



Program #40010D - Supportive Housing Services for Communicable Disease Clients - SHS FY 2025 Department Requested

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Sara McCall
Program Offer Type: New Request **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 40048
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request, In Target

Executive Summary

Communicable Disease Services (CDS) is a foundational public health program that protects community health by upholding the State of Oregon infectious disease statutes for disease tracking and investigation, disease intervention and control, and response evaluation. CDS utilizes short term housing for persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) that test positive for select infectious diseases to give them a stable place to recover from illness and reduce risk of spread in the PEH community. SHS for CD Clients will expand that program to offer longer short term housing for PEH experiencing any reportable illness and facilitate referrals to longer term housing.

Program Description

CDS protects the people of Multnomah County through the foundational public health program of communicable disease control. This is key to achieving the Public Health Division’s goal of Healthy People in Healthy Communities. One strategy CDS uses for communicable disease control is to offer short term housing for PEH who test positive for select infectious diseases that are reportable in Oregon.

PEH have higher rates of illness compared to housed people and are at higher risk of severe illness from infectious diseases. Infectious diseases can spread rapidly in PEH due lack of access to hygiene items and a safe place to recover. BIPOC communities are disproportionately impacted by homelessness and will be prioritized in this program.

SHS for CDS Clients will expand the existing CDS intervention by increasing support for PEH and facilitating referrals to more stable housing. This program will use an existing contract with Home Forward to offer short term housing for at least two weeks to PEH who test positive for any infectious disease that is reportable by law in Oregon. SHS for CDS clients will also provide food and hygiene items, which the existing intervention does not currently offer.

A key feature of this expansion is adding a dedicated staff person who will contact PEH who are sick with a reportable illness and offer resources for more stable housing. This staff person will work with the Joint Office of Homeless Services, as well as other internal and external partners, to identify those resources and connect PEH to appropriate programs for stable and longer-term housing. In addition, this staff member will offer other resources that will support the client sustaining more stable housing, including but not limited to mental health, primary care, and nutrition assistance.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Number of PEH clients placed in short term housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
Outcome	Percent of PEH clients who receive housing navigation services	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%
Quality	Percent of PEH clients who identify as BIPOC that are placed in short term housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

Legal / Contractual Obligation

None

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$219,000
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$300,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

\$300,000 Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Fund 1521 one-time-only funding. Tax revenues are budgeted in the Joint Office of Homeless Services program 30000 Administration and Operations

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was:

New Program