

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

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 supported 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 Summary

With just over half the population identified in the 2019 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, reduced barriers, and culturally responsive or specific programming 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.

This program offer provides essential operating support for the Kenton Women's Village, the innovative transitional living community for women, most of whom have experienced long-term homelessness and face multiple barriers to accessing permanent housing. This community-supported alternative shelter has proven highly effective at helping women transition back into permanent housing.

In addition, the program offer funds operations at St. John's Village, an adult alternative shelter program with 19 sleeping pods, prioritized to people living in the North Portland area, as well as support services at Dignity Village, a long-standing village-style shelter program in Multnomah County that shelters approximately 60 people per night.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of people served annually	122	188	350	350
Outcome	Percentage of people exiting alternative shelters to transitional and permanent housing	23%	35%	35%	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

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$342,850	\$0	\$629,780
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$342,850	\$0	\$629,780
Program Total:	\$342,850		\$629,780	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$342,850	\$0	\$629,780
Total Revenue	\$0	\$342,850	\$0	\$629,780

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$629,780

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30202 Safety off the Streets - Alternative Shelter for Adults

The year-over-year increase in funding is related to a reallocation of resources to support the new St. Johns village.