

**Department:** Joint Office of Homeless Services      **Program Contact:** Daniel Field  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating      **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) funds emergency shelter for the four systems of care (adults, youth, families, and survivors of domestic violence), and has been expanding shelter capacity. The expansion of emergency shelter capacity by the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) aims to meet the diverse needs of people experiencing homelessness. As part of this expansion, a range of shelter options, including village-style shelters, are funded through the program. These alternative shelters differ in appearance from traditional facility-based shelters, but they provide the same access to basic safety and hygiene services, and to the support services needed to transition from shelter to permanent housing.

**Program Description**

Alternative shelters are a small but growing component of the current emergency shelter system, Alternative shelters provide a safe environment for individuals who may not be able to access or thrive in traditional shelter settings. Regardless of their size and configuration, all shelters must prioritize trauma-informed, racially equitable, and culturally responsive programming with reduced barriers, focusing on meeting the immediate health and safety needs of participants.

This program funds two currently operational programs currently serving up to 25 participants in pod shelters per night. The Kenton Women's Village, an innovative transitional living community for women, most of whom have experienced long-term homelessness and face multiple barriers to accessing permanent housing, and The St. John's Village, an adult alternative shelter program with 19 sleeping pods, prioritized to people living in the North Portland area. This program offer also allocates funding for an additional four sites slated to open soon, with an anticipated total capacity to reach over 120 individuals per night, including a site in East Multnomah County, two Safe Park or Village-style alternative shelters, and a second micro-village.

This program offer also funds staffing in the JOHS to work with community-based organizations seeking to offer alternative shelter options, To support the implementation of alternative shelter options, the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) works closely with community-based organizations that are interested in operating alternative shelters. These organizations often have limited experience in service provision and public contracting, so they require additional technical assistance and ongoing support to ensure their success. The JOHS's staffing capacity enables them to provide this enhanced level of support to shelter operators by assisting with planning, site and program development, contracting, and ongoing contract management.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of emergency alternative shelter units	205	205	205	205
Outcome	Percentage of people exiting alternative shelters to transitional and permanent housing	60%	35%	60%	50%
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 operational emergency shelter beds in micro villages**	N/A	30	12	30

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*\*FY 2024 Estimate reflects slower than anticipated ramp-up time.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$443,876	\$0	\$469,858
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,503,263	\$0	\$6,577,045
Internal Services	\$89,800	\$56,460	\$0	\$473,541
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$89,800</b>	<b>\$5,003,599</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,520,444</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$5,093,399</b>		<b>\$7,520,444</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,883,599	\$0	\$4,648,832
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,871,612
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,883,599</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,520,444</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$205,282 in indirect revenues.  
 \$2,871,612 carryover from the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, and \$2,256,197 of the FY 2025 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, and \$2,392,635 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 2024: 30202 Safety off the Streets - Alternative Shelter for Adults