

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Everyone deserves safe and stable housing. Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations provides rent assistance and housing placement to vulnerable households including for people whose housing is vulnerable and are at high risk for homelessness. This offer provides a package of services to help people avoid becoming homeless by providing housing stabilization services, eviction prevention, and ongoing assistance for people with low incomes, including families with children, older adults, and people with disabilities.

Program Summary

ISSUE: People often need help to maintain stable housing, particularly those who have low or fixed incomes. Multiple industry reports have stated that Portland is the 12th most expensive rental market in the country, and rents are forecasted to increase 6% or more in the coming year. Meanwhile, tenants are receiving large rent increases -- some as high as 100% -- and entire buildings are receiving no cause eviction notices.

PROGRAM GOAL: Housing Stabilization programs strive to prevent homelessness by keeping people stably housed or helping those who are evicted from stable housing to locate and secure new housing. Housing Stabilization programs help people avoid homelessness.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This offer includes two primary initiatives:

(1) The Short-Term Rent Assistance program (STRA) - The program is a joint effort between Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and Home Forward, each of which contributes funds to the coordinated pool. STRA funds are distributed by local social service agencies and are geared towards households that are currently experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. Funds can be used for rent assistance, mortgage payment, and emergency hotel vouchers. Assistance is available for up to 24 months. These services help vulnerable County residents find homes, maintain housing, avoid homelessness, and work on creating a path to economic stability.

(2) The Housing Stability Team - This program is an innovative approach to stabilizing housing for people served by the County. A multi-department and multi-division team works across traditional program silos to provide joint case staffing and coordinated access to holistic wrap-around services. Services include eviction prevention, housing stabilization, Assertive Engagement, landlord retention services, short-term rent assistance, and move-in flexible funds.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY17 Actual	FY18 Purchased	FY18 Estimate	FY19 Offer
Output	Number of households served in STRA	741	800	800	800
Outcome	Percentage of households served who remain in permanent housing six months after exit ¹	90%	90%	90%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2018	2018	2019	2019
Personnel	\$73,355	\$101,788	\$0	\$206,238
Contractual Services	\$1,783,555	\$572,030	\$2,095,979	\$2,069,903
Materials & Supplies	\$13,966	\$13,106	\$6,958	\$751
Internal Services	\$12,088	\$9,477	\$11,736	\$43,480
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,882,964	\$696,401	\$2,114,673	\$2,320,372
Program Total:	\$2,579,365		\$4,435,045	
Program FTE	0.69	0.47	0.00	1.74

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$4,493	\$0	\$23,719	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$638,748	\$0	\$2,320,372
Total Revenue	\$4,493	\$638,748	\$23,719	\$2,320,372

Explanation of Revenues

\$2,039,312 - OHCS D EHA
 \$133,819 - State of Oregon Elderly Rent Assistance
 \$96,267 - OHCS D HSP
 \$50,974 - OHCS D LIRHF

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2018: 25133A YFS - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations (HSVP)

This offer includes FY18 25133B Housing Stability Team (One-Time-Only) that is funded Ongoing using \$200,000 from 25139B MSI Healthy Birth Initiatives and \$50,000 from 25115 YFS Benefits Acquisitions Program. Increase in EHA \$1.6M.