

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

Executive Summary

JOHS has prioritized a range of highly effective strategies to transition people from shelter into housing and to ensure retention of that housing. 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 placement out of shelter 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 to significantly decrease homelessness among those who are highly vulnerable in Multnomah County.

Prioritizing rapid rehousing resources to people in emergency shelters 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 provides placement and/or retention services to at least 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	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of people enrolled in permanent housing or prevention programs*	399	400	480	480
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 of people newly placed into or retained in permanent housing*	226	N/A	310	310
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing	85%	80%	85%	85%

Performance Measures Descriptions

The COVID-19 pandemic, which began in FY 2020, has significantly impacted the performance measures associated with this program offer. *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	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$70,870	\$2,344,020	\$73,705	\$2,229,760
Total GF/non-GF	\$70,870	\$2,344,020	\$73,705	\$2,229,760
Program Total:	\$2,414,890		\$2,303,465	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,344,020	\$0	\$2,229,760
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,344,020	\$0	\$2,229,760

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$2,229,760

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30302 Housing Placement & Retention - Placement out of Adult Shelter