

Discussion with Maureen Mulkurn from John Shirley's office regarding DTA funding and oversight of Shelter's

DTA funds individual (emergency) and family shelters.

Money for such purposes has been earmarked directly in the State budget from the legislature. Each year there is a set amount, usually an increased amount from previous year, for the currently funded shelters. This year they received \$35 Million for Individual shelters and \$73 Million for Family shelters.

DTA does not license family or individual shelters. That is up to the local government to regulate.

DTA does review their shelters every year and such reports are available through FOI. DTA does make placements in the shelters they fund.

DTA does not use specific regions although they consider 20 mile radius within region. Placements in individual shelters are usually first come, first serve. Individuals can also "walk in".

Placements in family shelters are determined by what is available. Where a family "came from" is considered, although what is available is the final factor. If a family is placed more than 20 miles from their home town they are allowed to request a transfer if it is available. Requests are not that frequent.

DTA funds about 40 individual shelters. These are "emergency shelters"

They are strictly overnight, emergency sheltering for single adults. They can be wet or dry. That is up to the agency rules.

They do not license them, or permit them. *That is up to the local town or City government to do. They do need to receive occupancy permits from local government.*

DTA funds family shelters that consist of congregate rooms in one house or scattered sites. They also have sober living/abuse shelters, although these they give the funding to DPH to run.

They fund:

11 scattered sites

64 Congregate living

4 Transitional

11 Combo substance/abuse which they give to DPH to administer

A few miscellaneous

DTA does not license or permit any of these. That is up to the local government: city or town.

DTA does distribute HUD shelter funds.

They receive about \$2.5- 3 Million for ESG.