

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone (AHFE) has prioritized a range of highly effective strategies to transition people from shelter into housing and to ensure retention of that housing. AHFE also 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 offer supports hundreds of adult-only households to exit shelter using limited duration rental assistance, innovative multi-agency mobile housing placement and retention support staffing, as well as culturally specific services.

Program Summary

For the majority of people experiencing homelessness, returning to permanent housing requires a combination of limited duration, highly flexible rent assistance, housing placement and retention support staffing, as well as income assistance. This housing placement and retention strategy, often referred to as “rapid rehousing,” is a recognized national best practice and is a critical housing placement strategy prioritized through AHFE to significantly decrease homelessness among those who are highly vulnerable in Multnomah County.

Prioritizing rapid rehousing resources to people in emergency shelter serves two critical purposes. First, it provides individuals in shelter the opportunity to end their homelessness by returning to permanent housing with the supports needed to retain that housing. Second, each individual who moves out of a shelter bed and into housing creates capacity in the shelter system to serve an additional individual who is still unsheltered and has not yet been able to locate a permanent housing option.

This program offer will provide placement and/or retention supports to 400 people leaving shelter. Services funded through this program are delivered by highly skilled nonprofit partners and are prioritized to communities of color, women, and other vulnerable adults experiencing homelessness accessing traditional and non-traditional shelter sites. The services include flexible rent assistance, and housing placement and retention staffing accessed through emergency shelters, day centers, and multi-agency mobile "in-reach" teams that engage with people in shelters that do not have their own housing placement programs. The in-reach teams include staff from culturally specific, domestic violence and behavioral health providers to assist adults in emergency shelter settings to more quickly exit shelter and return to housing.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of people placed or retained in permanent housing	604	600	267	400
Outcome	Percentage of households retaining housing at 6 months post-exit	83%	80%	80%	80%
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC placed or retained in housing at rate as high or higher than percent of population*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer.

*This is a new equity measure intended to demonstrate whether program offer investments are meeting the commitment to reduce racial disparities in homelessness overall, and in specific programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$69,750	\$2,307,110	\$70,870	\$2,344,020
Total GF/non-GF	\$69,750	\$2,307,110	\$70,870	\$2,344,020
Program Total:	\$2,376,860		\$2,414,890	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,307,110	\$0	\$2,344,020
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,307,110	\$0	\$2,344,020

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$2,344,020

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10053D Housing Placement & Retention - Placement out of Adult Shelter