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**Program Offer Type:** Existing      **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted

**Related Programs:**
**Program Characteristics:**
**Executive Summary**

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, and eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity must be a focus of programming. This program offer supports existing programming to house and retain hundreds of people experiencing homelessness through limited duration rental assistance, mobile housing placement and retention support staffing.

**Program Description**

For the majority of 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 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. These investments in rapid rehousing programs for adult households leverage significant Federal, State and local resources to support the efforts of people experiencing homelessness to secure and retain permanent housing. Services are delivered by a range of skilled nonprofit partners and directed to communities of color, women, and other vulnerable adults experiencing homelessness. The services include flexible rent assistance and housing placement and retention staffing accessed through: culturally-specific service providers serving Multnomah County’s communities of color; shelters, day centers and street outreach programs, including targeted outreach in Gresham and East County, and the countywide 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.

Through this program offer, approximately 1,100 households will receive the housing placement, retention, and income acquisition support they need to obtain and/or retain permanent housing. Based on current data, 80% of the people served in the programs included in this offer identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color, a share similar to last year.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number households enrolled in permanent housing or prevention programs (incl STRA & non-STRA)*	743	1,080	820	1,080
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained in housing at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome	Number households newly placed into or retained in permanent housing (inc STRA & non-STRA programs)*	671	930	770	800
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing	95%	90%	95%	90%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*The basis for "Placed & Retained" has been changed from Entry Date to Housing Move-in date, consistent with an FY 2022 change to the measure in systemwide reporting, and "Enrolled," which is based on Entry Date, has been added for more robust reporting and to preserve continuity with reporting in previous years.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$194,525	\$0	\$195,774	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,110,960	\$4,161,220	\$1,171,769	\$2,325,170
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$1,305,485</b>	<b>\$4,161,220</b>	<b>\$1,367,543</b>	<b>\$2,325,170</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$5,466,705</b>		<b>\$3,692,713</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	1.25	0.00	1.25	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$3,601,150	\$0	\$1,092,480
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,601,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,092,480</b>

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$1,232,690 of the Video Lottery Fund allocated to Multnomah County to be used for the purpose of furthering economic development in accordance with ORS 461.512 and \$1,092,480 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 2023: 30300A Housing Placement & Retention - Adults & Women Households