

Department: Homeless Services Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

This program addresses the critical need for permanent supportive housing (PSH) in Multnomah County, as outlined in the Local Implementation Plan (LIP). Specifically, it targets:

- The overall shortage of permanent housing for individuals experiencing or at risk of chronic and episodic homelessness.
- The need for "wrap-around" supportive services to help individuals maintain housing stability.
- Barriers to accessing housing that are faced by specific populations. These populations often experience disproportionately high rates of homelessness and include Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) communities, transgender and nonbinary individuals, people with significant health and/or behavioral health needs, and older adults.
- The limitations of existing programs like HUD's Section 8, which can screen out individuals with complex needs or histories.

The program increases access to tenant-based PSH and associated supportive services. With tenant-based supportive housing, the rental assistance is provided to the individual or family, not tied to a specific unit. This allows participants to search for housing in the private market. The goal is to fund over 400 new PSH opportunities designed to meet the specific needs of the targeted populations. The intended outcomes include:

- Increased permanent housing options for individuals experiencing or at risk of chronic and episodic homelessness.
- Improved housing stability and well-being for program participants through access to wrap-around services.
- Reduced homelessness among BIPOC communities, transgender and nonbinary individuals, people with significant health and/or behavioral health needs, and older adults.
- Increased access to affordable housing for individuals who may be screened out of other programs like Section 8.

The program provides:

- **Tenant-based PSH:** This includes rental assistance through the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program, administered by Home Forward. Households pay approximately 30% of their income toward rent and utilities, and the housing authority covering the remainder. RLRA is designed to be low-barrier, serving individuals who may not qualify for Section 8.
- **Wrap-around Supportive Services:** These services are provided by nonprofit partners and are tailored to meet the needs of specific populations, including BIPOC communities, transgender and nonbinary individuals, people with significant health and/or behavioral health needs, and older adults. These services are "mobile," meaning they are brought to the individual in their housing.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of participants newly placed in housing	218	N/A*	50	50
Outcome	Number of participants receiving ongoing retention support (sustained)	211	N/A*	246	350
Output	Percentage of participants retained in housing at 12 months	92%	85%	94%	85%
Output	Participant BIPOC groups (out of 5) proportionately >= to those among homeless services population	3	Yes**	1	5

Performance Measures Descriptions

*These are new measures in FY 2026 to replace "Number of people newly placed or retained in permanent housing" to clearly differentiate between participants receiving ongoing subsidy (sustained) and those newly placed.

**Measure methodology changed from "BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population (Yes/No)" to disaggregate racial/ethnic groups, select a comparison group tailored to the equity metric, and reflect all program participants and whether services are being equitably accessed.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$0	\$14,903,550	\$0	\$14,866,965
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$14,903,550	\$0	\$14,866,965
Program Total:	\$14,903,550		\$14,866,965	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$15,473,785	\$0	\$14,866,965
Total Revenue	\$0	\$15,473,785	\$0	\$14,866,965

Explanation of Revenues

\$2,624,610 funding allocated through Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to maintain Long-Term Rental Assistance, estimate based on receiving 20% of State funding which follows historical patterns (State)
 \$12,242,355 of the FY 2026 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 30400D Supportive Housing - Tenant-Based Commitments

The year-over-year reduction reflects supportive housing programs managed by the Department of County Human Services (DCHS) previously budgeted in this offer to Supportive Housing Services Revenue for Other Departments (30999). This change was made to allow for greater visibility into the investments being made in supportive housing designed by (DCHS).