

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
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 people whose housing is vulnerable and are at high risk for homelessness. This offer provides an array 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 supports to maintain stable housing, particularly those who have low or fixed incomes and who have experienced structural racism and systemic oppressions that prevent stability. In 2015, the overall rent growth in Portland was an average of 8-9% - one of the highest in the nation. In 2017, after years of significant rent increases, it has decreased to 2%. Black, Indigenous, Native and communities of color comprise the majority of renter households and are over-represented within the homeless population.

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

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: This program offer represents two program areas: Short Term Rent Assistance and the Housing Stability Team.

1. Short-Term Rent Assistance program (STRA) is a joint effort between Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and Home Forward. Each organization contributes funds to a coordinated pool of STRA dollars. STRA funds are allocated to local social service agencies who are working with families who are at risk of homelessness. This program has a funding allocation model that prioritizes communities of color impacted by structural racism and systemic oppression - issues that deeply impact stability and 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 County residents find homes, maintain housing, avoid homelessness, and work on creating a path to economic stability. Last year, 77% of people who participated in this program identified as BIPOC.

2. The Housing Stability Team provides supports to stabilize housing for people engaged in County programs. Services include eviction prevention, housing stabilization, Assertive Engagement case management, landlord retention services, utility payments, short-term rent assistance, and move-in flexible funds.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of households engaged in STRA ¹	1016	2011	2000	1000
Outcome	Percentage of households engaged who remain in permanent housing six months after exit	73%	70%	70%	70%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹Increase in households served in FY2021 estimates is due to CARES Rent Relief funding.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$83,153	\$67,089	\$71,395	\$71,395
Contractual Services	\$1,136,373	\$2,192,199	\$905,613	\$2,191,997
Materials & Supplies	\$15,700	\$0	\$2,270	\$2,270
Internal Services	\$16,058	\$8,896	\$10,869	\$21,283
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,251,284	\$2,268,184	\$990,147	\$2,286,945
Program Total:	\$3,519,468		\$3,277,092	
Program FTE	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,268,184	\$0	\$2,286,945
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,268,184	\$0	\$2,286,945

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$10,417 in indirect revenues.
 \$2,155,716 - OHCSO Emergency Housing Assistance
 \$131,229 - State of Oregon Elderly Rent Assistance

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 25133 YFS - Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations (HSVP)

As part of the 2% County Constraint exercise \$237,500 was reduced in funds for the internal-to-the-County Housing Stability Team that provides rent assistance support to County program clients.