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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

In the most recent Point in Time Count, there was a significant increase in the unsheltered population; nightly over 2,000 people are unsheltered in Portland/Multnomah County. A small but growing number of the people counted as unsheltered identified as transgender. Members of the transgender community are especially vulnerable on the streets, and have expressed the difficulties of utilizing the system's traditional emergency shelter programs. This program would fund operations for much-needed transgender-specific services.

Program Summary

Homelessness is a critical issue for transgender people. According to the National Center for Transgender Equality, one in five transgender individuals have experienced homelessness at some point in their lives. Family rejection and discrimination and violence have contributed to a large number of transgender and other LGBTQ-identified youth who are homeless across the Country. It is critical that social services working with this population provide culturally appropriate shelter and housing opportunities and address co-occurring issues facing transgender homeless adults and youth.

The expansion of shelter capacity under A Home for Everyone, has emphasized the need to also expand the range of shelter options available, recognizing that some shelter models may work for one group, but not work well for another. All year-round permanent shelter, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, reduced barrier, and culturally responsive or specific programming that emphasizes meeting participants' immediate need for basic health and safety, as well as providing the health, income, and housing support services required to transition from homelessness back into permanent housing. Alternative shelters adapt those expectations to the unique needs of specific sub-populations within the community of people experiencing homelessness. This program will fund operating support for what is anticipated to be the equivalent of a 20-30 person year-round alternative shelter/bridge housing program for transgender adults. The precise design of the alternative services will be determined in consultation with representatives of the transgender community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Number of year-round "equivalent to" emergency shelter beds	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
Outcome	Number of people served in year-round "equivalent to" emergency shelter beds	N/A	N/A	N/A	120

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$500,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

Explanation of Revenues

Multnomah County General Fund - \$250,000
 City of Portland General Fund - \$250,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This is a shared commitment between the City and County.