



Program #30407C - Supportive Housing - Countywide Coordination - Dept of Community Justice - Metro Measure Expansion 5/2/2022

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Multnomah County’s Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) Local Implementation Plan (LIP) calls out the importance of aligning the work of multiple county departments around the commitment to preventing and ending homelessness. This program offer provides Measure funding to better serve individuals who have a history of chronic homelessness who are exiting incarceration and are working with the Department of Community Justice’s (DCJ) reentry program. This offer leverages existing program capacity in DCJ by providing individuals with long-term tenant based rental subsidies that will offer ongoing housing stability.

Program Summary

The Multnomah County’s Measure LIP recognizes the importance of aligning ending homelessness efforts across County Departments, including between DCJ and the JOHS. The two departments share in common a significant number of people who cycle through homeless services programs and the criminal justice system because they lack access to permanent housing with the appropriate level of support services. This program offer builds out the relationship between the two departments by leveraging existing DCJ housing services capacity and Measure funding to provide flexible Regional Long Term Rent Assistance (RLRA) vouchers to up to 60 people reentering the community who have previous histories of long-term homelessness and who, but for this ongoing rental assistance, would return to being chronically homeless. Because People of Color are significantly overrepresented in this target population, prioritizing Measure funds in this way will also advance the County’s commitment to the elimination racial disparities in rates of chronic homelessness.

The RLRA voucher is a local rent-assistance tool developed as part of the Measure that is similar to federal long-term rental assistance vouchers in that it guarantees a tenant will not pay more in rent than they can afford. However, RLRA offers the benefit of greater flexibility to the voucher holder. One area of flexibility is that the voucher is available to anyone who meets the income and homelessness criteria, regardless of their criminal history. In addition, this voucher allows the holder to seek out landlords in the private market who may be willing to overlook criminal history because the vouchers are less burdensome to work with and offer certain financial guarantees that are designed to mitigate risk.

The JOHS / DCJ partnership in this programming began in FY 2022 and has been expanded with additional funding for FY 2023.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Individuals enrolled in program*	N/A	N/A	N/A	70
Outcome	Individuals placed into permanent housing*	N/A	N/A	N/A	60
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*The basis for "Placed & Retained" has been changed from Entry Date to Housing Move-in date, consistent with an FY 2022 change to the measure in systemwide reporting, and "Enrolled," which is based on Entry Date, has been added for more robust reporting and to preserve continuity with reporting in previous years.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$135,539	\$0	\$387,035
Contractual Services	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$1,025,045
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$635,539	\$0	\$1,412,080
Program Total:	\$635,539		\$1,412,080	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$635,539	\$0	\$1,412,080
Total Revenue	\$0	\$635,539	\$0	\$1,412,080

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$1,412,080

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30400D Supportive Housing - Metro Measure Expansion - Countywide

This program offer now includes investments in rent assistance for justice involved adults and DCJ staffing that was previously budgeted in 30400D - Supportive Housing Metro Measure Expansion - Countywide Coordination. This change was made to allow for greater visibility into the investments being made in DCJ programming.

As part of the FY 2022 Adopted budget, the Joint Office of Homeless Services budgeted a 1.00 FTE Program Specialist Sr. position for DCJ. During FY 2022, that position was moved to DCJ for the purposes of hiring and management. In FY 2023, relevant positions are in their respective departments, while funding for the positions remains in the Joint Office.