

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Rose-Ellen Bak
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 25133A
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

All individual and 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. The Housing Stability Team (HST) provides a cross-departmental approach to holistic housing stability for individuals and families engaged in County services. This offer builds on the successful FY17 demonstration program by continuing the program and providing additional stability services throughout the County.

Program Summary

ISSUE: In today's rental market, individuals and families often need help to maintain stable housing. 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. The rental market is causing instability for those in County services such as those in case management or other services.

PROGRAM GOAL: The Housing Stabilization Program strives to prevent homelessness by keeping people stably housed and ensuring that there is no disruption in county-provided services due to a housing crisis.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The HST is a cross-departmental effort that works to maintain stable housing for those engaged in county services by providing short term supports including rent assistance, utility assistance, legal clinic, and benefits acquisition. The team also provides access to other programs such as disability assistance, veterans services, health department programs, domestic violence services, etc.

The program is a partnership with the Youth and Family Services Division, Aging Disability and Veterans Services Division, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Division, the Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Health Department. All HST cases are jointly staffed by representatives from all partners and participants are offered a menu of services that not only help with their current rental crisis but also increase overall housing and financial stability.

The demand for HST is higher than the funds available. This offer will allow the program to continue, serve more clients and expand the program to include other County-funded programs in need of housing stability services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY16 Actual	FY17 Purchased	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Offer
Output	Number of Households that will receive support to increase housing stability	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
Outcome	Percentage of households reporting increased housing stability post intervention.	N/A	N/A	N/A	75%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2017	2017	2018	2018
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$250,000	
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: