

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Mary Li
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$500,000 of pass-through to continue the current County investment in the Short-Term Rent Assistance System (STRA) which provides rent assistance, limited mortgage assistance, and emergency motel vouchers to individual and family households at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Program Summary

Approximately 1,000 additional households will be served and are expected to maintain a 80% rate of permanent housing six months after exit from service.

Research shows that prevention of homelessness is a much more effective and efficient use of community resources than intervention once a household has entered homelessness. Local data reinforces this, with exceedingly high housing stability after six months achieved by households who have often accessed less than three months of assistance.

Through the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Reset Report, the County, the City of Portland, and Home Forward have integrated the majority of each jurisdiction's rent assistance funding into a single system. STRA, managed by Home Forward on behalf of all partners, executes and manages one contract per provider, and collects one set of data and seeks one set of outcomes - rather than the three or more that used to exist.

Access to services is maintained for both single and family households, as well as culturally specific services for racial/ethnic communities, domestic violence victims, homeless youth, and others.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY13 Actual | FY14 Purchased | FY14 Estimate | FY15 Offer |
|--------------|--|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | # of households served | - | 500 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Outcome | % of households served who remain in permanent housing six months after exit | - | 80% | 80% | 80% |

Performance Measures Descriptions

Permanent housing is long-term community-based housing with attached appropriate support services, where a household can stay without time limit.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

N/A

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2014 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 |
| Contractual Services | \$1,500,000 | \$0 | \$500,000 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$1,500,000 | \$0 | \$500,000 | \$0 |
| Program Total: | \$1,500,000 | | \$500,000 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Explanation of Revenues**Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: 25133B HSVP - Short-Term Rent Assistance

The system investment for FY15 for STRA remains at \$1,500,000 with City of Portland and Home Foreward each contributing \$500,000 to match the County's \$500,000.