

**Department:** Joint Office of Homeless Services      **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program      **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

As the fixed incomes of seniors and people with disabilities fall further behind the costs of housing, including publicly subsidized tax credit rental housing, ongoing rental assistance is increasingly necessary to prevent and end homelessness for these populations. This program continues the local long-term voucher program that is narrowly tailored to households with fixed incomes, to improve housing stability and reduce rent burden, including many households who reside in tax credit or other regulated affordable housing.

**Program Summary**

The 2019 Point-in-Time (PIT) count documented a continued rise in people over the age of 55 and people with disabilities in the homeless population. These populations commonly have fixed incomes well below 30% of the Area Median Income, putting market rate rental housing completely out of reach, and also foreclosing access to most publicly subsidized affordable housing, which rents at levels affordable for people making 60% of Area Median Income or above.

This program assists seniors and people living with disabilities who are on fixed incomes and homeless or significantly rent burdened. Program participants typically have less than \$800 per month in income, and were either homeless or paying more than 70% of that income on rent prior to program subsidy. The program provides rent subsidies to participants so that they can afford the rent in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units or other regulated affordable housing. While these units have restricted rent levels, the rent amounts are not tied to tenant income and are increasingly out of reach for the target group in this program. Some assisted households also reside in moderately-priced private market units. The program makes it possible for people in the target population to afford the rent (at 30% of their income).

This program complements the Federally-funded Housing Choice Voucher program and local Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA) program. The program leverages support from Meyer Memorial Trust as well as the inventory of publicly funded affordable housing. The local long-term voucher functions more flexibly than the Federal voucher program and provides similar long-term housing stability to a highly vulnerable population. The program is administered through Home Forward.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Provide vouchers for senior and disabled households on fixed income seeking rent-restricted affordable housing.	66	55	71	71
Outcome	Percent of households who remain housed 12 months after exit.*	100%	90%	95%	95%
Outcome	Overrepresented BIPOC served with vouchers at rate as high or higher than percent of population*	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

\*This percentage is based on the percentage of households who were confirmed to be successfully housed at 12 months. Measure name changed from "Percent of households who remain housed 12 months after entry."\*\* Changed to "...after exit".

\*\*This is a new equity measure intended to demonstrate whether program offer investments are meeting the commitment to reduce racial disparities in homelessness overall, and in specific programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2021	2021	2022	2022
Contractual Services	\$387,690	\$138,150	\$393,890	\$425,830
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$387,690</b>	<b>\$138,150</b>	<b>\$393,890</b>	<b>\$425,830</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$525,840</b>		<b>\$819,720</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$138,150	\$0	\$425,830
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$138,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$425,830</b>

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$425,830

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2021: 10054C Supportive Housing - Local Long Term Rental Vouchers