

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

**Executive Summary**

All families can meet their full potential through access to the supports and benefits they need to become economically stable. Everyone deserves safe and stable housing. Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations provides rent assistance and housing placement to vulnerable households including those whose housing is vulnerable and are at high risk for homelessness. This offer provides a package of services to support housing stabilization, eviction prevention and ongoing assistance for individuals and households with low incomes.

**Program Summary**

**ISSUE:** In today's rental market, families often need help to maintain stable housing. 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.

**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 and marginally housed families with children 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 households served by the County. A multi-department and multi-division team works across 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	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 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 <sup>1</sup>	90%	90%	90%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

**Legal / Contractual Obligation**

N/A

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>
Personnel	\$120,938	\$67,643	\$72,585	\$44,135
Contractual Services	\$1,629,413	\$297,509	\$1,783,555	\$572,030
Materials & Supplies	\$817	\$17,614	\$13,966	\$13,106
Internal Services	\$19,732	\$8,019	\$12,088	\$9,477
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,770,900</b>	<b>\$390,785</b>	<b>\$1,882,194</b>	<b>\$638,748</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$2,161,685</b>		<b>\$2,520,942</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.86	0.33	0.69	0.47

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$3,144	\$0	\$4,493	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$378,502	\$0	\$638,748
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,144</b>	<b>\$378,502</b>	<b>\$4,493</b>	<b>\$638,748</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$345,826 - OHCS D EHA based on current grant award; \$131,018 - State of Oregon Elderly Rent Assistance; \$107,681 - OHCS D HSP based on current grant award; \$54,223 - OHCS D LIRHF based on current grant award

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2017: 25133A Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations (HSVP)

\$0.1M CGF moved from the Joint Office of Homeless Services to DCHS to provide Information and Referral services to clients.