

Program #30500 - Diversion Services
FY 2026 Proposed
Department: Homeless Services Department

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill Other Funds, One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

Diversion programs vary by implementation, but have in common the assessment of an individual who is facing homelessness or already in shelter to identify modest, one-time, investments to allow for rehousing. Diversion is recognized nationally and locally as a critical tool in reducing street and shelter homelessness.

This program offer funds a transportation assistance program that diverts individuals from the streets and shelter through one-time transportation assistance to a location where they have a verified housing option. Most commonly this program reunites individuals with family in other communities.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Performance Measure | FY24 Actual | FY25 Budgeted | FY25 Estimate | FY26 Target |
|--------------|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Output | Number of unduplicated participants served | 869 | 1,170 | 665 | 250 |
| Outcome | Participant BIPOC groups (out of 5) proportionately >= to those among homeless services population | 2 | Yes* | 1 | 5 |

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Measure methodology changed from "BIPOC participate in program at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population (Yes/No)" to disaggregate racial/ethnic groups, select a comparison group tailored to the equity metric, and reflect all program participants and whether services are being equitably accessed.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Adopted General Fund | Adopted Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2025 | 2025 | 2026 | 2026 |
| Contractual Services | \$526,288 | \$1,091,182 | \$49,658 | \$138,902 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$526,288 | \$1,091,182 | \$49,658 | \$138,902 |
| Program Total: | \$1,617,470 | | \$188,560 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Program Revenues | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$490,705 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Beginning Working Capital | \$0 | \$1,100,850 | \$0 | \$138,902 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$1,591,555 | \$0 | \$138,902 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$138,902 carryover from the FY 2025 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) allocation to Multnomah County through the SHS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Oregon Metro Regional Government (Local).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 30500 Diversion Services

This program offer reflects a reduction in Benefit Assistance programming that served homeless and formerly homeless individuals with assistance in securing Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability Income, and/or Medicaid and Medicare benefits that provided critical financial and healthcare resources that allow recipients to retain or secure housing. Additionally, this offer reflects a reduction in funding for the hospital diversion program, which collaborated with hospitals, mental health, and substance abuse treatment facilities to provide rental assistance and care coordination to individuals upon discharge, ensuring participants transitioned into housing rather than to the streets or shelter. \$49,658 of service were previous funded with One-Time-Only Metro SHS funding are now funded with General Fund.