

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Shelter plays a vital role in offering basic safety and stability to families with children experiencing homelessness. This program offer funds hundreds of beds of shelter capacity for families with minor children. Family shelters are all community-based, year-round, open 24/7, and offer individual rooms to families. As with all shelters, the family shelters offer both basic safety off the streets and access to the critical supports needed to transition from shelter back into permanent housing.

Program Description

This program offer funds four family shelters, three in East Portland and one in North Portland. Families seeking shelter are screened and referred by the Coordinated Access Shelter Intake Line. Once a family is at a shelter, they receive a range of on-site services to assist them in accessing permanent housing. Specifically, families receive housing placement assistance through the Homeless Family System of Care (HFSC) and on-site diversion resources. In FY 2022, families served through shelter who identified as being from communities of color were served at a rate higher than their representation among homeless families. All shelters, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, low barrier, and culturally responsive or specific programming that emphasizes meeting participants' immediate need for basic health and safety.

The family shelter system leverages Federal, State and local resources as well as faith-based and nonprofit partnerships. There is also a rich history of volunteerism in the shelters. These relationships expand activities for children living in the shelters, as well as increase culturally specific services and neighborhood involvement.

These shelters represent a significant improvement in the quality of the year-round shelter capacity for families with children in the community. A critical feature of these shelters is that every family has their own room. The shelters are located where most of the families needing shelter are from and where their support networks are located.

School-aged children staying in shelters are provided a stable place to be and are connected with transportation to their local school. Through this offer, healthy and engaging activities will be available in the shelters and off-site for times when children are not in school, including evenings, spring break and summer break.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of year-round emergency shelter beds*	202	180	180	108
Outcome	Number of unduplicated individuals served	719	660	740	660
Outcome	Number of youth engaged in activities annually	285	300	300	300
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

*The methodology for this measure has been changed from manual calculation using the best available information for each shelter to the average daily number of beds for each shelter over the course of the year.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$162,673	\$0	\$164,042	\$0
Contractual Services	\$897,285	\$2,854,800	\$1,023,636	\$2,220,200
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$535,587	\$104,800	\$562,808	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,595,545	\$3,009,600	\$1,750,486	\$2,220,200
Program Total:	\$4,605,145		\$3,970,686	
Program FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,009,600	\$0	\$2,220,200
Beginning Working Capital	\$109,890	\$0	\$122,880	\$0
Total Revenue	\$109,890	\$3,009,600	\$122,880	\$2,220,200

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$122,880 of Tax Title proceeds to provide affordable housing for youth and families with children, in accordance with ORS 275.275, \$1,050,000 of the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, and \$1,058,080 Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) and \$112,120 Emergency Solutions Grant Program allocated through the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to assist low or very-low income persons who are homeless or are unstably housed and at risk of becoming homeless.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30203 Safety off the Streets - Family Shelter