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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 more than 200 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 2020, 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 nonprofit organizations to assist Veterans with an array of housing services. This includes security deposits, helping with utility/past property debts, limited term rent assistance, legal fees and moving fees.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of households placed or retained in housing	216	175	215	215
Outcome	Percentage of households retaining housing 12 months post-exit or post-subsidy*	80%	75%	70%	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*These percentages are based on the retention rate for households who were successfully contacted via follow-up.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$190,670	\$695,526	\$198,300	\$663,630
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Total GF/non-GF	\$190,670	\$695,526	\$198,300	\$663,780
Program Total:	\$886,196		\$862,080	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$695,526	\$0	\$663,780
Total Revenue	\$0	\$695,526	\$0	\$663,780

Explanation of Revenues

State of Oregon Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA Veterans) -\$72,200
 City of Portland General Fund - \$591,580

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 10053J-19 Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans