



Program #30407C - Supportive Housing - Countywide Coordination - Dept of Community Justice FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Joshua Bates
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

Multnomah County’s Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) Local Implementation Plan (LIP) calls out the importance of aligning the work of multiple county departments around the commitment to preventing and ending homelessness. This program offer provides Measure funding to better serve individuals who have a history of chronic homelessness who are exiting incarceration and are working with the Department of Community Justice’s (DCJ) reentry program. This offer leverages existing program capacity in DCJ by providing individuals with long-term tenant-based rental subsidies that will offer ongoing housing stability.

Program Description

The Multnomah County’s Measure LIP recognizes the importance of aligning ending homelessness efforts across County Departments, including between DCJ and the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS). The two departments share in common a significant number of people who cycle through homeless services programs and the criminal justice system because they lack access to permanent housing with the appropriate level of support services. This program offer continues the partnership between the two departments by leveraging existing DCJ housing services capacity and Measure funding to provide flexible tenant-based Regional Long Term Rent Assistance (RLRA) vouchers to up to 60 people reentering the community who have previous histories of long-term homelessness and who, but for this ongoing rental assistance, would return to being chronically homeless. Because People of Color are significantly overrepresented in this target population, prioritizing Measure funds in this way will also advance the County’s commitment to the elimination of racial disparities in rates of chronic homelessness.

The RLRA voucher is a local rent-assistance tool developed as part of the Measure that is similar to federal long-term rental assistance vouchers in that it guarantees a tenant will not pay more in rent than they can afford. However, RLRA offers the benefit of greater flexibility to the voucher holder. One area of flexibility is that the voucher is available to anyone who meets the income and homelessness criteria, regardless of their criminal history. In addition, this voucher allows the holder to seek out landlords in the private market who may be willing to overlook criminal history because the vouchers are less burdensome to work with and offer certain financial guarantees that are designed to mitigate risk.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Individuals enrolled in program*	N/A	70	15	60
Outcome	Individuals placed into permanent housing*	N/A	60	10	50
Outcome	BIPOC placed or retained rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population*	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes

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	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$387,035	\$0	\$431,800
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,025,045	\$0	\$1,076,295
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,412,080	\$0	\$1,508,095
Program Total:	\$1,412,080		\$1,508,095	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,412,080	\$0	\$1,508,095
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,412,080	\$0	\$1,508,095

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,508,095 of the FY 2024 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 2023: 30400D Supportive Housing - Tenant-Based Commitments - Metro Measure