

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 intended to reduce chronic and episodic homelessness with programming that leads with racial equity, this program offer funds a pilot project that will connect people experiencing, or at imminent risk of, chronic homelessness, who are also being repeatedly failed by multiple systems (e.g. health, criminal justice, social services). The pilot project will provide participants with the long-term rental assistance and support services they need to end their homelessness. In providing permanent supportive housing to this population, it will substantially reduce the cycle of harmful, unsuccessful, and costly engagements with the criminal justice, health care, and homeless services systems.

Program Summary

One of the goals of Multnomah County's Local Implementation Plan for the Measure is to improve coordination among systems that each touch the lives of people experiencing chronic homelessness, but too often are not coordinated and fail to provide individuals with access to the intervention that will best meet their needs - permanent supportive housing (PSH).

Between 2018 and 2020, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, the Multnomah County Health Department, Health Share of Oregon, and the Joint Office of Homeless Services participated in an analysis sponsored by the Corporation for Supportive Housing called Frequent Utilizer System Engagement (FUSE). This analysis compared data from the homeless services, health care, and public safety systems to identify individuals who are most frequently engaged in all three of these systems and to assess, among other things, how their 'utilization' of these systems changed based on whether or not they were in PSH.

Consistent with similar projects around the country, the Multnomah County FUSE analysis demonstrated a profound positive impact, in terms of reduced criminal justice involvement and reduced crisis health care services, when someone who is chronically homeless moves into PSH.

This program offer draws on the learnings of the Multnomah County FUSE analysis to identify those individuals who are experiencing chronic homelessness and are being failed most frequently by the criminal justice and health care systems and provides those individuals with PSH - a locally funded long-term rental subsidy and ongoing wrap-around support services to ensure ongoing housing stability. The program will involve a collaboration between the Health Department, the Department of Community Justice, Health Share of Oregon, and the Joint Office of Homeless Services. The project is budgeted to provide PSH to between 40-50 individuals in the pilot phase.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Create a by name list of people most frequently failed by health, criminal justice, and homeless services	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Outcome	Place or retain FUSE individuals in PSH	N/A	N/A	N/A	35*
Output	Enroll FUSE individuals in PSH program	N/A	N/A	N/A	50

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Because this is a new program that will take time to develop and launch, it is anticipated that a significant number of enrolled participants will still be in the housing search process at the end of the fiscal year.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$1,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$1,000,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: