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Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
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 tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs that launched in FY 2022 and FY 2023. The program offer includes PSH specifically designed to meet the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, people with significant behavioral health needs, and older adults.

Program Description

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 at least 230 new tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities.

PSH is for those who would not be successful in their housing without supportive services, and for whom services would be less effective without stable housing. It serves those with significant disabilities, including chronic health conditions, mental illness, and addictions, who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness. Tenant-based supportive housing provides households with a rental voucher that can be used to buy-down rent in a private market or regulated unit along with mobile, wrap-around services. This program offer funds PSH programming specifically designed to meet the needs of BIPOC communities, people with significant behavioral health needs, and older adults.

The programs funded by this program offer include rental assistance provided through the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program administered by Home Forward, and 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.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of people newly placed or retained in permanent housing*	92	230	185*	400**
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing*	NA	80%	80%	80%
Output	BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population*	Yes	Yes	Yes	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.

**This Program Offer includes tenant-based PSH programs that launched in FY 2022 and FY 2023. Some programs are still ramping up to having full caseloads. Programs are expected to be fully leased-up in FY 2024.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$5,167,193	\$0	\$12,183,035
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$5,167,193	\$0	\$12,183,035
Program Total:	\$5,167,193		\$12,183,035	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$5,167,193	\$0	\$12,183,035
Total Revenue	\$0	\$5,167,193	\$0	\$12,183,035

Explanation of Revenues

\$12,183,035 of the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30400D Supportive Housing - Tenant-Based Commitments - Metro Measure