

**Division:** Youth & Family Services

**Program Characteristics:** New Request, One-Time-Only Request

**Program Description**

The Medicaid Waiver Rent Assistance Program (MWRAP) prevents homelessness for Medicaid members with serious health conditions. The current gap between application, authorization, and disbursement of funds for Medicaid-funded housing supports is resulting in preventable evictions.

This specific one-time funding initiative targets this gap: individuals and families who were evicted while awaiting Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) funding. Because housing loss disqualifies individuals from receiving HRSN funding, this one-time funding provides the immediate resources necessary to rapidly rehouse these households. Once households have a new lease, they regain eligibility and re-enter the 1115 Waiver pipeline through an expedited process. Program activities include:

- Flexible housing stabilization funds: The program provides direct financial assistance to remove immediate "exit barriers." This includes both emergency shelter, specifically though short-term hotel stays to prevent unsheltered transitions, and stability support, including coverage of current rent and move-in costs to secure new placements.

This offer supports the Youth & Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Housing and Economic Stability by preventing households from living unsheltered for an extended period of time, and maximizes the benefit that the Medicaid 1115 Waiver for Housing can have on our community while it is available.

**Equity Statement**

To ensure access to benefits for all, the Medicaid Waiver Rent Assistance Program (MWRAP) uses culturally responsive and trauma-informed approaches to remove barriers. This includes bilingual staff and access to translation. In partnership with the Youth & Family Services Bienestar de la Familia team, this program provides case management and bilingual application assistance to Medicaid members who speak Spanish or Somali.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$200,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Performance Measures**

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of households receiving rapid rehousing	N/A	N/A	45
Number of households sheltered at hotel	N/A	N/A	25