



### **Department of Social Services Receives Two Grants to Support Housing for Foster Youth**

In the 2019-20 state budget, funding was included for child welfare agencies to assist transition-age youth with securing and maintaining housing. The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which is administering the funding, awarded the department \$98,400 for the Transitional Housing Program and \$48,705 for the Housing Navigator Program.

The funds awarded for the Transitional Housing Program will be used to identify and support housing services, improve coordination of services and linkages to community resources and engage in outreach activities, targeting to serve those with the most severe needs. The funds awarded for the Housing Navigator Program will be used to assist young adults in securing and maintaining housing by assisting with coordination of supportive services, ensuring connection to resources, and providing case management, which includes essential services in emergency supports to foster youth.