



Program #30307 - Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans 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

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

Program Description

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 2022 identified 465 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 2024, 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 | FY22 Actual | FY23 Budgeted | FY23 Estimate | FY24 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of households enrolled in permanent housing or prevention programs* | 95 | 250 | 40 | 50 |
| 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 | 94 | 250 | 40 | 40 |

Performance Measures Descriptions

*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 | \$184,840 | \$518,645 | \$191,690 | \$630,275 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$184,840 | \$518,645 | \$191,690 | \$630,275 |
| Program Total: | \$703,485 | | \$821,965 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$518,645 | \$0 | \$293,355 |
| Beginning Working Capital | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$336,920 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$518,645 | \$0 | \$630,275 |

Explanation of Revenues

County General Fund plus \$336,920 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; and \$293,355 Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) for Veterans allocated through the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to assist low or very-low income persons who are homeless or are unstably housed and at risk of becoming homeless.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30307 Housing Placement & Retention - Veterans