

**Department:** Joint Office of Homeless Services      **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing      **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed  
**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 critical infrastructure needed to support the expansion of supportive housing. The offer specifically supports Multnomah County’s implementation of the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program, strategies to recruit and support affordable housing operators and private market landlords who partner with service providers to create supportive housing opportunities, and training and other technical assistance for organizations providing supportive housing.

**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 critical infrastructure needed to support the expansion of supportive housing.

The program offer funds the staffing necessary to administer Multnomah County’s local implementation of the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program. RLRA was designed by Metro and the three counties, and builds on policies developed for a Multnomah County pilot program run by Home Forward. Through the RLRA program, Home Forward provides rental vouchers that are paired with 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.

The program offer funds a team that will recruit and retain private market landlords to partner with service providers to create supportive housing opportunities for RLRA voucher holders who face high barriers to finding housing.

Additionally, this program offer includes investment toward a future rent guarantee for 15 site based supportive housing unit project.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Landlord recruitment and retention program launched	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome	Number of landlords engaged	N/A	100	0	100
Outcome	Number of providers of culturally-specific services that receive supportive housing technical assistance	N/A	15	8	N/A

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

The Landlord Engagement NOFA will be released at the end of January and approved proposals won't begin program development until mid-May and/or June. It is unlikely that actual landlord engagement will begin until the beginning of FY 2024.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,711,545	\$0	\$2,433,970
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$303,439
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,711,545</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,737,409</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,711,545</b>		<b>\$2,737,409</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,711,545	\$0	\$2,433,970
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$303,439
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,711,545</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,737,409</b>

Explanation of Revenues

\$2,433,970 of the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government and \$303,439 in carryover SHS.

Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2023: 30400E Supportive Housing - System Support - Metro Measure Expansion

This program offer includes investments in Multnomah County’s implementation of the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program that was previously budgeted in 30400B - Supportive Housing - Metro Measure Expansion. This change was made to allow for greater visibility into the investments being made in the infrastructure needed to support the expansion of supportive housing.