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

Executive Summary

As the fixed incomes of seniors and people with disabilities fall further behind the costs of housing, including publicly subsidized tax credit rental housing, ongoing rental assistance is increasingly necessary to prevent and end homelessness for these populations. This program continues the local long-term voucher program that is narrowly tailored to households with fixed incomes, to improve housing stability and reduce rent burden, including many households who reside in tax credit or other regulated affordable housing.

Program Summary

The 2019 Point In Time Count (PIT) documented a continued rise in people over the age of 55 and people with disabilities in the homeless population. These populations commonly have fixed incomes well below 30% of the Area Median Income, putting market rate rental housing completely out of reach, and also foreclosing access to most publicly subsidized affordable housing, which rents at levels affordable for people making 60% of Area Median Income or above.

This program assists seniors and people living with disabilities who are on fixed incomes and homeless or significantly rent burdened. Program participants typically have less than \$800 per month in income, and were either homeless or paying more than 70% of that income on rent prior to program subsidy. The program provides rent subsidies to participants so that they can afford the rent in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units or other regulated affordable housing. While these units have restricted rent levels, the rent amounts are not tied to tenant income and are increasingly out of reach for the target group in this program. Some assisted households also reside in moderately-priced private market units. The program makes it possible for people in the target population to afford the rent (at 30% of their income).

This program complements the federally-funded Housing Choice Voucher program and our local Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA) program. The program leverages support from Meyer Memorial Trust as well as the inventory of publicly funded affordable housing. The local long-term voucher functions more flexibly than the Federal voucher program but provides similar long-term housing stability to a highly vulnerable population. The program is administered through Home Forward.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budgeted	FY20 Estimate	FY21 Offer
Output	Provide vouchers for senior and disabled households on fixed income seeking rent-restricted affordable housing.	45	55	55	55
Outcome	Percent of households who remain housed 12 months after entry.*	100%	90%	100%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

*This percentage is based on the percentage of households who were confirmed to be successfully housed at 12 months

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2020	2020	2021	2021
Contractual Services	\$376,760	\$138,240	\$387,690	\$138,150
Total GF/non-GF	\$376,760	\$138,240	\$387,690	\$138,150
Program Total:	\$515,000		\$525,840	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$138,240	\$0	\$138,150
Total Revenue	\$0	\$138,240	\$0	\$138,150

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund - \$138,150

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2020: 10054C-20 Supportive Housing - Local Long Term Rental Vouchers