

Program #30400E - Supportive Housing - System Support

FY 2025 Adopted

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Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

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, along with strategies to recruit and support affordable housing operators and private market landlords who partner with service providers to create supportive housing opportunities, including a risk mitigation program.

Program Description

The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (SHS) 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.

This 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 also funds a landlord recruitment and retention team and a risk mitigation program. The landlord team partners with private market landlords to create supportive housing opportunities for RLRA voucher holders who face high barriers to finding housing. The risk mitigation program reimburses partnering landlords and property owners for eligible expenses such as excessive damages and operational losses. Both of these programs are designed to expand and support landlord partnerships and support housing placement and retention for households exiting homelessness. Additionally, this program offer includes investment toward a future rent guarantee for 15 site based supportive housing unit project.

| Performance Measures | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Measure Type | Performance Measure | FY23 Actual | FY24 Budgeted | FY24 Estimate | FY25 Target | | | |
| Outcome | Number of landlords engaged* | N/A | 100 | 100 | 200 | | | |
| Outcome | Number of ongoing landlord partnerships** | N/A | N/A | N/A | 40 | | | |

Performance Measures Descriptions

In FY 2024, measure complete: Landlord recruitment and retention program launched

*The FY 2024 Budgeted and FY 2024 Estimate was in initial design and launch phase. The FY 2025 Offer reflects the expectation that it will be fully operational by the beginning of FY 2025, which will account for the increase.

^{**}This measure was updated from "Number of providers of culturally-specific services that receive supportive housing technical assistance", that ended in FY 2024.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2024 | 2024 | 2025 | 2025 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$1,658,265 | \$0 | \$1,997,780 |
| Unappropriated & Contingency | \$0 | \$303,439 | \$0 | \$466,259 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$1,961,704 | \$0 | \$2,464,039 |
| Program Total: | \$1,961,704 | | \$2,464,039 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$2,433,970 | \$0 | \$1,997,780 | | | | |
| Beginning Working Capital | \$0 | \$303,439 | \$0 | \$466,259 | | | | |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$2,737,409 | \$0 | \$2,464,039 | | | | |

Explanation of Revenues

\$466,259 carryover from the FY 2024 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government, and \$1,997,780 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: 30400E Supportive Housing - System Support