

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

Executive Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) recognizes that, 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 offer funds 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. The voucher program funded by this offer is the precursor and model for the Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure-funded Regional Long-Term Rent Assistance Program.

Program Summary

People over the age of 55 and people with significant disabilities are among the fastest growing populations of people experiencing homelessness. These populations often 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 or at risk of homelessness due to 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. This 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. This 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 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. This program provided the framework for the Metro SHS-funded Regional Long-term Rent Assistance Program.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of households enrolled in permanent housing programs*	52	71	50	50
Outcome	BIPOC served with vouchers at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Output	Number of households newly placed into or retained in permanent housing*	52	N/A	50	50

Performance Measures Descriptions

*The basis for "Placed & Retained" has been changed from Entry Date to Housing Move-in date, consistent with an FY 2022 change to the measure in systemwide reporting, and "Enrolled," which is based on Entry Date, has been added for more robust reporting and to preserve continuity with reporting in previous years.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$393,890	\$425,830	\$409,645	\$415,200
Total GF/non-GF	\$393,890	\$425,830	\$409,645	\$415,200
Program Total:	\$819,720		\$824,845	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$425,830	\$0	\$415,200
Total Revenue	\$0	\$425,830	\$0	\$415,200

Explanation of Revenues

City of Portland General Fund \$415,200

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30402 Supportive Housing - Local Long Term Rental Vouchers