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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

With Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure (Measure) funding that is dedicated to reducing homelessness through strategies that lead with racial equity, this program offer funds emergency rent assistance and services for households who are newly homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless due to the impacts of COVID-19. The offer prioritizes Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) who are already overrepresented within the homeless population and are disparately impacted by the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. This program offer funds staffing at community based organizations to distribute rent assistance funded by pandemic-related allocations from the Federal government and the State of Oregon.

Program Summary

The Multnomah County Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for the Measure sets out a range of strategies to reduce homelessness by increasing permanent housing and wrap around services for those experiencing, or at risk of, chronic homelessness and episodic homelessness. The LIP strategies prioritize the JOHS and Measure commitment to eliminating racial disparities among people experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness. The LIP also recognizes the critical need in the immediate term to focus limited duration resources on heading off a potential wave of newly homeless people as a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19, especially within BIPOC communities. This program offer addresses that need.

This program offer funds staffing at community based organizations to distribute rent assistance funded by pandemic-related allocations from the Federal government and the State of Oregon. These funding streams are typically larger, but too restrictive to allow community based organizations, including culturally specific providers, to create the capacity that they need to allocate the funds. The resources in this offer allow the Joint Office of Homeless Services and the Department of County Human Services to address these gaps and maximize the amount of outside rental assistance that the County is able to distribute through community based organizations serving BIPOC and other marginalized and hard to reach communities.

To date, more than 84% of households receiving emergency COVID-19 related rental assistance have identified as BIPOC and the JOHS expects that same to be true next fiscal year.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of culturally specific organizations supported to distribute emergency rental assistance funds	N/A	15	15	15
Outcome	Number of households prevented from losing their housing due to COVID-19	N/A	630	630	400
Outcome	BIPOC households served at rates as high or higher than their percentage of eligible households	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,805,000	\$0	\$1,865,967
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,805,000	\$0	\$1,865,967
Program Total:	\$2,805,000		\$1,865,967	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$2,805,000	\$0	\$1,865,967
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,805,000	\$0	\$1,865,967

Explanation of Revenues

Metro Supportive Housing Services \$1,865,967

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30700C Housing Placement & Retention - COVID-19 Recovery-Emergency Rent

In FY 2022, the Joint Office budgeted \$2.8 million in this program offer for limited-term emergency rent assistance and/or to leverage other sources of pandemic-related rent assistance provided by State and Federal agencies. For FY 2023, the \$1.9 million budgeted here continues the limited-term investments in staffing capacity built at community based organizations to distribute the large amounts of rent assistance funding that continues to be available across County programs.