

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program

Program Offer Stage: As Adopted

Related Programs: N/A

Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

This program offer requests \$2,000,000 in ongoing funds to advance our community wide initiative "A Home for Everyone" (AHFE) an effort to end homelessness led collaboratively by Multnomah County, the City of Portland, the City of Gresham, Home Forward, and local philanthropy. A combination of rental assistance, housing placement services, and wrap-around income acquisition, will yield no fewer than an additional 125 permanent housing placements, including families with children, chronically homeless individuals and families, veterans, and youth.

Program Summary

AHFE's Coordinating Board was directed by members of the Executive Committee, including Chair Kafoury and Commissioner Bailey, to put forward a plan laying out what it would take to reduce the unmet need for permanent housing among homeless people by 50% before the end of 2017. That plan spells out in detail a combination of financial investments and policy changes that would achieve the necessary reduction in inflow into homelessness and increase in the rate at which people are ending their homelessness. This effort would also be supported by \$5 million in one-time-only funds to build additional affordable housing units as described in Program Offer 72040 A Home for Everyone Capital Funding.

The necessary investments include long-term rental subsidies through Home Forward, various support services leveraged from mainstream systems, including health care, the Department of Human Services, and our workforce centers, and set asides of housing units developed with substantial public subsidies. Even with these commitments, there remains a substantial need for new ongoing resources from Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and the philanthropic and business communities to achieve the AHFE objective.

New ongoing resources will be used to expand access to short and medium term rental assistance for the priority populations in AHFE, including families with children, disabled adults, veterans, and youth. The resources will also include housing placement and retention specialists and other additional support services that are necessary for many of people served to achieve long-term housing stability, including supports related to obtaining employment, public benefits, child care, and mental and physical health.

Funds made available through this program, and similar funds expected to be dedicated to AHFE by the City of Portland and other Executive Committee members, will be invested in new permanent housing placements in accordance with the priorities set out in the A Home for Everyone Plan and the criteria adopted by the Coordinating Board and Executive Committee.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer
Output	Number of households placed into permanent housing	0	0	0	125
Outcome	Percentage of households placed who remain in permanent housing twelve months after placement	0	0	0	80%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$2,000,000	
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: