

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

As part of its broader shelter expansion strategy, the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) is continuing to expand non-congregate alternative shelter options for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This Program Offer provides one-time County General Funds to support the JOHS' capacity to evaluate and identify learnings from its alternative shelter work that can benefit current and future alternative shelter providers.

Program Summary

Alternative shelters, such as village-style shelter programs and safe parking, are a growing shelter option that provide people experiencing homelessness with safety off the streets, and critical transition services for those who may have difficulty accessing or thriving in traditional shelter environments. The County has funded several community-led alternative shelter projects and added staffing capacity to provide them with technical assistance.

This Program Offer provides one-time County General Funds to allow the Joint Office to have a staff member dedicated to engagement with alternative shelter providers and other community stakeholders to: 1) create a "how to" guide and compile and maintain resources for creating alternative shelter sites, 2) support the ongoing work of a recently formed community-led Alternative Shelter Learning Collaborative, and 3) help measure and analyze impacts on the physical health, behavioral health, safety, case management outcomes, quality of life and other important outcomes measures for people who stay at alternative shelters, along with impacts on outreach workers. The work product of these investments will support existing and new alternative shelter operators, the Joint Office of Homeless Services' alternative shelter team, and improve community understanding of and engagement with alternative shelters.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Develop an evaluation framework and set of metrics for alternative shelter	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Outcome	Alternative shelter learnings are compiled and available online to current and future providers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$250,000	
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: