

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

JOHS has prioritized the equitable expansion of shelter for vulnerable populations. The JOHS also holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, and eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity must be a focus of programming. Domestic violence (DV) emergency shelters provide immediate safety and offer crisis intervention services to survivors and children fleeing domestic violence or experiencing homelessness as a result of a recent incident of intimate partner violence; these services are vital for protecting the health and safety of survivors. The DV confidential shelters in this program provide year-round beds accessed by hundreds of survivors annually, with 73% identifying as BIPOC. This program offer supports four shelters in two models: facility-based emergency shelter and master-leased units.

Program Summary

Domestic Violence (DV) is a significant contributing factor to homelessness and housing instability. Nearly four in ten women who experience domestic violence will become homeless as a result. Additionally, leaving an abusive relationship is often the most dangerous time, and survivors are frequently navigating multiple complex systems, such as child welfare, the civil legal system, and immigration. Access to a confidential emergency shelter and trauma-informed, survivor-driven services is critical for survivors seeking to establish safety for themselves and their children. This program offer funds shelter operation costs, staffing, limited client assistance, and wrap-around support services at four DV emergency shelters. Services include intensive DV advocacy and support, safety planning, provision of basic needs, co-advocacy within DV continuum of service providers, and information and referrals to community-based services and housing programs.

This program offer supports four shelters in two models: facility-based emergency shelter and master-leased units. Three facility-based confidential shelters offer 24-hour security and staff seven days a week. A fourth shelter utilizes four scattered site master-leased apartments to provide safety and wrap-around crisis intervention services for survivors. These scattered-site units allow multi-generational and/or larger families directly impacted by DV to access services. All four shelters offer a 90-day length of stay with the possibility for extension and jointly serve more than 100 individuals per night. To ensure that survivors who are at greater danger are prioritized for these confidential shelter beds, all shelters use a coordinated triage system and a common, locally-developed screening tool to articulate survivors' needs and match survivors with available shelter space. 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. Additionally, this program supports emergency vouchers that are used to assist survivors in staying safe when shelter beds are full, act as a bridge voucher to housing when survivors are homeless and in the process of attaining a permanent housing placement, and finally as a respite for survivors and children who are unable to safely stay in the shelters.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of year-round confidential emergency shelter beds + year-round equivalent emergency voucher beds	115	120	115	115
Outcome	Number of individuals receiving emergency shelter services	285	400	250	250
Output	Number of individuals served with domestic violence emergency vouchers	295	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 COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$67,488	\$0	\$0	\$71,383
Contractual Services	\$1,062,810	\$526,720	\$1,105,330	\$528,555
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,523
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,130,298	\$526,720	\$1,105,330	\$620,461
Program Total:	\$1,657,018		\$1,725,791	
Program FTE	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$526,720	\$0	\$620,461
Total Revenue	\$0	\$526,720	\$0	\$620,461

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$20,523 in indirect revenues.
 State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP) \$480,810
 City of Portland General Fund \$47,745
 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Grant \$91,906

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30204 Safety off the Streets - Domestic Violence Shelter

Position funding across the department realigned between General Fund and Other Funds based on guidance from the funding agencies.