



**Program #30205 - Safety off the Streets - Youth Shelter** FY 2024 Adopted

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**Program Offer Type:** Existing      **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Reinforcing the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) commitment to the equitable provision of emergency shelter for vulnerable populations, this program offer continues funding the Homeless Youth Continuum’s (HYC) Access Center that provides low-barrier, immediate access to 60 crisis and short-term shelter options, day programs, and 24-hour coordinated access to screening, crisis and basic needs services for youth in Multnomah County. This program offer funds the Access Center, shelter and day programs, where linkages are provided to a continuum of services and supports for the youth population.

**Program Description**

The Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC) is a highly collaborative and coordinated system comprised of four nonprofit agencies, including a culturally specific agency, that provides a continuum of screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, assertive engagement, housing, education, employment, pregnancy and parenting support, and health services to youth up to age 25. Homeless youth are particularly vulnerable as they attempt to survive on the streets. Over 50% of homeless youth have prior involvement in the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Juvenile Justice system, and a significant number have experienced complex trauma. Approximately 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQIA2S+. Ensuring a 24-hour safety net for these youth is critical to addressing basic needs and providing linkage to longer term care options within the HYC.

The Access Center is co-located with the shelter programs and provides centralized screening via mobile and stationary staff who make eligibility determinations and refer youth to HYC programs or other appropriate systems of care. Emergency shelter is provided through a downtown-located facility with capacity for 60 people, except in winter when capacity increases to 70. All youth residing in emergency shelters have access to meals, hygiene, information/referral, and assertive engagement (case management) services. Day Programs are available at two locations and offer meals, hygiene, access to computers, transportation, service needs assessment, and provide opportunities for further engagement in system services. An average of 150 youth participate in Day Programs on a daily basis.

The HYC service model is based on an assertive engagement practice that follows the principles of Positive Youth Development, and ensures services are client directed, strength-based, nonjudgmental and offer relational continuity. In addition, all emergency shelters, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, and culturally responsive or specific programming with reduced barriers that emphasizes meeting participants’ immediate need for basic health and safety. Services are integrated with public safety and other service systems, ensuring joint planning and coordination in addressing the needs of this population.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of youth screened via the Access Center	455	550	550	550
Outcome	Number of youth served in crisis and short-term shelter	389	430	430	430
Output	Number of shelter bed nights	12,908	20,000	20,000	20,000
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	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$81,387	\$0	\$88,530
Contractual Services	\$1,631,820	\$259,440	\$2,232,598	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$23,399	\$0	\$22,522
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,631,820</b>	<b>\$364,226</b>	<b>\$2,232,598</b>	<b>\$111,052</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,996,046</b>		<b>\$2,343,650</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$364,226	\$0	\$111,052
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$301,810	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$364,226</b>	<b>\$301,810</b>	<b>\$111,052</b>

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$22,522 in indirect revenues. County General Fund plus \$301,810 of Tax Title proceeds to provide affordable housing for youth and families with children, in accordance with ORS 275.275 and \$111,052 in HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program awarded to Multnomah County. The CoC Program requires a 25 percent match of the awarded grant amount, which is met with County General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30205 Safety off the Streets - Youth Shelter