

Program #30201 - Safety off the Streets - Women's Shelter

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Joint Office of Homeless Services **Department: Program Offer Type:** Program Offer Stage: Proposed Operating

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) funds emergency shelter for the four systems of care (adults, youth, families, and survivors of domestic violence). JOHS has prioritized the equitable expansion of year-round shelter capacity, particularly for people who are more vulnerable on the street, including adult women. 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. JOHS holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, with eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity as a main focus of programming. 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, one of only 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	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target			
Output	Number of year-round emergency shelter units	115	150	150	150			
Outcome	Number of people served in year-round emergency shelter beds*	716	830	650	830			
Outcome	BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	No	Yes	Yes	Yes			

Performance Measures Descriptions

^{*}The FY 2024 Estimate is lower due to a number of shelters experiencing intermittent COVID-19 outbreaks, decreasing available capacity.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025	
Contractual Services	\$1,156,613	\$1,094,387	\$1,256,760	\$1,387,275	
Internal Services	\$41,503	\$0	\$186,182	\$0	
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,198,116	\$1,094,387	\$1,442,942	\$1,387,275	
Program Total:	\$2,292,503		\$2,830,217		
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Program Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,094,387	\$0	\$1,316,310				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,965				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,094,387	\$0	\$1,387,275				

Explanation of Revenues

County General fund plus \$70,965 carryover from the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, and \$1,316,310 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 2024: 30201 Safety off the Streets - Women's Shelter