

Division: Behavioral Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) Shelter and Bridge Housing aims to provide a pathway to end homelessness for those with behavioral health concerns. It provides increased access to individuals most marginalized and vulnerable due to systemic oppression and historical trauma.

The Shelter Program has 33 beds and is a mixed gender shelter. The length of stay is 1-30 days. The Bridge Housing program provides 19 beds, offers mixed gender housing, and the length of stay is 1-90 days. A contractor, staffed by peers and clinical professionals with lived experience, operates both programs and offers 24/7 support and connection to those in the program. Nearly every participant receives individualized case/care management, which includes support such as access to basic needs, bus fare, cell phones, clothing, employment services, food stamps, medical services, mental health services, and referrals for SUD services. Participants that exit early for any reason are able to access support in the future; staff maintain open communication and opportunities for re-engagement, ensuring critical longer-term support when needed. The Shelter Program has served over 426 people since opening, and the Bridge Program has served 136. Between the two programs, there have been over 138 successful transitional housing placements beyond onsite housing services.

This program also offers urgent bed access to individuals referred by first responders and outreach teams on a nightly basis. Over 200 beds were accessed through this system last year and the program is on track to increase that number. These beds are particularly helpful in supporting individuals waiting for a detox bed or other housing supports.

Equity Statement

The BHRC is designed to be intentionally inclusive of individuals belonging to some of the most marginalized and vulnerable populations in Multnomah County recognizing that those with intersectional identities (Black, Indigenous and other People of Color; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two-Spirit; persons with disabilities; and others) are over represented in the homeless population.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$2,032,953	\$1,113,935	\$860,746	\$1,726,045
Internal Services	\$969,811	\$0	\$1,299,743	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$3,002,764	\$1,113,935	\$2,160,489	\$1,726,045
Total Expenses:	\$4,116,699		\$3,886,534	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of individuals served in Shelter and Bridge Housing programs	515	504	500
Number of individuals receiving Care/Case Management services on site	508	500	500