



Program #30402 - Supportive Housing - Local Long Term Rental Vouchers FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Daniel Field
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

This program offer funds a local long-term voucher program that is narrowly tailored to households with fixed incomes, including many households who reside in tax credit or other regulated affordable housing, to improve housing stability and reduce rent burden. 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. 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 Description

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 being rent burdened (rent greater than 30% of household income). Program participants typically have less than \$800 per month 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).

The local long-term voucher functions more flexibly than other Federal voucher programs 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	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of households enrolled in permanent housing programs	58	40	60	55
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	58	40	60	55

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$442,414	\$440,810	\$399,635	\$721,280
Total GF/non-GF	\$442,414	\$440,810	\$399,635	\$721,280
Program Total:	\$883,224		\$1,120,915	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$440,810	\$0	\$721,280
Total Revenue	\$0	\$440,810	\$0	\$721,280

Explanation of Revenues

County General fund plus \$721,280 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: 30402 Supportive Housing - Local Long Term Rental Vouchers