

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

Executive Summary

This program supports existing programming to house and retain housing for hundreds of adults experiencing homelessness. This offer funds limited duration rental assistance along with staffing that is focused on housing placement and retention support. With these funds, The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) has prioritized a range of highly effective housing placement and retention strategies in order to significantly reduce homelessness among vulnerable adult households and respond to increases in racial disparities. The JOHS holds achieving racial equity as a core goal, with a focus on eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity.

Program Description

This program offer retains existing capacity in housing placement and retention programs that help adult-only households return to permanent housing, with an emphasis on ensuring that those strategies are also reducing racial disparities.

For many people experiencing homelessness, returning to permanent housing requires a combination of limited duration, flexible rent assistance, housing placement and retention support staffing, and access to income acquisition assistance. This housing placement and retention strategy, often referred to as “rapid rehousing,” is a recognized best practice and critical element of the housing placement strategies. This offer funds this “rapid rehousing” program for adults and women, including limited duration rental assistance and staffing that is focused on housing placement and retention support. With these funds, JOHS has prioritized a range of highly effective housing placement and retention strategies in order to significantly reduce homelessness among vulnerable adult households and respond to increases in racial disparities.

Services are delivered by a range of skilled nonprofit partners including Culturally Specific Providers serving Multnomah County’s communities of color. This assistance is access via shelter programs, day centers, and street outreach programs, including targeted outreach in Gresham and East County.

The investments in this program offer leverage significant Federal, State and local resources. This offer includes the Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA) program that consolidates multiple Federal, State and local funding streams in a fund administered by Home Forward, which in turn contracts the funds to nearly 20 nonprofit partners who offer prevention and rapid rehousing programs throughout the County.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of new and ongoing participants provided rent assistance (PH or HP) including STRA and non-STRA*	878	1,080	650	1,100
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained in housing at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome					
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing	84%	90%	84%	90%

Performance Measures Descriptions

***This measure has changed from “Number households enrolled in permanent housing or prevention programs (incl STRA & non-STRA)” to reflect an initiative to align with contracted outputs/outcomes. The FY 24 Estimate is lower due to ramp-up of separate programming that limited capacity. The measure “Number households newly placed into or retained in permanent housing (inc STRA & non-STRA programs)” was removed to reflect an initiative to align with contracted outputs/outcomes.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$195,774	\$37,821	\$252,773	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,452,239	\$6,865,650	\$1,521,800	\$7,258,590
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,648,013	\$6,903,471	\$1,774,573	\$7,258,590
Program Total:	\$8,551,484		\$9,033,163	
Program FTE	1.25	0.25	1.50	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$8,705,220	\$0	\$3,150,910
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,834,310
Total Revenue	\$0	\$8,705,220	\$0	\$5,985,220

Explanation of Revenues

County General fund plus \$1,273,370 Video Lottery Fund allocated to Multnomah County to be used for the purpose of furthering economic development in accordance with ORS 461.512, \$2,834,310 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 \$1,804,195 of the FY 2025 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, and \$1,346,715 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: 30300A Housing Placement & Retention - Adults & Women Households

This program offer includes housing placement and retention programming that was previously budgeted in Housing Placement & Retention - Adults & Women Households - SHS (30300B). The FY 2024 Budgeted number reflects the number previously included in 30300B.