

**Department:** Joint Office of Homeless Services      **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton  
**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

With Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity, this program offer funds a motel shelter program, known as Bridge Housing, for individuals or families who have been referred to a permanent supportive housing (PSH) program, but have not yet moved into a permanent unit. Bridge Housing of this kind is a strategy that has proven highly effective in other communities to ensure that people who have been identified for upcoming PSH units have the stability they need to be able to work effectively with their housing case managers to prepare to enter a PSH unit.

**Program Summary**

The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Measure sets out a range of strategies to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. In alignment with priorities outlined in the LIP, this program offer supports the rapid and effective expansion of PSH through the utilization of Bridge Housing that closes a critical gap in the Coordinated Access and housing placement process.

As a PSH unit is made available and prepared for occupancy, individuals and families are identified from the Coordinated Access list that prioritizes the most vulnerable unhoused members of our community for available PSH units. Bridge Housing prioritizes individuals based on factors such as behavioral health needs, disabilities, and length of homelessness. In many cases, individuals on the Coordinated Access list may be living unsheltered or in a highly unstable situation. This makes locating them, working with them to assemble necessary documentation, completing paperwork, and coordinating move-in logistics very difficult, and can sometimes mean the loss of the housing opportunity.

This program offer funds Bridge Housing for people whose names have been selected from the Coordinated Access list and who are in the process of obtaining an available PSH unit. Bridge Housing provides a safe, low-barrier, housing first, housing-focused, and supportive twenty-four (24) hour motel shelter room to these individuals. Having individuals in their own rooms not only supports the placement work being done in coordination with their housing placement specialist, it also helps acclimate them to indoor living, given that they may have been living unsheltered for a very long time. This “bridge housing” model is one that other communities are using successfully to increase the speed and success of connecting highly vulnerable chronically homeless people to permanent supportive housing as soon as it is available to them.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Rooms of motel shelter for people transitioning to PSH	N/A	N/A	N/A	30
Outcome	Number of unique individuals receiving bridge housing support in motel settings	N/A	N/A	N/A	150
Outcome	Percent of bridge housing participants who successfully transition to PSH	N/A	N/A	N/A	80
Outcome	BIPOC served in Bridge Housing at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,641,667
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,641,667</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$1,641,667</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,641,667
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,641,667</b>

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$1,641,667

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: