 (a) The auditor shall remit ninety percent to the county to be
4 deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and its cities
5 and towns to accomplish the purposes of this chapter. Funds are to be
6 used for programs that directly accomplish the goals of the county's
7 local ending homelessness plan, except that for each city in the county
8 that elects, as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080(3), to operate its own
9 ending homelessness program, a percentage of the surcharge assessed
10 under this section equal to the percentage of the city's local portion
11 of the real estate excise tax collected by the county must be
12 transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer for use by the
13 city for program costs that directly contribute to the goals of the
14 city's ending homelessness plan.

15 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
16 treasurer for deposit in the ending homelessness account. The
17 department may use the funds for the ending homelessness grant program
18 and for administration of the program established in RCW 43.185C.020,
19 including the costs of creating and updating the statewide ending
20 homelessness strategic plan, implementing and managing the Washington
21 homeless client management information system established in RCW
22 43.185C.180, measuring performance, providing technical assistance to
23 local governments, and managing the ending homelessness grant program.

24 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
25 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1) In addition to the surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and
29 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act) and section 15 of this act, and
30 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional
31 surcharge of ten dollars may be authorized by the legislative authority
32 of the county and charged by the county auditor for each document
33 recorded, which is in addition to any other charge allowed by law. The
34 funds collected under this section must be retained by the county for
35 the purposes of the ending homelessness program, except that any city
36 operating its own ending homelessness program under RCW 43.185C.080(3)

1 must receive a percentage of the surcharge assessed under this section
2 equal to the percentage of the city's local portion of the real estate
3 excise tax collected by the county.

4 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
5 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

6 **Sec. 17.** RCW 43.185C.170 and 2006 c 349 s 7 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The interagency council on homelessness, as defined in RCW
9 43.185C.010, shall (~~be convened not later than~~) convene by August 31,
10 2006, and shall meet at least two times each year and report to the
11 appropriate committees of the legislature annually by December 31st on
12 its activities.

13 (2) The interagency council on homelessness shall work to create
14 greater levels of interagency coordination and to coordinate state
15 agency efforts with the efforts of state and local entities addressing
16 homelessness.

17 (3) The interagency council on homelessness must respond to all
18 state and local legislative and policy recommendations included in the
19 state and local ending homelessness plans. The interagency council
20 must annually present its strategy for addressing the issues raised to
21 the appropriate committees of the legislature and must also include a
22 report on the actions taken to date that address these issues.

23 (4) The interagency council must also address the results of the
24 department's evaluations of the operations and accomplishments of other
25 state departments and agencies as they affect housing as required by
26 RCW 43.63A.650 (as recodified by this act).

27 (5) All state agencies with representation on the interagency
28 council on homelessness shall assist the department in determining the
29 societal cost of homelessness to the state by supplying the department
30 with appropriate data and cost information.

31 (6) The interagency council shall seek to:

32 (a) Align homeless-related housing and supportive service policies
33 among state agencies;

34 (b) Identify ways in which providing housing with appropriate
35 services can contribute to cost savings for state agencies;

36 (c) Identify policies and actions that may contribute to
37 homelessness or interfere with its reduction;

1 (d) Review and improve strategies for discharge from state
2 institutions that contribute to homelessness;

3 (e) Recommend policies to either improve practices or align
4 resources, or both, including those policies requested by the
5 affordable housing advisory board or through state and local housing
6 plans; and

7 (f) Ensure that the housing status of people served by state
8 programs is collected in consistent formats available for analysis.

9 **Sec. 18.** RCW 43.185C.180 and 2006 c 349 s 8 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the department,
12 within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this specific
13 purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client management
14 information system for the ongoing collection and updates of
15 information about all homeless individuals in the state.

16 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington
17 homeless client management information system, including information
18 from reports regarding homeless school children, shall come from the
19 Washington homeless census and from state agencies and community
20 organizations providing services to homeless individuals ~~((and))~~,
21 families, and children. Personally identifying information about
22 homeless individuals for the Washington homeless client management
23 system may only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably
24 time limited written consent from the homeless individual to whom the
25 information relates. Data collection ~~((shall))~~ must be done in a
26 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines regarding
27 human research which, at a minimum, require that individuals be
28 informed about the expected duration of their participation, an
29 explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about
30 the data collection and their rights regarding their personal
31 identifying information, an explanation regarding whom to contact in
32 the event of injury to the individual related to the homeless client
33 survey, a description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the
34 homeless individual, and a statement describing the extent to which
35 confidentiality of records identifying the individual will be
36 maintained.

1 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system
2 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable
3 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the
4 database with available housing and other support services. Local
5 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,
6 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist
7 homeless persons.

8 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management
9 information system will also provide the department with the
10 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and nature
11 of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to information
12 about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington state among
13 families with children.

14 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and
15 reporting systems and shall:

16 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;

17 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant
18 state agencies, including the department of social and health services,
19 experts, and community organizations involved in the delivery of
20 services to homeless persons; and

21 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state
22 agencies.

23 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this
24 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information
25 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly, using
26 appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

27 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system
28 (~~shall~~) must be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with
29 new homeless client information at least (~~annually~~) twice each year.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 The employment security department shall annually establish a self-
33 sufficiency standard based upon the cost of living, including housing
34 costs, which include mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than
35 telephone, for each county and major city in the state. The first
36 self-sufficiency standard must be presented to the legislature by
37 December 31, 2008. The employment security department must spend no

1 more than one hundred thousand dollars in creating the initial self-
2 sufficiency standard and no more than twenty-five thousand dollars
3 annually to update the standard. The employment security department
4 shall deliver a report to the department of community, trade, and
5 economic development and the appropriate committees of the legislature
6 that details the number and percentage of individuals and households
7 statewide and in each county who earn less than the self-sufficiency
8 standard.

9 **Sec. 20.** RCW 43.185B.030 and 1993 c 478 s 6 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The affordable housing advisory board shall:

12 (1) Analyze those solutions and programs that could begin to
13 address the state's need for housing that is affordable for all
14 economic segments of the state, and special needs populations,
15 including but not limited to programs or proposals which provide for:

16 (a) Financing for the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or
17 construction of housing;

18 (b) Use of publicly owned land and buildings as sites for
19 affordable housing;

20 (c) Coordination of state initiatives with federal initiatives and
21 financing programs that are referenced in the Cranston-Gonzalez
22 national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12701 et seq.), as
23 amended, and development of an approved housing strategy as required in
24 the Cranston-Gonzalez national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec.
25 12701 et seq.), as amended;

26 (d) Identification and removal, where appropriate and not
27 detrimental to the public health and safety, or environment, of state
28 and local regulatory barriers to the development and placement of
29 affordable housing;

30 (e) Stimulating public and private sector cooperation in the
31 development of affordable housing; and

32 (f) Development of solutions and programs affecting housing,
33 including the equitable geographic distribution of housing for all
34 economic segments, as the advisory board deems necessary;

35 (2) Consider both homeownership and rental housing as viable
36 options for the provision of housing. The advisory board shall give

1 consideration to various types of residential construction and
2 innovative housing options, including but not limited to manufactured
3 housing;

4 (3) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding existing
5 and proposed housing programs and initiatives including but not limited
6 to tax policies, land use policies, and financing programs. The
7 advisory board shall provide recommendations to the director, along
8 with the department's response in the annual housing report to the
9 legislature required in RCW 43.185B.040; and

10 (4) Prepare and submit to the director and to the legislature, by
11 each December 1st, beginning December 1, 1993, a report (~~detailing~~
12 ~~its~~) that (a) details the board's findings and (b) discusses the
13 measurable relationship between jobs paying less than the self-
14 sufficiency standard, established under section 19 of this act, and
15 housing affordability, and make specific program, legislative, and
16 funding recommendations and any other recommendations it deems
17 appropriate.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct a
21 performance audit of the ending homelessness program every four years.
22 The first audit must be conducted by December 31, 2009. Each audit
23 must take no longer than six months or fifty thousand dollars to
24 complete.

25 **Sec. 22.** RCW 43.20A.790 and 1999 c 267 s 2 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1) The department of social and health services shall collaborate
28 with the department (~~of community, trade, and economic development~~)
29 in the development of (~~the~~) a coordinated and comprehensive plan for
30 homeless families with children (~~required under RCW 43.63A.650, which~~
31 ~~designates the department of community, trade, and economic development~~
32 ~~as the state agency with primary responsibility for providing shelter~~
33 ~~and housing services to homeless families with children. In fulfilling~~
34 ~~its responsibilities to collaborate with the department of community,~~
35 ~~trade, and economic development pursuant to RCW 43.63A.650,)) that must
36 be integrated into the state ending homelessness strategic plan created~~

1 in RCW 43.185C.040. The department of social and health services shall
2 develop, administer, supervise, and monitor its portion of the plan((
3 The department's portion of the plan shall)), which must contain at
4 least the following elements:

5 (a) Coordination or linkage of services with shelter and housing;

6 (b) Accommodation and addressing the needs of homeless families in
7 the design and administration of department programs;

8 (c) Participation of the department's local offices in the
9 identification, assistance, and referral of homeless families; and

10 (d) Ongoing monitoring of the efficiency and effectiveness of the
11 plan's design and implementation.

12 (2) The department shall include community organizations involved
13 in the delivery of services to homeless families with children, and
14 experts in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan.

15 ~~((3) The duties under this section shall be implemented within~~
16 ~~amounts appropriated for that specific purpose by the legislature in~~
17 ~~the operating and capital budgets.))~~

18 **Sec. 23.** RCW 43.63A.650 and 1999 c 267 s 3 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) The department shall be the principal state department
21 responsible for coordinating federal and state resources and activities
22 in housing, except for programs administered by the Washington state
23 housing finance commission under chapter 43.180 RCW, and for evaluating
24 the operations and accomplishments of other state departments and
25 agencies as they affect housing. The department shall conduct annual
26 performance evaluations of all state departments and agencies regarding
27 their programs addressing homelessness as well as all other housing
28 programs and activities. The department shall provide copies of the
29 evaluation reports to the appropriate committees of the legislature and
30 the interagency council on homelessness by December 31st of each year
31 beginning in 2007.

32 (2) The department shall work with local governments, tribal
33 organizations, local housing authorities, nonprofit community or
34 neighborhood-based organizations, and regional or statewide nonprofit
35 housing assistance organizations, for the purpose of coordinating
36 federal and state resources with local resources for housing.

1 (3) The department shall be the principal state department
2 responsible for providing shelter and housing services to homeless
3 individuals and families (~~(with children)~~). The department shall have
4 the principal responsibility to coordinate, plan, and oversee the
5 state's activities for developing a coordinated and comprehensive state
6 ending homelessness strategic plan to serve all homeless individuals
7 and families (~~(with children)~~) in Washington as required under RCW
8 43.185C.040. (~~(The plan shall be developed collaboratively with the~~
9 ~~department of social and health services. The department shall include~~
10 ~~community organizations involved in the delivery of services to~~
11 ~~homeless families with children, and experts in the development and~~
12 ~~ongoing evaluation of the plan. The department shall follow~~
13 ~~professionally recognized standards and procedures. The plan shall be~~
14 ~~implemented within amounts appropriated by the legislature for that~~
15 ~~specific purpose in the operating and capital budgets. The department~~
16 ~~shall submit the plan to the appropriate committees of the senate and~~
17 ~~house of representatives no later than September 1, 1999, and shall~~
18 ~~update the plan and submit it to the appropriate committees of the~~
19 ~~legislature by January 1st of every odd numbered year through 2007.~~
20 ~~The plan shall address at least the following: (a) The need for~~
21 ~~prevention assistance; (b) the need for emergency shelter; (c) the need~~
22 ~~for transitional assistance to aid families into permanent housing; (d)~~
23 ~~the need for linking services with shelter or housing; and (e) the need~~
24 ~~for ongoing monitoring of the efficiency and effectiveness of the~~
25 ~~plan's design and implementation.)~~)

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
27 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
28 ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the ending homelessness
29 account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and
30 economic development to five housing authorities, using a selection
31 method and distribution formula to be determined by the department, to
32 implement a quality management program and prepare and submit an
33 application to the Washington quality awards program by December 31,
34 2009.

35 NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
36 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the ending homelessness
2 account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and
3 economic development to five community action agencies, using a
4 selection method and distribution formula to be determined by the
5 department, to implement a quality management program and prepare and
6 submit an application to the Washington quality awards program by
7 December 31, 2009.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** RCW 36.22.179, 43.20A.790, and 43.63A.650
9 are each recodified as sections in chapter 43.185C RCW.

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