

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 issues contributing to chronic homelessness and the over-involvement of individuals with behavioral health conditions in the criminal justice system. Involvement in the justice system is often the result of lack of accessible and appropriate behavioral health resources, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment. This scarcity of resources leaves many individuals experiencing homelessness without the necessary support to manage their conditions. This may then lead to behaviors that result in contact with law enforcement. Compounding this issue is the criminalization of homelessness. Individuals may be penalized for activities related to survival in public spaces rather than being connected to services that could address the underlying causes of their homelessness. This program aims to disrupt this cycle by providing integrated housing and recovery support services. It recognizes that stable housing and access to behavioral health treatment are essential for breaking the cycle of homelessness and reducing contact with the criminal justice system. The program specifically targets the needs of chronically homeless individuals and those at risk of chronic homelessness, who often struggle with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, and who are disproportionately impacted by the lack of behavioral health resources and the criminalization of homelessness.

The program aims to reduce chronic homelessness and divert individuals with behavioral health conditions from the criminal justice system. It does this by providing access to a continuum of housing and recovery support services. Expected outcomes include:

- A significant reduction in chronic homelessness, aligning with city and regional strategic plans.
- Decreased contact between individuals with behavioral health conditions and the criminal justice system.
- Increased access to appropriate housing options, including short-term stabilization and permanent housing.
- Improved access to and engagement with behavioral health and addictions treatment.
- Enhanced housing stability and long-term recovery for program participants.

The program funds the Service Coordination Team (SCT) and related services, including:

- Service Coordination Team (SCT): A partnership between the Portland Police Bureau and community housing and social service providers that diverts individuals experiencing homelessness and living with behavioral health conditions from the criminal justice system by connecting them with supportive housing and treatment resources.
- Low-Barrier/Short-Term Stabilization Housing: Provides immediate access to housing and support services, including behavioral health and addictions treatment.
- Alcohol and Drug Free Housing: Offers case management services with client-driven, flexible approaches to support long-term recovery, intended to transition people into long-term recovery services.
- Home-Based Retention Services: For individuals who transition to permanent housing, these services

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of participants newly placed in housing	0	N/A*	0	5
Outcome	Number of participants receiving ongoing retention support (sustained)	177	N/A*	158	150
Output	Percentage of participants retained in housing at 12 months	No data	N/A**	No data	90%
Output	Participant BIPOC groups (out of 5) proportionately >= to those among homeless services population	0	Yes***	0	5

Performance Measures Descriptions

*These are new measures in FY 2026 to replace "Number of individuals transitioned to permanent housing" to clearly differentiate between participants receiving ongoing subsidy (sustained) and those newly placed. **This is a new measure in FY 2026. ***Measure methodology changed from "BIPOC graduate from SCT at rates as high or higher than Non-Hispanic whites (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	\$2,590,380	\$0	\$2,652,550
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,590,380	\$0	\$2,652,550
Program Total:	\$2,590,380		\$2,652,550	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,525,160	\$0	\$2,585,765
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$65,220	\$0	\$66,785
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,590,380	\$0	\$2,652,550

Explanation of Revenues

\$66,785 carryover from the FY 2025 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government (Local)
 \$2,585,765 City of Portland General Fund allocation through Multnomah County's IGA with the City of Portland (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 30401B Supportive Housing - Behavioral Health/Medical Housing - Service