

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) has prioritized the equitable expansion of year-round shelter capacity, particularly for people who are more vulnerable on the street, including adult women. JOHS holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, and eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity must be a focus of programming. This program offer maintains essential funding of year-round 24/7 emergency shelter for women, including the Gresham Women's Shelter and Jean's Place.

Program Description

Emergency shelter is vital to protecting the basic health and safety of individuals while they are experiencing homelessness. This program funds emergency shelter programs that are specifically designed to serve adult women. Funds are contracted to nonprofit providers to pay the operating expenses for shelter, including maintenance, staffing, materials and supplies, and on-site services.

In addition to providing a safe place to stay, these shelters are essential locations for women to learn about and access the services they need to find permanent housing, acquire an income, and receive health-related services. Services are delivered through contracted service providers that adhere to the County's guidelines for shelter, which includes the equitable delivery of services in accordance with the principles of assertive engagement and trauma-informed care. All shelters, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, and culturally responsive or specific programming with reduced barriers that emphasizes meeting participants' immediate need for basic health and safety.

The beds funded in this program offer include the Gresham Women's Shelter, which opened in the Fall of 2016 with 90 permanent year-round beds that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is only one of two publicly funded year-round shelters for adults in Gresham. The shelter is Domestic Violence (DV)-informed and designed to alleviate pressure points in the DV system while providing women experiencing homelessness with emergency shelter options. This shelter partners with community based organizations to screen for eligibility and coordinate intake.

Jean's Place, located in inner NE Portland, provides a more structured shelter environment for women that offers a clean and sober transitional living option for up to 60 women, in a combination of congregate and semi-congregate settings.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of year-round emergency shelter beds*	87	150	150	150
Outcome	Number of people served in year-round emergency shelter beds	448	370	830	830
Outcome	BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer.

*The methodology for this measure has been changed from manual calculation using the best available information for each shelter to the average daily number of beds for each shelter over the course of the year.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,684,970	\$1,156,613	\$1,094,387
Internal Services	\$20,900	\$0	\$41,503	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$20,900	\$2,684,970	\$1,198,116	\$1,094,387
Program Total:	\$2,705,870		\$2,292,503	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,684,970	\$0	\$1,094,387
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,684,970	\$0	\$1,094,387

Explanation of Revenues

County General Funds plus \$1,094,38 City of Portland General Fund allocation through Multnomah County's IGA with the City of Portland

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30201 Safety off the Streets - Women's Shelter