

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

Executive Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) prioritizes supportive housing programs to meet the needs of adults and families experiencing homelessness who are in recovery or who have significant disabilities. This programming is central to the County's partnership with Portland Housing Bureau and Home Forward to significantly expand supportive housing. The program includes highly effective, limited-duration housing with intensive attached services, as well as long-term rent assistance and wraparound support services. These housing strategies are nationally recognized best practices, and leverage other State, local and Federal resources.

Program Description

This program offer is a continuation of the ongoing work, in partnership with Portland Housing Bureau and Home Forward, to significantly expand supportive housing. The programs included here are designed to reduce the unmet need for permanent housing, especially among: (1) people experiencing chronic homelessness, (2) Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) within the population of people experiencing homelessness, (3) people in recovery from an alcohol or drug addiction, and (4) people with severe and persistent mental illness experiencing homelessness. This program offer funds supportive housing programming in alignment with these priorities.

Supportive housing 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. Permanent supportive housing serves those with long-term disabilities, including chronic health conditions, mental illness, and addictions, who have experienced long-term or cyclical homelessness. Recovery-oriented transitional supportive housing serves those who are in the early stages of recovery from an alcohol or drug addiction, require limited duration intensive services and are at high risk of becoming chronically homeless.

This program supports a range of supportive housing for more than 1,100 highly vulnerable people with disabling conditions. This includes funding for support services paired with Federal rental assistance; funding for support services paired with deeply affordable housing financed by the Portland Housing Bond or otherwise financed by the Portland Housing Bureau with rental vouchers from Home Forward; and funding for rental assistance paired with support services leveraged through the other systems such as health care. In some cases, program funding is used for both rental assistance and support services in order to support the unique needs of the subpopulation served by the program and/or due to the absence of other sources of support.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of people enrolled in permanent or transitional housing programs*	1,387	1,210	1,390	1,210
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome	Number of people newly placed into or retained in permanent housing or served in transitional housing*	1,185	1,100	1,190	1,100
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing	90%	85%	90%	85%

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	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$153,671	\$0	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,465,814	\$7,239,978	\$797,271	\$6,473,097
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,465,814	\$7,393,649	\$797,271	\$6,473,097
Program Total:	\$8,859,463		\$7,270,368	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$6,393,649	\$0	\$6,473,097
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$7,393,649	\$0	\$6,473,097

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$5,257,965 of the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government and \$1,215,132 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: 30400A Supportive Housing