

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Daniel Field
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer funds tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs that launched between FY 2022 and FY 2024. 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. This offer uses Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity. This aligns with the JOHS core goal of achieving racial equity, and eliminating disparate rates of homelessness on the basis of race and ethnicity is a focus for supportive housing programs.

Program Description

In alignment with priorities outlined in Multnomah County’s SHS Measure Local Implementation Plan, this program offer funds more than 400 tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities. 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.

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	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of people newly placed or retained in permanent housing	192	400	430	440
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing	100%	80%	100%	85%*
Output	BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*This offer includes Tenant-Based Permanent Supportive Housing programs that are in their first year of operation.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$0	\$11,868,035	\$0	\$15,473,785
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$11,868,035	\$0	\$15,473,785
Program Total:	\$11,868,035		\$15,473,785	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$12,183,035	\$0	\$15,473,785
Total Revenue	\$0	\$12,183,035	\$0	\$15,473,785

Explanation of Revenues

\$15,473,785 of the FY 2025 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 2024: 30400D Supportive Housing - Tenant-Based Commitments