

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) expansion of emergency shelter capacity has included the provision of a range of shelter options available to equitably meet the diverse needs of people experiencing homelessness. Alternative shelters, including village-style shelters, are funded through this program offer. These alternative shelters differ in appearance from traditional facility-based shelters, but they provide the same access to basic safety and hygiene services, and to the support services needed to transition from shelter to permanent housing.

Program Description

With just over half the population identified in the 2022 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) as unsheltered, and waiting lists for shelters still very long, it is essential to continue to support the community's existing emergency shelter capacity. 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. Alternative shelters represent a comparatively small, but important and growing component of that capacity. Alternative shelters provide safety off the streets and critical transition services to people who are not able to access or may not thrive in traditional shelter environments.

As of the spring of FY 2023, this program offer funds two operational programs currently serving up to 25 participants in pod shelters per night. The Kenton Women's Village, an innovative transitional living community for women, most of whom have experienced long-term homelessness and face multiple barriers to accessing permanent housing. The St. John's Village, an adult alternative shelter program with 19 sleeping pods, prioritized to people living in the North Portland area. This program offer allocates funding for an additional four sites, with an anticipated total capacity to reach over 120 individuals per night, including a site in East Multnomah County, two Safe Park or Village-style alternative shelters, and a second micro-village.

This program offer provides ongoing funding to continue staffing in the JOHS to work with community-based organizations seeking to offer alternative shelter options. Each alternative shelter project will require planning, site and program development, contracting, and ongoing contract management. The community based organizations offering to operate alternative shelters are often newer and less experienced with service provision and public contracting, meaning they need additional technical assistance and ongoing support to be successful. This staffing capacity allows the JOHS to continue providing this enhanced level of support to the shelter operators.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of people served annually	53	50	90	145
Outcome	Percentage of people exiting alternative shelters to transitional and permanent housing	43%	35%	53%	35%
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

*Actual outcomes will be higher or lower depending on new sites launched and when in the fiscal year they become operational.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The Joint Office of Homeless Services is authorized by an Intergovernmental Agreement between Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$431,027	\$0	\$443,876
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,234,110	\$0	\$4,706,148
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$59,700	\$56,460
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,665,137	\$59,700	\$5,206,484
Program Total:	\$4,665,137		\$5,266,184	
Program FTE	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,665,137	\$0	\$4,883,599
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322,885
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,665,137	\$0	\$5,206,484

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$56,460 in indirect revenues.

County General Funds plus: \$1,796,938 of the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, \$322,885 funds allocated through the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement (VFIGA) for Livability and Safety Support Services for the provision of services and programs for people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless and services and programs addressing the community livability and safety concerns associated with homelessness, and \$3,086,661 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: 30202A Safety off the Streets - Alternative Shelter for Adults

This program offer funds alternative shelters for the Joint Office of Homeless Services. In the FY 2023 Adopted budget, this program was funded across two program offers, 30202A, and 30202B.