

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

With Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity, this program offer funds tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs that launched in FY 2022 and FY 2023. The program offer includes PSH specifically designed to meet the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, people with significant behavioral health needs, and older adults.

Program Description

The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Measure sets out a range of strategies to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. In alignment with priorities outlined in the LIP, this program offer funds at least 400 tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities.

PSH is for those who would not be successful in their housing without supportive services, and for whom services would be less effective without stable housing. It serves those with significant disabilities, including chronic health conditions, mental illness, and addictions, who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness. Tenant-based supportive housing provides households with a rental voucher that can be used to buy-down rent in a private market or regulated unit along with mobile, wrap-around services. This program offer funds PSH programming specifically designed to meet the needs of BIPOC communities, people with significant behavioral health needs, and older adults.

The programs funded by this program offer include rental assistance provided through the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program administered by Home Forward, and services provided by a range of nonprofit partners. RLRA operates similarly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 8 program—households pay about 30% of their income towards rent and utilities and the housing authority pays the rest. RLRA was intentionally designed to be low barrier and serve people who are often screened out of HUD's Section 8 program.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | FY22 Actual | FY23 Budgeted | FY23 Estimate | FY24 Offer |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Output | Number of people newly placed or retained in permanent housing* | 92 | 230 | 185* | 400** |
| Outcome | Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing | NA | 80% | 80% | 80% |
| Output | BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population* | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Performance Measures Descriptions

*This Program Offer includes tenant-based PSH programs that launched in FY 2022 and FY 2023. Some programs are still ramping up to having full caseloads. Programs are expected to be fully leased-up in FY 2024. **The FY 2024 Offer is significantly larger because 218 supportive housing placements that were included in PO 30400B in FY 2023 are now included here.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$215,944 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$5,167,193 | \$0 | \$11,967,091 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$5,167,193 | \$0 | \$12,183,035 |
| Program Total: | \$5,167,193 | | \$12,183,035 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$5,167,193 | \$0 | \$12,183,035 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$5,167,193 | \$0 | \$12,183,035 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$12,183,035 of the FY 2024 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: FY 2023: 30400D Supportive Housing - Tenant-Based Commitments - Metro Measure