



House Committee on Human Services and Housing

Bonding Request for Facilities for Unaccompanied
Youth without Housing

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Issue:

- Temporary shelters and short-term housing is a vital piece of the unaccompanied homeless youth system and serve as a transition from the streets to longer-term housing.
- There is a critical lack of short-term, transitional facilities adequate to meet the needs of unaccompanied youth without housing.
- The ones currently in operation run on extremely tight budgets, squeezing every dollar they have into services for youth.
- Leads to deferred maintenance - postponing repairs or updating essential equipment. Failure to perform essential repairs often leads to asset deterioration and a policy of continued deferred maintenance may result in future higher costs, asset failure, and in some cases, health and safety implications.

Request:

\$1.5 million bonding capacity to expand or enhance existing unaccompanied homeless youth shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, mental health/substance use services, other transitional housing options.

Jackson Street Youth Services



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Thank you!

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