

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 20: Department of Justice Housing Stabilization for Survivors**

---

To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Sollman

---

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means include an increase of \$2 million in the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Justice, Crime Victims and Survivor Services Division, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2022 legislative session for distribution to nonprofit entities to assist survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking in maintaining or acquiring housing.

During the 2021 legislative session, the Housing and Community Services Department received American Rescue Plan Act funding for the agency's Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Housing is able to transfer \$2 million of this funding to the Department of Justice for housing stabilization and/or acquiring housing for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking. The transfer is an allowable American Rescue Plan Act expense under U.S. Treasury guidelines.

The funding will be distributed to an estimated 58 domestic and sexual violence service providers throughout the state, including federally recognized tribal governments, using a two-part formula that includes a base amount plus a prorata share that is largely based on county population. An advisory committee, appointed by the Attorney General, makes recommendations to the Attorney General on the distribution of funding. The advisory committee and Attorney General should consider taking into consideration a strategic targeting of the funding rather than using the standard formulaic distribution.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.