

Department: Homeless Services Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC) is a collaborative and coordinated system. It consists of nonprofit organizations including those who provide culturally specific services. Its goal is to provide a comprehensive range of services to youth up to age 25 who are experiencing homelessness. These services include screening, crisis intervention, safety services, shelter, engagement, housing, education, employment, behavioral health support, substance use disorder services and health services.

Homeless youth are especially vulnerable as they navigate the challenges of living on the streets. Many of them have had previous involvement with the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Juvenile Justice system, and a significant number have experienced complex trauma. Additionally, around 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQIA2S+.

To ensure the well-being of these youth, it is vital to have a 24-hour safety net in place. The HYC provides a centralized Access Center where screening is conducted by mobile and stationary staff. These staff members determine eligibility and refer youth to appropriate HYC programs or other systems of care. Emergency shelter is available at a downtown facility. The facility can accommodate up to 60 individuals, with capacity increasing to 70 during the winter months. Youth in emergency shelters have access to meals, hygiene resources, information/referral services, and case management.

Day Programs are offered at three locations and provide safety off the streets. Services include meals, hygiene resources, computer access, transportation assistance, service needs assessment, and opportunities for further engagement with the system.

The HYC service model is based on assertive engagement and follows the principles of Positive Youth Development. It ensures that services are client-directed, strength-based, nonjudgmental, and provide relational continuity.

Achieving racial equity is a core goal. All shelters, regardless of size and configuration, must provide trauma-informed, racially equitable, and culturally responsive or specific programming. The department prioritizes equitable access to confidential emergency shelter services for vulnerable populations with a focus on eliminating disparate rates of homelessness, on the basis of race and ethnicity.

Services are integrated with public safety and other service systems to ensure joint planning and coordination in addressing the unique needs of homeless youth.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of youth screened via the Access Center	401	585	513	585
Output	Number of unduplicated participants served	679	505	539	530
Outcome	Number of emergency shelter units	60	85	60	85
Output	Participant BIPOC groups (out of 5) proportionately >= to those among homeless population	1	Yes*	2	5

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Measure methodology changed from "BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population (Yes/No)" to disaggregate racial/ethnic groups, select a comparison group tailored to the equity metric, and reflect all program participants and whether services are being accessed equitably.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$0	\$184,494	\$0	\$95,592
Contractual Services	\$1,994,505	\$2,156,605	\$1,388,100	\$2,469,260
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$390	\$0	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$40,303	\$0	\$46,535
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,994,505	\$2,381,792	\$1,388,100	\$2,611,387
Program Total:	\$4,376,297		\$3,999,487	
Program FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.50

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,771,175	\$0	\$2,611,387
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$518,370	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,289,545	\$0	\$2,611,387

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$46,535 in indirect revenues.

\$1,445,260 funding allocated through Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to maintain Oregon's statewide system of shelters, estimate based on receiving 20% of State funding which follows historical patterns (State)

\$1,024,000 of the FY 2026 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government (Local)

\$142,127 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 (Federal)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 30205 Safety off the Streets - Youth Shelter