

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Daniel Field
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

People experiencing unsheltered homelessness face particular weather-related risks, and even greater dangers during periods of severe weather - including during severe cold and heat, and other emergency events. During severe weather, no one is turned away from shelter. This program offer provides the base funding for winter emergency shelter capacity, as well as funding to open additional shelter capacity during severe weather events.

Program Description

This program provides funding for both temporary winter shelter and severe weather shelter capacity. The primary goal of these shelters is to provide temporary safety for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, offering warm and dry spaces along with access to basic hygiene amenities. While additional services are available in temporary winter shelters, they do not offer the comprehensive range of support and housing services provided by year-round shelters.

1. **Temporary/Winter Shelter:** This program creates additional winter shelter capacity from November to April to address the heightened risks faced by individuals with disabilities, older adults, and those in poor health during cold winter conditions. This includes the provision of motel vouchers or access to motel rooms in some circumstances.
2. **Severe Weather Shelter:** In the event of severe weather that poses a significant risk to individuals sleeping unsheltered, additional shelter capacity is established for the duration of the severe weather event. The program provides base funding for severe weather shelter sites operated by contracted nonprofit agencies across the county. If the nonprofit-provided capacity is insufficient, the program also budgets for opening additional severe weather capacity in partnership with County and City Emergency Management. During severe weather, no one is turned away from shelter.
3. **Emergency Assistance:** The program funds various services aimed at ensuring basic safety, including staffing, flexible funding for material needs, transportation, outreach coordination, and extended information and referral services during the winter months.
4. **Expanded Outreach:** Additional funding is allocated for street outreach during severe weather to assist adults, youth, Veterans, and families in accessing resources for safety off the streets.

Overall, this program aims to provide temporary shelter and essential services to mitigate the risks faced by individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness during challenging weather conditions.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of adult temporary winter shelter beds*	170	400	145	200
Outcome	Percentage of those who seek shelter during a declared severe weather event that receive it	100%	100%	100%	100%
Outcome	Peak number of people accessing severe weather shelter per night**	1,000	1,000	1,269	1,000
Outcome	Number of families that receive the safety of shelter	100	100	100	100

Performance Measures Descriptions

*The FY 2024 Estimate and FY 2025 Offer is lower due to many former winter beds converted to year-round and are now in program offer 30200.

**This measure has been changed from "BIPOC served in emergency shelter at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population" because demographic information is not collected at severe weather shelter.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$617,690	\$1,527,988	\$0	\$2,396,440
Total GF/non-GF	\$617,690	\$1,527,988	\$0	\$2,396,440
Program Total:	\$2,145,678		\$2,396,440	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,061,129	\$0	\$1,588,775
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$807,665
Total Revenue	\$0	\$3,061,129	\$0	\$2,396,440

Explanation of Revenues

\$807,665 carryover from the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, and \$1,588,775 City of Portland General Fund allocation through Multnomah County's IGA with the City of Portland.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 30206 Safety off the Streets - Winter Shelter & Severe Weather