

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

In March of 2020, following public health guidance, the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) took immediate steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the homeless population and otherwise mitigate impacts of the pandemic on those experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. These activities, which will continue in FY 2022, include operating physical distancing and voluntary COVID isolation shelters, safety on the streets outreach, and support for contracted service providers. This program offer funds physical distancing and voluntary COVID-19 isolation motel shelters to ensure adequate physical distancing capacity within the shelter system, as well as adequate space for people experiencing homelessness and other community members with COVID-19 symptoms to isolate and recover.

Program Summary

As part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the JOHS took immediate steps to ensure that all congregate and semi-congregate shelters within the shelter system provided necessary physical separation, hygiene, and cleaning practices for occupancy, sleeping, eating, and access to services. Initial COVID-19 response efforts in FY 2020 included standing up capacity to serve up to 450 people in physical distancing shelters in local community centers and voluntary COVID-19 isolation rooms in local motels (isolation motels) to allow for spacing out within existing facilities and the ability to isolate individuals who might otherwise infect others. As community centers were returned to their original uses, and with the need to maintain overall shelter capacity in the community, the physical distancing shelter capacity was transitioned to motels (physical distancing motels) in FY 2021.

Physical distancing and voluntary isolation motel shelters are based on public health imperatives and ensure that people who are at highest risk of severe and fatal consequences from COVID-19 are out of congregate and semi-congregate shelter settings and remain isolated until a vaccine and/or effective treatments are widely available. Those with the highest risk factors based on age, underlying medical conditions, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) identity are prioritized into the physical distancing motel sites. They have the safety of a fully supported motel room that opens to the outdoors. The rooms are supported with basic amenities that reduce risk of infection, including private bathroom and shower, individually wrapped meals, and access to laundry services. There is also 24/7 on-site staffing, including physical and behavioral health, in order to be able to routinely check on guests, assess any symptoms of illness, provide support, and ensure rapid access to higher levels of care as needed, as well as on-site access to technology and staff to support transitions out of motel shelter and into permanent supportive housing as rapidly as possible. This program offer funds more than 400 physical distancing and voluntary COVID-19 isolation motel shelter rooms through the first half of the fiscal year, with the second half partially funded in program offers 30209 and 30900.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of physical distancing and medical isolation capacity (beds) provided per night*	N/A	495	400	400
Outcome	Number of unique individuals receiving physical distancing and isolation supports in motel settings*	N/A	1,250	3,110	1,700
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC supported in motels at rate as high or higher than percent of population*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Annualized capacity partially maintained when combined with program offers 30209 and 30900.

**This is a new equity measure intended to demonstrate whether program offer investments are meeting the commitment to reduce racial disparities in homelessness overall, and in specific programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Personnel	\$0	\$4,656,275	\$0	\$3,668,050
Contractual Services	\$0	\$16,990,475	\$0	\$5,626,750
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$11,880,000	\$0	\$5,984,400
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$33,526,750	\$0	\$15,279,200
Program Total:	\$33,526,750		\$15,279,200	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$33,526,750	\$0	\$15,279,200
Total Revenue	\$0	\$33,526,750	\$0	\$15,279,200

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) \$7,639,600
 City of Portland Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV) \$7,639,600

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10059A COVID-19 Emergency Response - Physical Distancing & Medical