

Expansion

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services prioritizes the provision of outreach and services to people living unsheltered in encampments and other places not meant for human habitation. This program offer maintains limited-term investments made in the FY 2022 Business Income Tax Rebalance joint funding package between the County and the City of Portland. Those investments expanded navigation outreach services and the coordination of access to shelter and other key resources, and included funding for the development of additional storage/hygiene solutions. They also included funding for participation in the newly launched Street Services Coordination Center (SSCC), which aligns the work of various public space management agencies that interact with unsheltered individuals with the work of the homeless response system.

Program Summary

Multnomah County has a large and growing number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who are living in encampments on public property. These individuals have lacked sufficient routine engagement with outreach workers to establish trust and become engaged in services they need to transition out of homelessness and back into permanent housing.

The jurisdictions with responsibility for managing public lands within Multnomah County, including various bureaus within the City of Portland, Metro, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and others, are currently insufficiently coordinated with each other and with the homeless services system to effectively address the needs of people living in encampments and the impacts of those encampments on public spaces.

This program offer funds limited-term (two-year) investments made in the FY 2022 Business Income Tax Rebalance joint funding package between the County and the City of Portland, maintaining the expansion of staffing capacity in the homeless services system that is part of the creation of the new SSCC being established by the City of Portland. This Center will bring together leadership from multiple City land-owning bureaus, first responders, and representatives from other jurisdictions with public lands in the County, to better align their resources and responses to unsanctioned camping, and to improve access to services for those living in encampments who are impacted by these agencies' public space management activities.

It also maintains funding for up to 20 additional navigation outreach workers and an outreach coordinator to provide service navigation and de-escalation services to people in areas prioritized by the SSCC, along with funding for the development of storage and hygiene solutions, such as mobile hygiene, site-based hygiene pods, urban rest stops, day centers, and short and long-term property storage strategies. In addition, it funds the capacity to coordinate shelter bed access for people in encampments who are working with navigation outreach workers and public space management agencies.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Expanded navigation outreach capacity	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
Outcome	Unsanctioned encampment provided with de-escalation and navigation support	N/A	N/A	N/A	500*
Outcome	BIPOC successfully referred to shelter at rates as high or higher than non-Hispanic whites	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*This is a best estimate because the SSCC has not yet launched and the method of deploying navigation workers has not yet been determined.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$287,231	\$175,000
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,387,769	\$1,250,000
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$2,675,000	\$1,425,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$4,100,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,425,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,425,000

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$1,425,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: