

**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:

<b>Number Eligible for Program</b>			
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

<b>Payments Made Under Program</b>			
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