

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

Executive Summary

The program offer continues funding for the highly successful alignment of employment and housing resources to help people who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness achieve long-term economic and housing stability. This program connects employment and housing resources for homeless families, youth, and Communities of Color. This program offer also funds employment-related programming focused on creating low-barrier employment opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. This program offer contracts with multiple community partners across various systems of care to provide employment program support.

Program Description

This program offer sustains critical capacity employment and housing initiatives, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of families, youth, and Communities of Color. All programs assist households experiencing homelessness or housing instability by offering a combination of housing assistance and access to a range of workforce supports, provided in a culturally specific and responsive manner. This program provides approximately 550 individuals with employment services and 225 households with rent assistance or eviction prevention. Based on current performance, it is anticipated that 75% of the participants served will be from communities of color. Programs include:

- Employment Services provide capacity to the Economic Opportunity Program (EOP) - an existing network of nine nonprofit employment providers - to connect individuals and families to career-track employment services, housing resources, and community-based support. Participants who are survivors of domestic violence and/or who are eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are prioritized.
 - Youth Employment Services provide capacity to Homeless Youth Continuum (HYC) partners to improve employment and housing alignment through pre-readiness support, job training, day labor opportunities, and work experiences/internships.
 - Equitable Access to Employment, implemented by a culturally-specific provider, supports individuals and families seeking employment and experiencing homelessness to secure employment services.
 - Adult Employment Services and Rent Assistance provides capacity through the EOP and its multiple culturally-specific providers to offer employment and housing support, and expanded one-stop WorkSource Portland Metro employment services. Resources are targeted to serve young adults of color, many of whom are exiting the corrections system.
- The program offer also provides economic opportunity to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, while at the same time addressing community needs for trash collection, public space maintenance services and the provision of mobile hygiene services. Programs offer entry-level opportunities to earn income, develop various work skills and establish a recent work history. The programs are operated by non-profit organizations and provide services throughout Multnomah County.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of individuals receiving employment services and supports	1085	750	900	650*
Outcome	Number of employment placements	527	400	500	300*
Outcome	Number of households receiving rent assistance or eviction prevention	236	225	225	225
Outcome	BIPOC participate in program at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*FY 2024 Offer was reduced due to decreased funding.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$1,412,580	\$1,927,380	\$2,211,790
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$1,412,580	\$1,927,380	\$2,211,790
Program Total:	\$1,412,580		\$4,139,170	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$852,465	\$0	\$0
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$434,005
Total Revenue	\$0	\$852,465	\$0	\$434,005

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,777,785 of the Video Lottery Fund allocated to Multnomah County to be used for the purpose of furthering economic development in accordance with ORS 461.512, \$1,927,380 in one time only County General Fund and \$434,005 in carryover Supportive Housing Services funding.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 30600A Employment Programs