

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 permanent housing placement for vulnerable populations, including homeless youth. 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. This program offer funds services essential to achieving successful equitable housing and developmental outcomes for homeless youth, including case management, recovery-oriented services, peer mentorship, health and parenting resources, as well as housing placement/retention in the Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC).

Program Description

The HYC is a highly collaborative and coordinated system comprised of four nonprofit agencies, including a culturally specific agency, that provides a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment, pregnancy and parenting support, and health services to youth up to age 25 experiencing homelessness. This program offer maintains current capacity to provide essential housing and developmental supports for youth.

This program offer leverages Federal long-term rent assistance vouchers to support housing navigation, placement and retention services for 125 youth receiving Emergency Housing Voucher assistance and Fostering Youth to Independence vouchers. To drive down racial disparities in the experience of homelessness, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities will be prioritized in access to and success in the Emergency Housing Voucher and Fostering Youth to Independence Voucher Programs. This program offer funds Assertive Engagement (AE) to provide assessment, transition planning and support from staff that are relationship-focused, mobile, and operates throughout Multnomah County. AE staff provide linkage to education, employment, health, mental health and addictions treatment, housing services, and on-going housing stability supports. This program offer funds for Parenting Education Support for youth accessing services who are pregnant and/or parenting. With support on-site and at mobile locations, HYC can provide culturally responsive services and meet the developmental needs of pregnant and parenting youth along with housing placement funds. This program offer funds Recovery Oriented Supports & Engagement (ROSE) mental health and addiction recovery support services. Approximately 93% of youth served have either addiction or mental health issues, with 53% reporting co-occurring issues. The ROSE program provides certified staff and peer mentors who engage youth in recovery supports, conduct assessments, and connect youth to formal treatment programs, provide follow up care, on-going supports, and healthy recreation alternatives. This program offer funds a range of developmentally appropriate housing options, which include onsite housing with 24-hour staffing, scattered site housing, rapid rehousing, shared, and group housing. Housing navigators assist youth to access the housing options that best fit the youth's needs and provide retention support.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of youth enrolled in transitional or permanent housing or prevention programs*	515	565	625	625
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained in housing at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome	Number of youth newly placed into or retained in transitional or permanent housing*	439	375	525	525
Output	Number of youth receiving recovery support services	465	700	700	700

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	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$81,387	\$0	\$88,530
Contractual Services	\$2,926,295	\$1,785,930	\$4,161,720	\$1,849,555
Internal Services	\$0	\$23,399	\$0	\$22,522
Total GF/non-GF	\$2,926,295	\$1,890,716	\$4,161,720	\$1,960,607
Program Total:	\$4,817,011		\$6,122,327	
Program FTE	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,890,716	\$0	\$1,960,607
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$897,050	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,890,716	\$897,050	\$1,960,607

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$22,522 in indirect revenues. County General Fund plus: \$897,050 of Tax Title proceeds to provide affordable housing for youth and families with children, in accordance with ORS 275.275, \$845,675 of the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, \$210,875 Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) allocated through the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to assist low or very-low income persons who are homeless or are unstably housed and at risk of becoming homeless, \$904,057 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: 30306A Housing Placement & Retention - Youth Services

This program offer funds housing navigation, placement, and retention services for youth. In the FY 2023 Adopted budget, this program was funded across two program offers, 30306A, and 30306B, which when combined amounted to \$5.7 million