



Program #10053J - Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans 2/21/2018

Department: Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone's "A Home for Every Veteran" initiative successfully created a system capable of offering permanent housing to more than 600 homeless Veterans during last fiscal year. This program offer will 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 175 Veteran households end or prevent their homelessness.

Program Summary

In January 2015, the County Chair and Portland's Mayor 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 more than 1,300 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 a commitment of 50 Housing Choice Vouchers and 50 subsidized housing units by Home Forward. While we anticipate that federal funding will remain available in FY 2019, 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, and eligibility restrictions that limit who among homeless Veterans can be served.

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.

This program provides sufficient short-term rent assistance, housing staff and flexible client assistance 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 homelessness for Veterans needing eviction prevention services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of households placed or retained	182	164	175	175
Outcome	Number of households retaining housing 12 months post subsidy	80%	70%	75%	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Contractual Services	\$183,600	\$767,984	\$190,670	\$695,526
Total GF/non-GF	\$183,600	\$767,984	\$190,670	\$695,526
Program Total:	\$951,584		\$886,196	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$767,984	\$0	\$695,526
Total Revenue	\$0	\$767,984	\$0	\$695,526

Explanation of Revenues

State of Oregon Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA Veterans) \$71,408
 State of Oregon Lottery Funds (Lottery Veterans) \$55,298
 City of Portland General Fund \$568,820

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 10053J Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans