

Division: Safety off and on the Streets

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

Living unsheltered requires specialized strategies that address the immediate safety and survival needs of individuals living outside. The Safety on the Streets program provides housing-oriented outreach focused on both immediate harm reduction and long-term housing solutions.

Outreach providers use assertive engagement and trauma-informed care to deliver essential services, including Survival Supplies (distribution of food, water, and emergency materials), Health & Support (Behavioral Health referrals and transportation vouchers), and Housing Navigation (assessments and referrals to appropriate shelters or housing).

The Homeless Services Department uses a coordinated model that ensures comprehensive service delivery across all of Multnomah County via regional teams focused on eight defined zones in Portland, Gresham, and East County. This offer also funds Medical Outreach Teams that provide specialized physical and mental health support and Culturally-Specific Teams that ensure equitable support for diverse communities. These teams coordinate across systems to avoid duplication and increase efficiency. By reaching people who may not access other services, this program reduces disparities and provides a vital entry point to the housing system.

Equity Statement

Safety on the Streets is designed to lower barriers and increase access for individuals most disconnected from our system. Data shows that Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are disproportionately overrepresented in the unsheltered population. This program offer includes culturally specific outreach teams that work countywide to identify and engage individuals who have struggled to access services through traditional methods.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$636,408	\$0	\$702,795
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,311,784	\$2,762,635	\$831,255
Internal Services	\$0	\$309,802	\$0	\$531,665
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,257,994	\$2,762,635	\$2,065,715
Total Expenses:	\$2,257,994		\$4,828,350	
Program FTE	0.00	4.00	0.00	4.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,378,625	\$0	\$2,065,715
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$879,369	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,257,994	\$0	\$2,065,715

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of unduplicated participants served	N/A	825	1,600
Number of participants newly placed in housing	N/A	120	198