

**Homestead Tax Credit
Budget 70
Senate Bill No. 2006**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1999-2001 legislative appropriation		\$4,540,813		\$4,540,813
1997-99 legislative appropriation		4,540,813	\$250,000	4,790,813
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	0.00	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)

Item Description

Homestead tax credit program - For eligible homeowners, the program provides for a graduated reduction in the taxable value and resulting taxes of a person's homestead.

For eligible renters, the program provides a direct payment to renters of the amount by which 20 percent of the rent representing property taxes exceeds four percent of the applicant's annual income.

Status/Result

The schedules below present the number of eligible homeowners and renters and the payments made in recent years:

Number Eligible for Program			
Year	Homeowners	Renters	Total
1995	6,376	1,626	8,002
1996	6,095	1,590	7,685
1997	5,680	1,499	7,179
1998	5,278	1,482	6,760

Payments Made Under Program			
Year	Homeowners	Renters	Total
1995	\$2,159,446	\$175,554	\$2,335,000
1996	\$2,194,689	\$177,782	\$2,372,471
1997	\$2,072,141	\$166,841	\$2,238,982
1998	\$1,974,283	\$165,060	\$2,139,343