



Program #30905 - ARP - COVID-19 Emergency Response - Outdoor Physical Distancing Shelters / Safe Rest Villages 3/7/2022

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Marc Jolin
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

As an element of the Joint Office of Homeless Services' emergency response to COVID-19, in partnership with the City of Portland, three emergency outdoor shelters were established for people experiencing homelessness. Over the past year, the City has planned up to six additional Safe Rest Village (SRV) outdoor shelters. As part of the City's FY 2023 budgeting process, the City is considering an allocation of American Rescue Plan funds for the continuation of operations at the three existing emergency outdoor shelter sites, as well as the additional SRVs.

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 homeless population 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. 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 addition to funding the continued operations of the three existing outdoor physical distancing shelters, this program offer funds the operations of the City's planned six SRVs. The SRVs, which will have a combined total of up to 360 sleeping pods, will be operated by JOHS contractors and offer immediate safety off the streets for people living in unsanctioned encampments. Each SRV will provide individual sleeping structures, common area structures for gathering, eating, and hygiene, and provide wrap-around support services to assist people to transition to permanent housing. There will be a particular focus on connecting people to needed behavioral health resources.

The City is considering 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 Safe Rest Village sites established or supported	N/A	N/A	1	6
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 three existing outdoor physical distancing shelters*	120	200	108	150

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	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$538,000
Contractual Services	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$14,460,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$14,998,000
Program Total:	\$4,500,000		\$14,998,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$14,998,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$14,998,000

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) through City of Portland \$14,998,000

Significant Program Changes

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