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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) has prioritized a range of effective housing placement and retention strategies in order to reduce homelessness among highly vulnerable households, including seniors. In partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Health Share, this program supports and expands existing programming coordinated through AHFE, including rent assistance, housing placement and retention, and supportive services to provide stability for seniors with disabling conditions experiencing homelessness.

Program Summary

A lack of affordable housing, limited retirement incomes, and higher costs for healthcare and other necessities are pushing greater numbers of older adults into homelessness. Individuals who experience homelessness have a higher rate of hospital re-admissions and emergency room visits while also suffering from poorer health outcomes and higher mortality rates. This is especially true for medically fragile seniors. People over 55 and people with disabling conditions grew substantially as a percentage of the homeless population, according to the 2019 Point in Time County, and the trend is expected to continue.

For the majority of seniors experiencing homelessness, returning to permanent housing requires a combination of rent assistance, housing placement, retention support staffing, and benefits acquisition assistance. A recently created initiative of the health care and philanthropic sectors is poised to expand the availability of these types of services, in partnership with local government. The new Regional Supportive Housing Impact Fund (RSHIF) promises to combine philanthropic and health system funds and to deploy those in partnership with local government to increase the availability of deeply affordable housing with services for people with complex health needs.

The Metro 300 housing initiative is the first funded effort of the RSHIF. Using funds allocated to RSHIF by Kaiser Permanente, the Joint Office of Homeless Services will work with the Department of County Human Services, the Department of Community Justice, and community based service providers to create sustainable housing opportunities for 140 people experiencing homelessness who are over 50 with a disabling condition. The individuals will come from a variety of places, including the parole and probation system, local culturally specific recovery services programs, and from the aging and disability system.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY19 Actual | FY20 Budgeted | FY20 Estimate | FY21 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of seniors placed into permanent housing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 140 |
| Outcome | Percentage of senior households retaining housing 12 months post-exit | N/A | N/A | N/A | 80% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 | 2021 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,600,000 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,600,000 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$1,600,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,600,000 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,600,000 |

Explanation of Revenues

Kaiser Metro 300 Initiative - \$1,600,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: