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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Homes that are safe and adequately weatherized contribute to the well-being and overall economic stability of people living on fixed and low incomes. The Weatherization Program provides energy use audits, weatherization services, furnace repair and replacement, and appliance replacement to fixed and low-income households. County staff and vendors provide these services.

Program Summary

ISSUE: A study from the Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy makes it clear that low-income households and communities of color suffer a disproportionate energy burden. Many low-income households use expensive heating fuels in old, inefficient homes and face barriers to accessing technologies that could help make their energy costs more affordable. The census data shows that on a national average, low-income households have an energy burden three times higher than non-low-income households. This results in less money for these low-income households to spend on other essential needs, such as food, transportation and healthcare.

PROGRAM GOAL: The goal of the Weatherization Program is to improve the livability and affordability of housing for people living on fixed and low incomes. Weatherized homes have improved livability and reduced energy consumption through updated appliances, furnaces, insulation, windows, mechanical venting, and other related items in the home. Energy efficiency can significantly reduce the energy burden, and result in improved health of the occupants, habitability of their home and significant greenhouse gas savings.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Weatherization Program provides comprehensive home energy audits to low-income households including older adults, people with disabilities, and families with children. These energy audits indicate the scope of repairs and/or improvements necessary in the home in order to reduce energy use, lower utility bills and provide a safe and comfortable environment. Weatherization services resulting from this audit include the following services delivered by local contractors: insulating attics, floors and walls; air and duct sealing; repairing/replacing heating systems; replacing windows and patio doors; safety checking combustion appliances; and repairing/replacing old plumbing. Every household also receives energy education, as well as information and resources for other community services. Weatherization services are available to single-family homes and multifamily units. Multi-Family projects are weatherized with the direct benefit of the tenants in mind, as well as maintaining affordable housing units for a ten-year period.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	Number of households served ¹	327	300	300	300
Outcome	Number of affordable multi family housing units maintained for 10 years	3,989	100	3,337	100

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹This number includes a combined total for single family and multifamily units, which is a single family house or a multifamily unit. Outcome: Weatherization of multifamily buildings requires a commitment to a minimum 10 years of affordability. While numbers of units weatherized fluctuate based on funding availability and specific project costs, it's one of the best ways to preserve and improve the quality of current affordable housing stock.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Personnel	\$151,960	\$952,065	\$0	\$1,045,451
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,666,698	\$0	\$4,298,718
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$378,545	\$0	\$241,485
Internal Services	\$0	\$291,694	\$0	\$693,494
Total GF/non-GF	\$151,960	\$6,289,002	\$0	\$6,279,148
Program Total:	\$6,440,962		\$6,279,148	
Program FTE	1.00	9.30	0.00	10.10

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,562,757	\$0	\$4,634,148
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$806,000	\$0	\$800,000
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$845,000	\$0	\$845,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$6,213,757	\$0	\$6,279,148

Explanation of Revenues

\$3,000,695- OHCS D ECHO (SB1149)
 \$1,075,952- OHCS D Low Income Energy Assistance Program - Weatherization
 \$845,000 - Beginning Working Capital
 \$800,000 - County Weatherization Rebates
 \$388,347 - OHCS D DOE Weatherization
 \$90,000 - PDX Water and Sewer FR
 \$59,154 - Low Income Energy Assistance Program - Client Education
 \$20,000 - Energy Conservation show rebates

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 25121-19 YFS - Weatherization