

Program #10059 - Adult Shelter and Housing Services Restoration

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Proposed

Related Programs: 10052C, 10054A

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program restores the program reductions resulting from the City of Portland 1% constraint. Specifically, it continues a safe parking pilot program in partnership with faith communities and retains full staffing for a chronic homeless outreach and assessment team (CHAT team).

Program Summary

A Home for Everyone identified the importance of developing a range of service interventions that are balanced, integrated, and appropriately scaled to achieve the best possible outcomes given limited resources. The A Home for Everyone Coordinating Board adopted principles to guide any decisions around budget reductions. The Joint Office of Homeless Services applied those principles, and considerations of overall system impacts, in deciding how to make the proposed program reductions required by the City and County constraints. However, given the continuing crisis and tremendous unmet need for services of all types within the homeless response system, this offer requests the restoration of those program reductions in order to maintain overall system capacity. Specifically, this offer will:

- Maintain a safe parking pilot program that partners with faith institutions to host people sleeping in vehicles, RVs, or sleeping pods in their parking lots as a form of safety off the streets. This funding provides the professional non-profit management and support services for the pilot project.
- Maintains full staffing for the Coordinated Housing Assessment Team (CHAT). The CHAT is tasked with reaching out to and engaging chronically homeless people, who often do not physically show up at other partner agencies and are not already engaged in services, in order to assess them for permanent supportive housing and other services. CHAT members also work with people who have, or will soon have, access to a permanent housing unit to make sure that they have all the documents they will need to establish tenancy. The capacity that this offer supports will allow the CHAT to effectively serve highly vulnerable people who need more intensive staff engagement and support to transition out of homelessness, and to move people more quickly from homelessness into housing.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer				
Output	Number of nights of safe vehicle parking (number of parking spaces x 365 nights)	N/A	N/A	1,500*	7,000				
Outcome	Percentage of households using vehicle pilot transitioning to shelter or housing	N/A	N/A	35%	35%				
Output	Number of people placed or retained in housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	23				
Outcome	Percentage of households retaining housing at 6 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%				

Performance Measures Descriptions

^{*}The pilot has had a slower than anticipated launch this fiscal year. If continued, the project is anticipated to host at least 20 vehicles per night.

^{**}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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$252,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252,000				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$252,000				

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund - \$252,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 10054A-19 Supportive Housing

This program includes a reduction from the County's 3% General Fund constraint for the homeless adult system of care including a reduction for housing placement, and housing retention staffing and rental assistance available to maintain current service level for adults who are sleeping in facility-based and other alternative shelter settings (including sheltering communities like Dignity Village). This capacity is critical to maximizing the effectiveness of our shelter beds, and assisting people to end their homelessness as rapidly as possible.