

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) convenes a coalition of partners around the ongoing effort to end homelessness among Veterans. This program offer leverages 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 the community. This program will help more than 250 Veteran households end or prevent their homelessness.

Program Summary

Ending homelessness among Veterans continues to be a priority in the community. However, hundreds of Veterans continue to become homeless every year, and 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 it is anticipated that Federal funding will remain available in FY 2023, 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 and 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 | FY21 Actual | FY22 Budgeted | FY22 Estimate | FY23 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of households enrolled in permanent housing or prevention programs* | 119 | 130 | 250 | 250 |
| 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 households newly placed into or retained in permanent housing* | 117 | N/A | 250 | 250 |

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 | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 |
| Contractual Services | \$177,730 | \$643,390 | \$184,840 | \$518,645 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$177,730 | \$643,390 | \$184,840 | \$518,645 |
| Program Total: | \$821,120 | | \$703,485 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$643,390 | \$0 | \$518,645 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$643,390 | \$0 | \$518,645 |

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$272,850
 State Emergency Housing Assistance Veteran Funds (EHA VET) \$245,795

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30307 Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans