

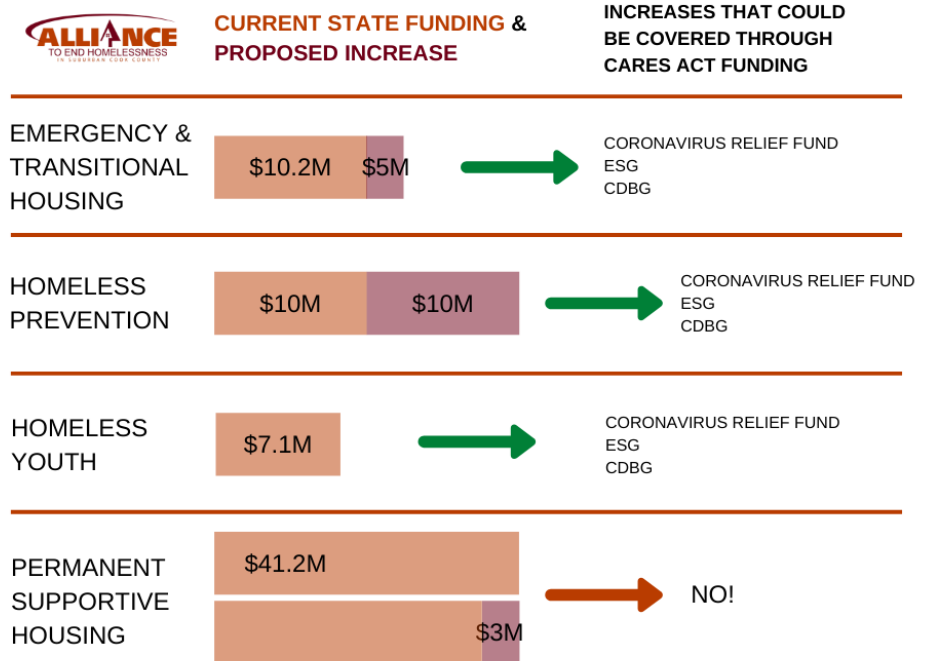
Members of the IL General Assembly,

Now, more than ever, it is clear that housing is healthcare. A home is the best protection against COVID-19. Everyone deserves a safe and stable home where they can shelter in place.

We urge you to pass [HB5574 \(HA 1\)](#). This legislation provides essential relief and protections for renters, homeowners, and people in need of housing now and during the aftermath of the pandemic.

We urge you to protect our neighbors who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness in the State Budget during the COVID-19 crisis. This means no cuts to the following budget line items and using federal relief funds to fill the gaps and fund increases.

- Emergency and Transitional Housing
- Homeless Prevention
- Homeless Youth
- Permanent Supportive Housing



Using the \$4.9 billion in Coronavirus Relief Funds should be prioritized before using ESG and CDBG funding; providers rely on these two existing federal funding streams for homeless and housing programs not funded by state budget line items. Federal funds from the CARES Act should be used to fill gaps and not replace existing state funds.

Your constituents in need of safe and stable housing rely on these programs and are relying on you during this time of crisis.

Thank you for supporting legislation and funding that will increase housing stability among those who need it most.