

Program #30600 - Employment Programs FY 2025 Adopted

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Daniel Field
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

This program offer sustains critical employment and housing initiatives, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of families, youth, and Communities of Color. This offer maintains funding for programs that align 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. These programs contract with multiple community partners across various systems of care to provide employment program support.

Program Description

This program offer sustains critical 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 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:

- Economic Opportunity Program (EOP) - an existing network of nine nonprofit employment providers that connect individuals and families to career-track employment services, housing resources, and community-based support. The program priorities participants who are survivors of domestic violence and/or who are eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- 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. This program offer also provides individuals accessing employment services.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of individuals receiving employment services and supports	1,746	650	900	750
Outcome	Number of employment placements	276	360	360	360
Outcome	Number of households receiving rent assistance or eviction prevention	126	225	125*	150
Outcome	BIPOC participate in program at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

*Due to rent increases, less households were able to be served with the funds allocated.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$1,982,448	\$2,665,280	\$0	\$5,699,540
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,982,448	\$2,665,280	\$0	\$5,699,540
Program Total:	\$4,647,728		\$5,699,540	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$756,890	\$0	\$3,408,970
Total Revenue	\$0	\$756,890	\$0	\$3,408,970

Explanation of Revenues

Video Lottery Fund allocated to Multnomah County to be used for the purpose of furthering economic development in accordance with ORS 461.512, and \$3,408,970 carryover from 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 2024: 30600 Employment Programs