



Program #30302A - Housing Placement & Retention - Placement out of Adult Shelter FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department 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 program 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 Description

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	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of people enrolled in permanent housing or prevention programs*	357	480	700	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*	228	310	470	350
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing*	87%	85%	87%	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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$73,705	\$2,229,760	\$93,785	\$4,386,360
Total GF/non-GF	\$73,705	\$2,229,760	\$93,785	\$4,386,360
Program Total:	\$2,303,465		\$4,480,145	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,229,760	\$0	\$3,913,775
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$472,585
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,229,760	\$0	\$4,386,360

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$3,913,775 of the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government. \$472,585 funds allocated through the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement (VFIGA) for Livability and Safety Support Services for the provision of services and programs for people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless and services and programs addressing the community livability and safety concerns associated with homelessness.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30302A Housing Placement & Retention - Placement out of Adult Shelter