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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

A Home for Everyone's (AHFE) "A Home for Every Veteran" initiative strives to ensure that every veteran has access to permanent 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 program offer will continue leverage of U.S. Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs resources, as well as State of Oregon Emergency Housing Assistance funds, to meet the short-term rent assistance and barrier mitigation needs of Veterans who become homeless in our community. This program will help more than 130 Veteran households end or prevent their homelessness.

Program Summary

In January 2015, the County Chair and Portland's Mayor joined the national "Mayors' Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness" and Portland was chosen to participate in the Federal 25 Cities Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness. In order to achieve a functional end to Veteran homelessness, our community was required to build a system that could offer permanent housing to at least as many Veterans as are expected to become homeless in Multnomah County during a single year. At the end of December 2015, 695 Veterans were successfully housed and by the end of 2016 more than 1,300 Veterans had returned to permanent housing. As a result of our efforts, Portland was the first West Coast city certified by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness as having effectively ended Veteran homelessness. Nonetheless, because hundreds of Veterans continue to become homeless every year, the Point-in-Time count conducted in January 2019 identified 474 people who identified themselves as Veterans.

The capacity to house Veterans depends, to a significant extent, on Federal funding in the form of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). It also relies on a commitment of 50 Housing Choice Vouchers and 50 subsidized housing units by Home Forward. While we anticipate that Federal funding will remain available in FY 2022, these Federal funds are not enough to help Veterans move into housing if they have significant barriers or lack security deposit funds. The Federal funds also have limitations on eviction prevention assistance and eligibility restrictions that limit who among Veterans experiencing homelessness can be served.

The flexible rent assistance and barrier mitigation funds available through this program offer allow nonprofit organizations to assist Veterans with an array of housing services. This includes security deposits, helping with utility/past property debts, limited term rent assistance, legal fees and moving fees. Additionally, this program offer funds culturally specific operations that support the engagement, assessment and referral of Veterans for housing services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Number of households placed or retained in housing	152	200	85	130
Outcome	Percentage of households retaining housing 12 months post-exit or post-subsidy*	86%	70%	85%	85%
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

*These percentages are based on the retention rate for households who were successfully contacted via follow-up. 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	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$174,930	\$609,460	\$177,730	\$643,390
Total GF/non-GF	\$174,930	\$609,460	\$177,730	\$643,390
Program Total:	\$784,390		\$821,120	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$608,620	\$0	\$643,390
Total Revenue	\$0	\$608,620	\$0	\$643,390

Explanation of Revenues

State Emergency Housing Assistance Document Recording Fee Veteran Funds (EHA DRF VET) \$215,000
 City of Portland General Fund \$428,390

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10053J Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans