

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 25133A, 25132
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Everyone deserves safe and stable housing. Housing Stabilization for Vulnerable Populations provides rent assistance vulnerable households including for people whose housing is vulnerable and are at high risk for homelessness. This offer provides backfill one-time-only funding for this program. This funding will restore short term rent assistance to current service level.

Program Summary

ISSUE: People often need help to maintain stable housing, particularly those who have low or fixed incomes. 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%. In addition, 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 or helping those who are evicted from stable housing to locate and secure new housing. Housing Stabilization programs help people avoid homelessness

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: 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.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer
Output	# of households served in STRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	16
Outcome	% of households served who remain in permanent housing six months after exit	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$75,000	
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: