

Department: Nondepartmental **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 10052D
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone has identified diversion as a critical strategy to reduce the number of families experiencing homelessness in our community and assist them in finding possible housing options outside of the traditional homeless system. This program expands existing shelter diversion capacity to divert families from street and shelter homelessness.

Program Summary

The Homeless Family System of Care (HFSC) provides low-barrier and traditional shelter for homeless families in Multnomah County. Over the past two years, there has been an unprecedented influx of families requesting shelter and housing services in our community. Diversion services assist families who are requesting homeless housing resources (e.g. shelter) in finding possible housing options outside of the traditional homeless system, ensuring that immediate and alternative arrangements are fully explored and supported while reserving shelter beds for those families that are the most vulnerable and have no other options. This program will divert 148 households, approximately 355 parents and children, from street and shelter homelessness.

Through the Homeless Family System of Care coordinated entry process, families in shelter and those inquiring about shelter are assessed immediately for available Mobile Housing and Shelter Diversion Program resources. Diversion funding allows a flexible approach to meet the unique needs of families and to quickly support pathways out of housing crises that may include assisting families with re-securing housing, eviction prevention, move-in costs, and relocation. A diversion intervention allows families to determine what stabilization looks like for their unique situation and encourages families to look at immediate supports they may have in their lives, and consider them resources.

As an intervention, diversion is considered a trauma informed approach that keeps families stable in their communities and allows them to consider alternatives to shelter. Diversion is recognized nationally and locally as a critical tool in reducing street and shelter homelessness.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of households assisted with diversion funds	N/A	N/A	N/A	148
Outcome	Percentage of households retaining housing at 6 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	\$0	\$0	\$370,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$370,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$370,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$370,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$370,000	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This program is funded with Tax Title Affordable Housing (TTAH) funds

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: