



Program #10053J - Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans 4/17/2017

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone’s “A Home for Every Veteran” initiative successfully created a system capable of offering permanent housing to approximately 700 homeless Veterans during the last fiscal year. This program offer would ensure that we continue to leverage federal HUD and VA resources, as well as State EHA funds, to meet the short term rent assistance and barrier mitigation needs of Veterans who become homeless in our community. This program will help at least 164 Veteran households end or prevent their homelessness.

Program Summary

In January 2015, Chair Kafoury and then- Portland Mayor Hales joined the national “Mayors’ Challenge to end Veteran Homelessness” and Portland was chosen to participate in the federal 25 Cities Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness. In order to achieve a functional end to Veteran homelessness, our community was required to build a system that could offer permanent housing to at least as many Veterans as are expected to become homeless in Multnomah County during a single year. Based on a point-in-time count conducted in January 2015, that number was estimated at 690. As of the end of December 2015, we had successfully housed 695 Veterans and by the end of 2016 over 1300 Veterans had returned to permanent housing. As a result of our efforts, Portland was the first West Coast city certified by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness as having effectively ended Veteran homelessness.

The capacity to house this number of Veterans depends, to a significant extent, on federal funding in the form of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). It also relies on an allocation of 50 Housing Choice Vouchers and 50 subsidized housing units by Home Forward. While the federal funding will remain available in FY 2018, these federal funds are not enough to help Veterans move into housing if they have significant barriers or lack security deposit funds. The federal funds also have limitations on eviction prevention assistance.

The flexible rent assistance and barrier mitigation funds available through this program offer allow housing staff the ability to assist with an array of services. This includes security deposits, helping with utility/past property debts, limited term rent assistance, legal fees and moving fees. Funded through this program, 80% of the participants assisted with past debts have secured housing.

In order to meet the needs of all Veterans who will become homeless in Multnomah County in the coming year, and to prevent a return to homeless for Veterans needing eviction prevention rent assistance, the Home for Every Veteran initiative is seeking sufficient short-term rent assistance, housing staff and flexible client assistance to help at least 64 Veterans move into stable housing and keep at least 100 Veterans from returning to homelessness.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Households placed or retained	N/A	160	160	164
Outcome	Households retaining housing 12 months post subsidy	N/A	70%	70%	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$84,220	\$767,984
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$84,220	\$767,984
Program Total:	\$0		\$852,204	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$767,984
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$767,984

Explanation of Revenues

State of Oregon Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) \$70,144
 City of Portland General Fund \$697,840

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2017: 10062A Rapid Rehousing - Existing Services

Due to how the FY 2017 budget was structured there is not the ability to assign last year's funding to individual program offers for Housing Placement and Retention (formerly Rapid Rehousing) the in FY 2018. The history for FY 2017 program offers 10062A –Rapid Rehousing Existing Services and 10062B – Rapid Rehousing Expansion is shown in FY 2018 program offer 10053A – Housing Placement and Retention – Adult Households.