

Program #30202C - Safety off the Streets - City of Portland Alternative Shelter Sites
FY 2026 Proposed
Department: Homeless Services Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs: 30202B

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

As described in 30302A, alternative shelters are a small but growing component of the current emergency shelter system. Alternative shelters provide a safe environment for individuals who may not be able to access or thrive in traditional shelter settings.

This program partially funds non-congregate shelter options for people experiencing homelessness via the City of Portland's Alternative Shelter Sites. The sites are each outfitted with prefabricated, insulated hard wall shelters with beds, climate controls, safety features, and electricity. Sites provide guests each night with food, clean water, sanitation, social service navigation, mental health supports, and more. In the department's efforts to end disparities in homelessness, two sites are designed to specifically serve members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

This funding includes support for the operations of a few Safe Rest Villages (SRV) and Temporary Alternative Shelter Site (TASS). These shelters offer immediate safety off the streets for people living in encampments. Each SRV/TASS provides individual sleeping structures and common area structures for gathering, eating, and hygiene. SRVs provide wrap-around services to support transitions to permanent housing. This offer, when combined with 30202B, results in funding for approximately 50% of the City of Portland's Alternative Shelter sites.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of emergency shelter units	N/A	N/A	N/A	130
Outcome	Participant BIPOC groups (out of 5) proportionately >= to those among homeless population	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Output	Number of unduplicated participants served	N/A	N/A	N/A	260
Output	Percentage of exits to permanent housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	30%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The number of units reflects 24% of the City Alternative Shelter units, due to this offer funding approximately one quarter of the cost of all existing units. The number of unduplicated participants served reflects a 2.0 annual unit turnover rate.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$10,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: