

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

Executive Summary

With Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity, this program offer funds critical infrastructure needed to support the expansion of supportive housing. The offer specifically supports Multnomah County’s implementation of the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program, strategies to recruit and support affordable housing operators and private market landlords who partner with service providers to create supportive housing opportunities, and training and other technical assistance for organizations providing supportive housing.

Program Summary

The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Measure sets out a range of strategies to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. In alignment with priorities outlined in the LIP, this program offer funds critical infrastructure needed to support the expansion of supportive housing.

The program offer funds the staffing necessary to administer Multnomah County’s local implementation of the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program. RLRA was designed by Metro and the three counties, and builds on policies developed for a Multnomah County pilot program run by Home Forward. Through the RLRA program, Home Forward provides rental vouchers that are paired with services provided by a range of nonprofit partners. RLRA operates similarly to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Section 8 program—households pay about 30% of their income towards rent and utilities, and the housing authority pays the rest. RLRA was intentionally designed to be low barrier and serve people who are often screened out of HUD’s Section 8 program.

The program offer additionally funds a team that will recruit and retain private market landlords to partner with service providers to create supportive housing opportunities, along with a fund to reimburse affordable housing owners and landlords for property repair costs and operational losses associated with operating supportive housing for formerly chronically homeless individuals.

The program offer also funds training and technical assistance for organizations providing supportive housing. The Joint Office is working to expand the pool of providers qualified to provide supportive housing and this training and technical assistance will be critical to supporting providers that are new to this work.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Landlord recruitment and retention program launched	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Outcome	Number of landlords engaged	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Outcome	Number of providers of culturally-specific services that receive supportive housing technical assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	15

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,711,545
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,711,545
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,711,545	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,711,545
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,711,545

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$1,711,545

Significant Program Changes

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

This new program offer includes investments in Multnomah County's implementation of the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program that was previously budgeted in 30400B - Supportive Housing - Metro Measure Expansion. This change was made to allow for greater visibility into the investments being made in the infrastructure needed to support the expansion of supportive housing.