

Department: Joint Office of Homeless Services **Program Contact:** Shannon Singleton
Program Offer Type: Innovative/New Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs: 30500
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

This Program Offer makes a one-time allocation of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to expand the capacity to provide people experiencing homelessness who have serious and persistent disabling conditions with the support they need to complete the application for, and be approved to receive, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and other long-term disability benefits from the Federal Government. This investment responds to the backlog of demand for these critical benefits acquisition services created during the pandemic, and represents a very effective use of one-time funds to help people experiencing chronic homelessness obtain an ongoing source of income.

Program Summary

The Joint Office of Homeless Services has funded a local non-profit organization to provide assistance to people experiencing homelessness to navigate the very complex social security disability application process for several years. Benefits acquisition assistance is a critical support service that is recognized as an essential part of helping people with serious and ongoing disabling conditions make successful and sustainable transitions out of homelessness.

This Program Offer provides a one-time allocation of ARP funds to address the increased demand for benefits assistance that exists as a result of the pandemic's impact on our most vulnerable populations and the organizations that continued to work to serve them. Specifically, the funding in this Program Offer will allow two new specialists to be hired who will be able to process and file applications for federal disability benefits. This is an expansion of capacity that is funded in Program Offer 30500.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	New benefits specialists to process and file federal long term disability benefit applications	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
Outcome	Successful applications for federal long-term disability benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	27 awards
Outcome	Each Community of Color served at rates as high/higher than their proportion of chronically homeless population	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$200,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding \$200,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

This program addresses the County's priority of Crisis Response & Community Recovery.