

MDHHS: FY22 Budget Executive Recommendation

Economic Stability Administration

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Economic Stability Administration

ESA MISSION: Promote long term economic stability through accessible, timely, and accurate service delivery that maintains the dignity and respect of all involved.

Pursuant to the mission and vision of the Department, the Economic Stability Administration (ESA) oversees the local MDHHS offices that provide:

- Food Assistance, Medical Assistance, childcare, cash benefits, etc. for families and individuals in need
- Supportive Services such as employment and training

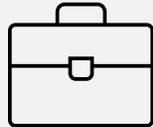
ESA also includes the following Central Office Units:

- Disability Determination Services
- Office of Child Support
- Bureau of Community Services

Family Independence Program

Purpose

Goal: help families achieve self-sufficiency and reduce dependence on public assistance. FIP provides a monthly cash assistance grant for both one and two parent families.



Families must meet:

- Income requirements
- Asset requirements
- Time on assistance,
- Work participation requirements,
- School attendance
- Child support requirements.

Provides a monthly cash assistance grant to assist with:

- Housing
- Heat and other utilities
- Food
- Personal needs costs (clothing, household items, etc.)

January 2021 Statistics

Cases: 13,578

Average Payment Per Case: \$355

Total Payments: \$4,816,945

Food Assistance Program

Purpose

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) is a federal safety net program to raise the food-purchasing power of low-income persons.



Eligibility: Low-income and \$15,000 or less in assets. Accounts for household size and certain expenses



Average Monthly Benefit:
Per household - \$376,
Per person - \$204

January 2021 Statistics

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| Monthly Payments: | \$266,246,761 |
| Monthly Family Payment: | \$376 per Case; \$204 per Person |
| Monthly Cases: | 707,158 |
| Monthly Recipients: | 1,299,040 |
| Monthly Child Recipients: | 513,588 |
| Monthly Adult Recipients: | 785,452 |

State Emergency Relief

Purpose

Designed to assist low-income households that are normally able to make ends meet, but that experience an unexpected emergency

Some common services available through the SER program include:

- Relocation Services
- Home Ownership
- Home Repairs
- Heat & Electric/Utility Assistance
- Burial Assistance

LIHEAP funded SER services for Fiscal Year 2020:

- SER Heat: \$30.53M
- SER Electric: \$42.29M
- Furnace Repair/Replacement: \$2.56M

Non-Energy (GF & TANF funded) SER Services for Fiscal Year 2020:

- Relocation: \$1.70M
- Water/Sewer: \$806,950
- Home Ownership: \$322,406
- Home Repairs: \$79,613
- Burials: \$2.91M

January 2021 Statistics

Cases: 14,745

Payments: 22,688

Total Payments: \$7,790,244

Child Support

Purpose

Dedicated to establishing paternity and obtaining child support in order to encourage responsible parenting, family self-sufficiency, and child well-being and to recognize the essential role of both parents in supporting their children.

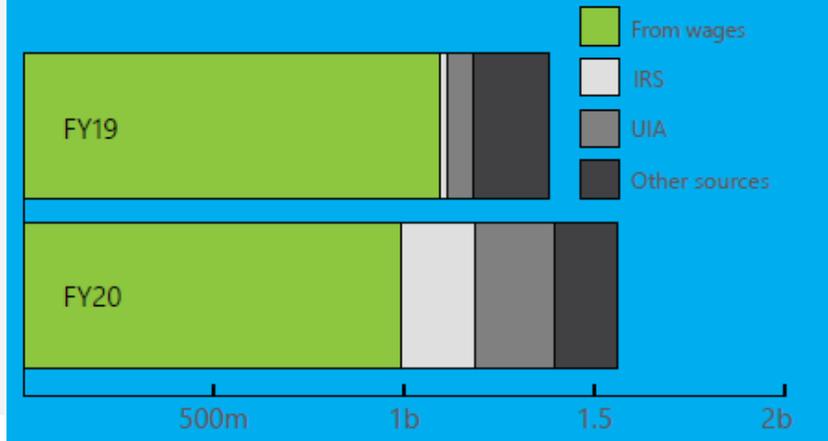
Services to families include:

- Locate noncustodial parents
- Establish paternity
- Establish and enforce support orders
- Modify orders when appropriate
- Collect and disburse child support payments

- Child support pass-through provided parents an additional \$3.9M to support their children.

COVID impact on collections

Overall collections have increased, due to surges in temporary sources like unemployment (UIA) and IRS intercepts from stimulus payments. Collections on current obligations from employment income have decreased.



November 2020 Statistics

Children in case load: 830,511
Monthly child support payments made: 795,812
Amount collected: \$118,648,107

Community Action Agencies

Purpose

Designed to assist low-income individuals and families achieve self sufficiency through 28 community action agencies in Michigan covering all 83 counties.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Supports the following goals for low-income individuals:

- Increased self-sufficiency
- Improved living conditions
- Community engagement
- Strong family and support systems

Weatherization Assistance Program

Reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of homes, while ensuring a healthy and safe environment.

1,613 weatherized units in FY2020

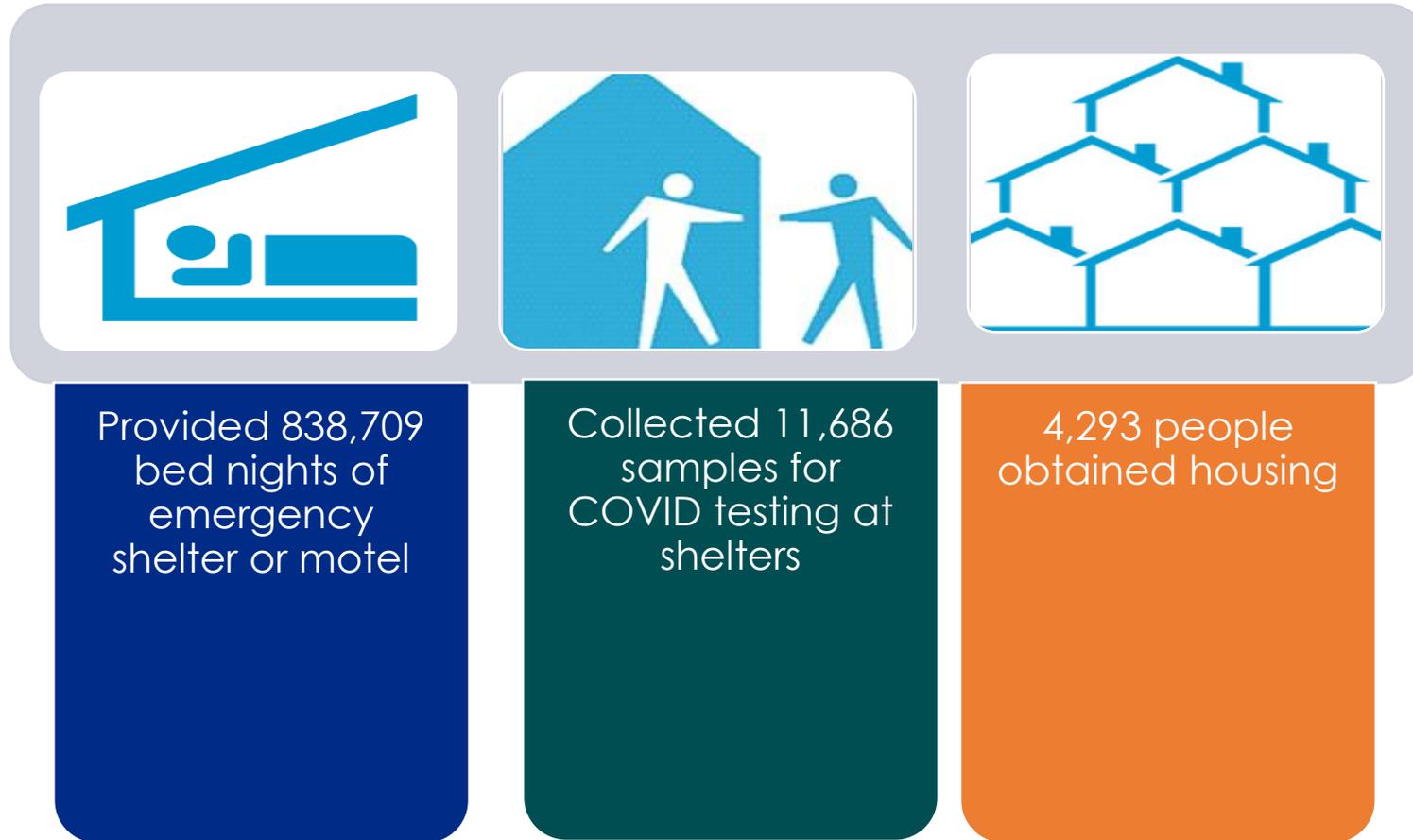
FY2020 CSBG Preliminary Data

Individuals: 363,548

Households: 62,637

Housing and Homeless Services

To ensure that all Michigan citizens experiencing homelessness receive the assistance necessary to make their episode rare, brief, and non-recurring.



Victim Services

MI Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Crime Victim Services Commission, Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board, Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Commission



VICTIM SERVICES

209,120 Victims Served
414,075 Shelter Nights
667 Victim Compensation Claims
509,147 Victim Notifications



TYPES OF SERVICES

Shelter/Counseling/Advocacy
State of MI Sexual Assault Hotline
PPO/Civil Legal Assistance
Crime Victim Compensation
Crime Victim Rights

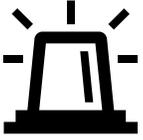


VICTIM SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

137 Community Organizations
10 Federally Recognized Tribes
82 Prosecutors Offices and the AG
8 Law Enforcement Agencies
3 Courts

COVID-19 Response

Leveraging time-limited federal flexibilities to streamline access, maintain benefits throughout crisis



Became one of the first states to deliver **emergency allotment** food assistance.



Became the first state to issue **Pandemic EBT benefits** to over **900,000 children**.



Implemented **on-line EBT** technology allowing food assistance recipients the ability to purchase groceries on-line through Amazon, Walmart, and Aldi.

COVID-19 Response

Leveraging time-limited federal flexibilities to streamline access, maintain benefits throughout crisis



Direct payments to 47,106 families facing **utility shut** served by DTE, Consumers, Semco, and UPCO.



Direct payments to pay off **water** arrearages and fees to more approximately 105,343 clients.



Implemented the **Restaurant Meals Program**, where seniors, disabled, and homeless can use their food assistance benefits to get hot prepared meals at restaurants.

Additional COVID-19 Response



Agricultural and Migrant Worker Support



Q-CARES Boxes for Elderly



PPE Distribution



Digital divide

FY21 Investments



Washtenaw Youth Initiative - \$250,000: Funding to expand academic and social programs. Grant was executed on 2/1/21.



Kids' Food Basket - \$250,000: Expanded food services to support children during the Coronavirus pandemic in select counties. Grant was executed on 2/4/21.



Emergency Shelter Program - \$649,800: Support expanded shelter and moteling services. Grant amendment in process.

FY22 Executive Recommendation Investments

| <u>Investment</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Gross (\$M)</u> | <u>GF (\$M)</u> |
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| Cross-Enrollment Expansion | Efficiency improvements will allow the department to better identify and cross-enroll eligible low-income families into public and private assistance programs. | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| Medicaid Redetermination Compliance | Medicaid redeterminations have been paused during the COVID-19 pandemic. When they are resumed, funding for information technology changes and eligibility specialist worker overtime will be needed to process redeterminations in a timely and efficient manner. | 23.2 | 11.5 |

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