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The 2016 Proposed Budget includes \$200,000 to support the provision of 24-hour shelter.

Shelter, or shelter bed, typically means a place to sleep overnight. Enhanced shelter services provide a place to sleep, but also offer on-site assessment and case management. Day centers are indoor facilities that may provide a variety of services, including a place to rest, hygiene, laundry, and case management and are staffed and accessible from morning through the afternoon or early evening.

24-hour shelter means indoor shelter that is open and staffed around-the-clock. Shelter may be accessible 24-hours a day, meaning that clients can access sleeping quarters at all times.

In general, the staffing required for daytime shelter is twice that of night-time shelter, about 50 staff per client compared to 25 staff per client. Not surprisingly, the space and furnishing for daytime and night-time shelter are different. The services available at a shelter, in addition to a place to rest and/or sleep, also significantly influence the needs for space and furnishing. A 24-hour shelter can provide necessary services and a safe, warm place for people experiencing homelessness.