

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Peggy Samolinski
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

Over the last two decades, due to the limited supply of housing to meet growing demand, the cost of housing rapidly increased in Multnomah County. The sudden and significant rise in rents has directly contributed to greater housing instability and homelessness experienced by community members throughout the county. This program seeks to encourage the use of existent vacant residential space where homeowners opt to rent a room in their home to a tenant.

Program Summary

ISSUE: Closing the gap in supply and demand requires new and continued investments in affordable housing, as well as private investment to create a net gain in new residential units. Both approaches take years of development and implementation before they can deliver an increase in residential units. In the interim, there is an opportunity to encourage the use of existing vacant residential space where homeowners rent out rooms in their homes to tenants at a comparatively more affordable rate than an entire apartment or house. This is commonly referred to as “homeshare.”

GOAL: This proposed pilot project seeks to better quantify the opportunities presented by the homeshare model. This model could prove to be another option for clients served by either the County or providers contracted by the County.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The County will seek a vendor that can facilitate successful connections between homeowner and tenant, prioritizing equitable outcomes by working with the Department of County Human Service to secure placements for County clients. There will be a system whereby homeowners self-select in to rent a room in their home, and tenants self-select in to rent out a room. The program makes the connection between homeowner and tenant.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of rooms rented in one year	N/A	N/A	N/A	100
Outcome	Percent of homeshare matches that remain stable for one year.	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
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: