

Access

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

For those experiencing unsheltered homelessness, access to basic hygiene services is one of the most challenging needs to meet. The importance of addressing basic hygiene needs was made even more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the importance of hand washing and basic sanitation to prevent the spread of the disease. This program offer continues an FY 2022 investment in basic hygiene services for the unsheltered population, with a focus on increasing access to toilets, hand washing, and showers in areas currently most underserved with those resources.

Program Summary

Gaining access to a bathroom, a place to wash up, and a shower have long been among the most challenging aspects of living unsheltered in the community. The COVID-19 pandemic both made access to basic hygiene services for the unsheltered population more critical than ever and made finding those services even more difficult. Public buildings that offer places to go to the bathroom, wash up, and shower closed, including community centers, libraries, and office buildings. Even certain day programs specifically designed to provide hygiene access for the unsheltered population were forced to close or significantly reduce their capacity. While a number of critical steps were taken to address this need for hygiene access, including county-wide distribution of hygiene supplies, the placement of dozens of hand washing stations, and more than 100 new portable bathrooms, additional investments are needed, especially in underserved areas of the County.

This program offer will fund an expansion of basic hygiene services for people living unsheltered. The precise nature and location of those services will be determined in consultation with the City of Portland and the East County municipalities, as well as with outreach providers and other community stakeholders. The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) expects the funding will complement and expand county-wide the City of Portland's ongoing project to offer portable restrooms and hygiene stations geographically distributed to identified areas of concentrated unmet need, as well as shower access through the use of site-based and mobile shower services. Depending on the outcome of the engagement process, funds may also be used to expand mobile or community-based laundry services. As the traditional spaces offering hygiene access to those living outside reopen, the JOHS will continue to reassess these investments and how best to improve access to hygiene services on an ongoing basis.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Hygiene access points created/expanded	N/A	25	25	25
Outcome	Uses of expanded hygiene services	N/A	10,000	10,000	10,000

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	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
Program Total:	\$750,000		\$750,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding \$750,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30902 ARP - COVID-19 Emergency Response - Expanded Hygiene Access

This program provides core services supporting people in our care.