

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

Executive Summary

People experiencing unsheltered homelessness face particular weather-related risks in the winter months, and even greater dangers during periods of severe weather - including during severe winter conditions, and severe weather (heat and wildfire) and other emergency events. This program offer provides the base funding for winter emergency shelter capacity, as well as funding to open additional shelter capacity during severe weather events.

Program Description

This program funds winter shelter and severe weather shelter capacity. This shelter is temporary in nature and focuses on the provision of basic safety for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including offering warm, dry space and access to basic hygiene amenities. While certain additional services are made available in these shelters, they are not intended to provide the range of wrap-around support and housing services offered in year-round shelters.

- **Temporary/Winter Shelter:** People with disabilities, older adults, and those in poor health are particularly at risk in cold winter conditions. This program will allow additional winter shelter capacity across adult and family systems of care (open from November to April) to be created in FY 2024. Winter shelter includes motel voucher capacity and room block agreements.
- **Severe Weather Shelter:** In the event of severe weather that significantly elevates the risk to people sleeping unsheltered in the community, additional shelter capacity is created that remains in place for the duration of the severe weather event. The JOHS invests in base funding for severe weather shelter sites, operated by contracted nonprofit agencies, that are distributed across the county. The JOHS also budgets for costs associated with opening additional severe weather capacity in partnership with County and City Emergency Management in those situations where non-profit-provided capacity is insufficient. During severe weather, the commitment is that no one is turned away from shelter.
- **Emergency assistance:** This program offer funds an array of services associated with ensuring basic safety, including staffing, flexible funding for material needs, transportation, and outreach coordination, as well as extended information and referral services during winter months.
- **Expanded outreach:** This program offer funds additional street outreach during severe weather to assist in reaching adults, youth, Veterans, and families in accessing safety off the streets resources.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of adult temporary/winter emergency shelter beds	458	480	315	400
Outcome	Percentage of those who seek shelter during a declared severe weather event that receive it	100%	100%	100%	100%
Outcome	BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome	Number of families that receive the safety of shelter	77	40	100	100

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer. This measure reflects the peak number of temporary emergency shelter beds provided via contracted providers each year.

County Commissioners have set a policy that no person in need of shelter during severe weather emergencies is turned away. This measure reflects continued adherence to that policy as reflected in shelter operations.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,625,537	\$600,532	\$2,744,971
Internal Services	\$0	\$396,826	\$34,200	\$329,558
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$5,022,363	\$634,732	\$3,074,529
Program Total:	\$5,022,363		\$3,709,261	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,075,899	\$0	\$3,061,129
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$1,074,121	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,150,020	\$0	\$3,061,129

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$13,400 of the Video Lottery Fund allocated to Multnomah County to be used for the purpose of furthering economic development in accordance with ORS 461.512 and \$3,061,129 City of Portland General Fund allocation through Multnomah County's IGA with the City of Portland

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30206A Safety off the Streets - Winter Shelter & Severe Weather