

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

JOHS has prioritized the equitable expansion of shelter for vulnerable populations. The JOHS also holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, and eliminating disparate rates of homelessness, on the basis of race and ethnicity, must be a focus of programming. Domestic violence (DV) emergency shelters provide immediate safety and offer crisis intervention services to survivors and children fleeing domestic violence or experiencing homelessness as a result of a recent incident of intimate partner violence. These services are vital for protecting the health and safety of survivors. The DV confidential shelters in this program provide year-round beds accessed by hundreds of survivors annually, with 72% identifying as BIPOC. This program offer supports four shelters in two models: facility-based emergency shelter and master-leased units.

Program Description

Domestic Violence (DV) is a significant contributing factor to homelessness and housing instability. Nearly four in ten women who experience domestic violence will become homeless as a result. Additionally, leaving an abusive relationship is often the most dangerous time, and survivors are frequently navigating multiple complex systems, such as child welfare, the civil legal system, and immigration. Access to a confidential emergency shelter and trauma-informed, survivor-driven services is critical for survivors seeking to establish safety for themselves and their children. This program offer funds shelter operation costs, staffing, limited client assistance, and wrap-around support services at four DV emergency shelters. Services include intensive DV advocacy and support, safety planning, provision of basic needs, co-advocacy within DV continuum of service providers, and information and referrals to community-based services and housing programs.

This program offer supports four shelters in two models: facility-based emergency shelter and master-leased units. Three facility-based confidential shelters offer 24-hour security and staff seven days a week. A fourth shelter utilizes four scattered site master-leased apartments to provide safety and wrap-around crisis intervention services for survivors. These scattered-site units allow multi-generational and/or larger families directly impacted by DV to access services. All four shelters offer a 90-day length of stay with the possibility for extension and jointly serve more than 100 individuals per night. To ensure that survivors who are at greater danger are prioritized for these confidential shelter beds, all shelters use a coordinated triage system and a common, locally-developed screening tool to articulate survivors' needs and match survivors with available shelter space. All shelters, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, and culturally responsive or specific programming with reduced barriers that emphasizes meeting participants' immediate need for basic health and safety. Additionally, this program supports emergency vouchers that are used to assist survivors in staying safe when shelter beds are full, act as a bridge voucher to housing when survivors are homeless and in the process of attaining a permanent housing placement, and finally as a respite for survivors and children who are unable to safely stay in the shelters.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of year-round confidential emergency shelter beds + year-round equivalent emergency voucher beds	115	115	115	115
Outcome	Number of individuals receiving emergency shelter services	218	250	250	250
Output	Number of individuals served with domestic violence emergency vouchers	259	300	250	250*
Outcome	BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer.

*Reduction in measure due to increases in average lengths of stay

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$71,383	\$0	\$77,801
Contractual Services	\$1,105,330	\$528,555	\$1,286,330	\$510,490
Internal Services	\$0	\$20,523	\$0	\$19,792
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,105,330	\$620,461	\$1,286,330	\$608,083
Program Total:	\$1,725,791		\$1,894,413	
Program FTE	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$620,461	\$0	\$608,083
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$50,130	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$620,461	\$50,130	\$608,083

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$19,792 in indirect revenues. County General Fund plus \$50,130 of Tax Title proceeds to provide affordable housing for youth and families with children, in accordance with ORS 275.275, \$510,490 State Housing Assistance Program (SHAP) allocated through the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to provide operational support for emergency shelters and supportive services to shelter residents, \$97,593 in HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program awarded to Multnomah County. The CoC Program requires a 25 percent match of the awarded grant amount, which is met with County General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30204 Safety off the Streets - Domestic Violence Shelter