



If ESHB 2368 isn't passed this year, cuts will be implemented in early 2015.

Document recording fee revenues are awarded on a competitive basis, and the next funding rounds take place this fall (2014). With a July 2015 sunset looming, counties cannot contract for services that may not have a funding source. Their funding projections must be based on current law. This means that this fall, most local communities will begin to prepare for the cuts, which will be implemented in early 2015. Vulnerable populations like veterans, people living with mentally illness, domestic violence survivors, homeless families, and more will be impacted.

State and County Funding Calendar for Funds from the Homeless Housing and Assistance Surcharge

Fall 2014	Request for Proposals from state and most county funders. Total dollars available are based on current law revenue projections.
Late 2014	Award letters sent.
Early 2015	First quarter 2015 contracts in effect. Cuts to programs are implemented, if needed.

Washington State has embraced the use of modest recording fees on some real estate related documents, and these fees are the central source of funds for homelessness programs. These fees pay for effective state and local programs that have reduced the incidence of homelessness by **29% since 2006**. The fees are the state's most significant funding source for homelessness programs, representing almost half of all funds available.

This fee is set to reduce by \$10 in July 2015 and then reduce by another \$20 in July 2017.
This would result in a loss of 62.5% of total current funding for homelessness programs.

Comparison of Estimated Revenues From the Homeless Housing and Assistance Surcharge Under Current Law and Under ESHB 2368

Dollars are in millions.

All data is from House Appropriations Committee Staff as presented to the legislature on February 10, 2014.

	State Portion (40%)	County Portion (60%)	Subtotal
FY 15-17 Current Law	\$ 26.0	\$ 39.1	\$ 65.1
FY 15-17 SHB 2368	\$ 38.0	\$ 57.0	\$ 95.0
FY 15-17 Difference	\$ 12.0	\$ 17.9	\$ 29.9
FY 17-19 Current Law	\$ 8.9	\$ 13.3	\$ 22.2
FY 17-19 SHB 2368	\$ 38.8	\$ 58.2	\$ 97.0
FY 17-19 Difference	\$ 29.9	\$ 44.9	\$ 74.8