

Division: Aging, Disability & Veterans Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

When an older adult or an adult with a developmental, physical, or behavioral health disability can no longer care for themselves in their own home, they are at greater risk of abuse, neglect, and injury. The State prefers to invest in community-based care settings rather than nursing homes, because they reduce Medicaid costs and offer a more homelike setting.

The Adult Care Home Program (ACHP) is responsible for the safety and quality of adult care homes in Multnomah County. The State allows ACHP to create local licensing rules that meet or exceed State requirements, ensuring the highest quality and safety for residents and adequate training for staff. Adult care homes are licensed, single family residences that offer 24-hour individualized care for up to five adult residents in a homelike setting. Homes specialize in caring for either older adults or adults with behavioral health needs. Homes support residents' health and safety while honoring their independence and choice.

Before a new home can be licensed, ACHP reviews and approves all applications and inspects the home for suitability. They conduct background checks and role approvals for staff. All homes are licensed annually and monitored quarterly via unannounced home visits from ACHP staff. In-person inspections monitor compliance with the rules. Homes that don't follow the rules must take corrective actions, which can include retraining, fines, or home closure. ACHP gives technical help and training for operators and staff to prevent the need for corrective actions.

Equity Statement

The Adult Care Home Program is proud of the cultural and linguistic diversity of adult care home operators and staff in Multnomah County. This helps ensure that residents are cared for in a safe and respectful environment that suits their needs. Homes support and honor residents' independence, cultural needs, and choices. Staff are required to complete training to prevent bias and encourage that homes are welcoming to people of all backgrounds and identities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$4,776,691	\$0	\$4,735,270
Contractual Services	\$99,062	\$453,765	\$80,557	\$352,464
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$35,879	\$0	\$35,273
Internal Services	\$0	\$1,361,665	\$0	\$1,202,026
Total GF/non-GF	\$99,062	\$6,628,000	\$80,557	\$6,325,033
Total Expenses:	\$6,727,062		\$6,405,590	
Program FTE	0.00	31.00	0.00	29.00
Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$340,820	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$6,199,235	\$0	\$6,035,033
Service Charges	\$0	\$87,945	\$0	\$290,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$6,628,000	\$0	\$6,325,033

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of licensed homes in operation throughout the fiscal year	630	600	435
Number of licensing and monitoring visits	1,780	1,400	1,200