



**Program #30310 - Housing Placement & Retention - Housing Multnomah Now** FY 2024 Proposed

**Department:** Joint Office of Homeless Services      **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates  
**Program Offer Type:** New      **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

The Joint Office of Homeless Services utilizes the Housing First model to meet the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. This has been done through the utilization of racial equity as a core goal and the elimination of disparate rates of homelessness based on race as a focus for programming. This program offer funds the administration of the Housing Multnomah Now initiative, which includes five new positions; Housing Multnomah Now interweaves an emergency management model of service delivery with Housing First in focused geographic areas across Multnomah County to expedite the process of moving individuals experiencing homelessness into housing and resolving homelessness for those individuals. This model is supported by best practices adopted by stakeholders on the Federal, state and municipal levels.

**Program Description**

JOHS utilizes Housing First as a model to end individuals homelessness—whereby permanent housing is provided to individuals experiencing homelessness. This model has been established best practice for resolving homelessness for over two decades. Housing First hinges on both the availability of housing stock for individuals experiencing homelessness, and the ability for individuals experiencing homelessness to access housing. This program funds the administration of a demonstration project – Housing Multnomah Now – that will accelerate the rate at which individuals experiencing homelessness are able to access housing, thereby improving JOHS’ ability to deploy the Housing First model. This program addresses the needs to expedite housing placements in specific geographical areas and identify additional housing stock for those experiencing homelessness. Initially, this program will serve 300 individuals experiencing homelessness in two distinct geographic regions: one in central city followed by another in East County. This program offer creates an administrative infrastructure for the implementation of the Housing Multnomah Now program. This is done through three distinct but interwoven elements. The first of those is to develop an emergency response to support the resolution of individuals experiencing homelessness. This will be done through the establishment of a Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) group, which will be led by the Joint Office of Homeless Services and serve on the Governor’s Statewide MAC. The second element is the acceleration of housing access, placement, and stability. This will be done through the provision of housing resources by outreach workers in specific geographic areas, and incentivizing housing access with private market landlords. The final element of this program is the prioritization of deeply affordable housing. This element will be facilitated through advocacy to housing partners of Multnomah County to prioritize their housing stock for individuals experiencing homelessness. Housing Multnomah Now will focus primarily on single adults and couples experiencing homelessness. The Adult System of Care (ASC) is the coordinated effort to assist individuals and couples experiencing homelessness make a rapid and sustained transition to permanent housing. The agencies that comprise the ASC will be stakeholders and partners in the program. This program funds an administrative system to rapidly resolve homelessness for the majority of individuals in specific geographic areas, to manage and support the initiative, as well as communications support and data collection.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of Private Market Landlords that enroll to provide housing through Housing Multnomah Now	N/A	N/A	5	15
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
Output	Number of households placed into housing through Housing Multnomah Now	N/A	N/A	75	225
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of receiving Housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	80%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$441,246
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,558,754
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$10,000,000</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00

Program Revenues				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$10,000,000 carryover from the FY 2023 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

Program started at the end of FY 2023.