

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

With Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity, this program offer funds tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs that are specifically designed to meet the needs of families experiencing homelessness. The programs funded with this program offer leverage Federal Housing Choice vouchers (long-term rental subsidies) and create new local long-term rental vouchers and wrap-around support services dedicated to families with minor children that are extremely low-income, have at least one member with a serious disabling condition, and have long-term or frequent episodes of homelessness.

Program Summary

The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Measure 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 at least 50 new tenant-based permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities and an expansion of site based PSH in the Homeless Family System of Care.

The Homeless Family System of Care (HFSC) is the primary coordinated effort to assist families experiencing homelessness to make a rapid and sustainable transition back into permanent housing. The system has shared values that include the practice of assertive engagement, using an equity lens to advance racial and social justice, and a shared commitment that all families should be housed. The majority of agencies in the collaborative are culturally specific providers.

This program offer funds PSH programming specifically designed to meet the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) families experiencing homelessness. The programs include rental assistance provided through the Regional Long-term Rent Assistance (RLRA) program administered by Home Forward, and 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 where 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.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of people newly placed or retained in permanent housing	N/A	227	100	262
Outcome	Percentage of people not returning to homeless services within a year of exiting a program to housing	N/A	80%	80%	80%
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

This new program offer includes supportive housing for families that was previously budgeted in 30400A - Supportive Housing and 30400B - Supportive Housing - Metro Measure Expansion. The combined FY 2022 Budgeted number for these programs is 227. Some of the included programs are still in the planning phase. The FY 2023 Offer number reflects the estimated number of people served once the programs are fully implemented.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$123,273
Contractual Services	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$873,350
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$996,623
Program Total:	\$800,000		\$996,623	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$996,623
Total Revenue	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$996,623

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$996,623

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30400B Supportive Housing - Metro Measure Expansion

This new program offer includes supportive housing for families that was previously budgeted in 30400A - Supportive Housing and 30400B - Supportive Housing - Metro Measure Expansion. This change was made to allow for greater visibility into the investments being made in supportive housing specifically designed for families with children. This program offer includes the addition of 1.00 FTE to provide contract management support for Family System supportive housing services.