

FACT SHEET

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**REQUEST: \$750,000 on-going
and \$1 million one-time**

Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund: Giving a Helping Hand Toward Self-Sufficiency

The Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund is the State's primary funding mechanism to assist non-profit agencies in providing critical services to the homeless population in an effort to help them off the streets and on to self-sufficiency. The Trust is the cornerstone to ending chronic homelessness in Utah.

KEY FACTS

- The Trust helps end chronic homelessness through vehicles such as the Pathways Program, making good fiscal sense in the process. *
- Because of the Trust, Utah is a leader in President Bush's plan to end chronic homelessness; an increase in on-going funding and an infusion of \$1 million in one-time funding will further bolster these efforts.
- Statistics:
 - There are an estimated 15,000 Utahns who are homeless each year.
 - Families comprise 41.4% of Utah's homeless population.
 - 26.41% of the homeless are age 17 or under.
 - Domestic violence accounts for over 10% of the homeless population.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FROM WHERE DOES FUNDING FOR THE TRUST ORIGINATE?

- A General Fund appropriation from the Legislature
- Donations from taxpayers through a checkbox on the Utah income tax form

WHAT DOES THE TRUST PROVIDE?

- Emergency shelters (50%)
- Case management (20%)
- Transitional housing (10%)
- Meals (7%)
- Outreach and day centers (6%)
- Permanent housing solutions (4%)

HOW FAR DOES THE FUNDING GO?

- \$2 pays for one meal to a homeless individual
- \$14 pays for one night of warm, safe shelter
- \$44 pays for a night of transitional housing for an abused woman and her children

* J Perlman and J Parvensky, *Denver Housing First Collaborative Cost Benefit Analysis and Program Outcomes Report*, December 2006.

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