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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 (AHFE) "A Home for Every Veteran" initiative strives to ensure that every veteran has access to permanent housing. This program offer will continue leverage of U.S. Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs resources, as well as State of Oregon Emergency Housing Assistance 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. At the end of December 2015, 695 Veterans were successfully housed 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. Nonetheless, because hundreds of Veterans continue to become homeless every year, the Point-in-Time count conducted in January 2019 identified 474 people who identified themselves as Veterans.

The capacity to house 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 2021, 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. Additionally, this program offer funds culturally-specific operations that support the engagement, assessment and referral of Veterans for housing services.

### Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure   | FY19 Actual | FY20 Budgeted | FY20 Estimate | FY21 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output       | Number of Veteran households placed or retained in housing                      | 195         | 215           | 200           | 200        |
| Outcome      | Percentage of households retaining housing 12 months post-exit or post-subsidy* | 75%         | 70%           | 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

|                        | Adopted<br>General Fund | Adopted<br>Other Funds | Proposed<br>General Fund | Proposed<br>Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses       | 2020                    | 2020                   | 2021                     | 2021                    |
| Contractual Services   | \$198,300               | \$591,580              | \$174,930                | \$621,150               |
| <b>Total GF/non-GF</b> | <b>\$198,300</b>        | <b>\$591,580</b>       | <b>\$174,930</b>         | <b>\$621,150</b>        |
| <b>Program Total:</b>  | <b>\$789,880</b>        |                        | <b>\$796,080</b>         |                         |
| <b>Program FTE</b>     | 0.00                    | 0.00                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                    |

| Program Revenues     |            |                  |            |                  |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental    | \$0        | \$591,580        | \$0        | \$621,150        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$591,580</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$621,150</b> |

Explanation of Revenues

State of Oregon Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA Veterans) - \$186,970  
 City of Portland General Fund - \$434,180

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 10053J-20 Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans