

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

Executive Summary

In FY 2022, as an element of the emergency response to COVID-19, in partnership with the City of Portland, three emergency outdoor shelters were established for people experiencing homelessness. As part of the City's FY 2023 budgeting process, the City has proposed an allocation of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for the continuation of operations at two of the existing emergency outdoor shelter sites.

Program Summary

In March 2020, following public health guidance, the Joint Office of Homeless Services took immediate steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the population of people experiencing homelessness and otherwise mitigate impacts of the pandemic on those experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. In FY 2021, the City of Portland and Multnomah County worked quickly to expand non-congregate shelter options for people experiencing homelessness. As part of this response, the jurisdictions created three emergency outdoor shelters to keep people experiencing homelessness safe and socially distant. In FY 2022, two of the three sites have been relocated to longer-term sites, and one is being decommissioned. Starting in FY 2022, the sites became the operational responsibility of a Joint Office contractor. The sites are each outfitted with prefabricated, insulated hard wall pallet shelters with beds, climate controls, safety features, and electricity, providing approximately 110 residents each night with food, clean water, sanitation, social service navigation, mental health supports, and more. One of the existing sites was designed to specifically serve members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community and another is prioritized to the needs of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

In FY 2023, City ARP funds will be used by the Joint Office to continue operations of the approximately 80 sleeping pods at the Queer Affinity and BIPOC outdoor shelters. This Program Offer also includes funding to support staff capacity in the Joint Office of Homeless Services to continue work on the expansion of alternative shelter options.

The City has proposed an allocation of American Rescue Plan resources to fund this programming as part of its FY 2023 budget process.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of Physical Distancing Outdoor Shelters in operation	3	3	3	2
Outcome	BIPOC participate in program at rate as high or higher than percent of HUD homeless population	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome	Number of people sheltered in existing outdoor physical distancing shelters*	120	200	108	100

Performance Measures Descriptions

*These sites are transitional in nature, anticipate longer stays, and the ongoing effects of the pandemic limit anticipated move-outs to housing

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$538,000
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$3,173,333
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$3,711,333
Program Total:	\$4,500,000		\$3,711,333	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$3,711,333
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$3,711,333

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) through City of Portland \$3,711,333

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2022: 30905 ARP - COVID-19 Emergency Response - Outdoor Physical Distancing

This program provides core services supporting people in our care.