



The impacts of the proposed FY20 Alaska State budget cuts will be devastating. Some of the most vulnerable people in Alaska will lose homeless services. More families will be homeless. More people, including children, will live on the street. Lives will be lost.

These cuts cost Alaskans more money. They remove homeless services. More people will be homeless. Hundreds of people will not be housed.

Catholic Social Services provides homeless and shelter services to more than 3,000 men, women, and children each year. Catholic Social Services rebuilds lives by providing pathways to permanent stability for adults and children experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Clare House and Brother Francis Shelter are two of the largest shelters in Alaska. They provide services to people in need 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Homeless Family Services provides support and hope to clients within our two shelters. They are the critical link to permanent stability. Caseworkers help move people out of homelessness and into permanent stability.

The proposed cuts to the Basic Homeless Assistance Program (BHAP), Human Services Community Matching Grant (HSCMG), and Special Needs Housing Grant (SNHG) will force Catholic Social Services to drastically reduce or close services at three of the city’s largest homeless support programs – Brother Francis Shelter, Clare House, and Homeless Family Services.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Alaska State Budget Impact on CSS Programs and Budget

	Grant Funds Cut in Proposed Budget	Percentage of Total Program Budget Reduced by Budget Cuts
Clare House	\$199,531	22%
Brother Francis Shelter	\$269,844	13%
Homeless Family Services	\$903,896	27%
Catholic Social Services - Overall	\$1,373,272	11%

Cuts to the CSS budget will result in more people becoming and remaining homeless and more people accessing emergency services. They will also severely stall and reverse our progress addressing the homeless community’s needs. **The proposed budget cuts will ultimately cost state and municipal governments more money.**

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Impacts by Program

Brother Francis Shelter proposed cut: \$269,844 (HSCMG = \$150,000 BHAP = \$119,844)

- People experiencing homelessness will remain homeless
- The shelter will be open fewer hours and serve fewer people
- People will be forced to sleep in the streets, parks, and neighborhoods
- Health services will be reduced (The BFS clinic has more than 1,800 visits per year)
- Medical Respite, which saves Anchorage more than \$1.5 million annually, will be at-risk
- Leveraged dollars from private donations will be lost

Clare House Total proposed cut: \$199,531 (HSCMG = \$150,00 BHAP = \$49,531)

- Moms and kids experiencing homelessness will remain homeless
- The shelter will be open fewer hours
- New moms and newborn babies will not have a place to recuperate during the day
- Women and children will not have a place to go during the day
- Families will have their trauma exacerbated and their health and safety compromised

Homeless Family Services proposed cut: \$903,896 (BHAP = \$706,080 SNHG = \$197,186)

Homeless Family Services will be the hardest hit of our three programs, losing almost 30% of their budget. Last year, overall, the program served 1,019 individuals with supportive case management and housed 544 individuals.

- There will be a dramatic increase in homelessness
- 193 at-risk families in housing will become homeless because of the loss of prevention funds
- 132 households experiencing homelessness will not move into stable and permanent housing
- 12 high-risk individuals currently in permanent supportive housing re-entering homelessness.

You can make sure these cuts don't happen. Take action today!

Send a message to your legislator and Governor Dunleavy to:

- Restore BHAP to FY19 funding = \$8 million
- Restore SNHG to FY 19 funding = \$1.75 million
- Restore HSCMG to FY 19 funding = \$1.38 million (leveraged by a 30% match at the municipal level)

For more information on taking action, go to <https://www.cssalaska.org/get-involved/advocacy/>.

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