

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, Out of Target

Executive Summary

In March of 2020, following public health guidance, the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) took immediate steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the homeless population and otherwise mitigate impacts of the pandemic on those experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. These activities, which will continue in FY 2023, include operating physical distancing shelters and enhanced safety on the streets supplies and outreach.

Program Summary

As part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the JOHS took immediate steps to ensure that all congregate and semi congregate shelters within the shelter system provided necessary physical separation, hygiene, and cleaning practices for occupancy, sleeping, eating, and access to services. Initial COVID-19 response efforts in FY 2020 included building capacity to serve up to 450 people in physical distancing shelters in local community centers and voluntary COVID-19 isolation rooms in local motels (isolation motels). It also included enhanced safety on the streets outreach to assist those who are unsheltered to physically distance and reduce transmission of COVID-19.

With continued pandemic-related impacts on the homeless services system, this program offer maintains capacity of 200 rooms of motel shelter and 100 beds of congregate shelter. Physical distancing motel shelters are based on public health imperatives and ensure that people who are at highest risk of severe and fatal consequences from COVID-19 are out of congregate and semi-congregate shelter settings. Those with the highest risk factors based on age, underlying medical conditions, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) identity are prioritized into the physical distancing motel sites. They have the safety of a fully supported motel room that opens to the outdoors. The rooms are supported with basic amenities that reduce risk of infection, including private bathroom and shower, individually wrapped meals, and access to laundry services. There is also 24/7 on-site staffing, in order to be able to routinely check on guests, as well as on-site access to technology and staff to support transitions out of motel shelter and into permanent housing as rapidly as possible.

This program offer also funds continued staffing of an outreach supply center, the stocking of that supply center with personal protective equipment, sanitizing supplies, basic safety supplies (blankets, tarps, sleeping bags, socks, etc.), and water and food items. The program offer will support both contracted organizations, including those doing focused culturally specific and behavioral health focused outreach, and community volunteer organizations that conduct outreach to the unsheltered population and lack the resources to offer critical health, safety and nutrition resources.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of year-round emergency shelter beds/rooms*	322	400	400	300
Outcome	Number of unique individuals receiving physical distancing and isolation supports in motel settings	593	1,700	1,320	1,320

Performance Measures Descriptions

*The methodology for this measure has been changed from manual calculation using the best available information for each shelter to the average daily number of beds for each shelter over the course of the year.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$263,000
Contractual Services	\$0	\$5,275,000	\$0	\$9,417,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,459,300
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$382,700
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$5,275,000	\$0	\$16,522,000
Program Total:	\$5,275,000		\$16,522,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$5,275,000	\$0	\$16,522,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$5,275,000	\$0	\$16,522,000

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding \$8,261,000
 American Rescue Plan (ARP) through City of Portland \$8,261,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30900 ARP - COVID-19 Emergency Response - Ongoing Operations

This program offer provides core services supporting people in our care.