

## Program #10040B - Veterans - Permanent Housing

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**Department:** Nondepartmental

**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

**Related Programs:** A Home for Everyone

Program Characteristics: Out of Target

#### **Executive Summary**

This offer will move 30 hard to house homeless veterans into permanent housing and provide rental assistance to an additional 30 veteran households in order to prevent their homelessness. A Home for Everyone's "A Home for Every Veteran" initiative successfully housed 695 veterans in 2015, but that relied in part on one- time allocations of long-term rental assistance and subsidized housing units from Home Forward. This program offer allocates new funding to ensure that we continue to be able to meet the permanent and short term rent assistance needs of all veterans.

#### **Program Summary**

This program implements the recommendations from A Home for Everyone's "A Home for Every Veteran" initiative to provide sufficient long-term rental subsidies to place an additional 30 veterans in permanent housing, and prevention resources sufficient to keep at least 30 veterans from returning to homelessness. These are resources are essential in order to meet the permanent housing needs of all veterans who will become homeless in Multnomah County in the coming year.

A Home for Everyone's "A Home for Every Veteran" initiative successfully permanently housed 695 veterans in 2015. The capacity to house this number of veterans depended, to a significant extent, on new federal funding in the form of Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). It also relied on an allocation of 50 Housing Choice Vouchers and 50 subsidized housing units from Home Forward. While the federal funding will remain available in FY 17, the Home Forward resources will be fully utilized and another similar contribution is not planned. There are also a number of veterans who are using the short term rental assistance offered by SSVF and will lose their housing and return to the streets if they do not receive a longer-term subsidy.

A Home for Every Veteran Initiative/System of Care for Veterans Background: In January of 2015 Chair Kafoury and Mayor Hales joined the national "Mayors' Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness" and Portland was chosen to participate in the federal 25 Cities Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness.

In order to achieve an end to veteran homelessness, our community built a system that could offer permanent housing to at least as many veterans as are estimated to become homeless in Multnomah County during a single year. Based on a pointin-time count conducted in January 2015, that number for 2015 was estimated to be 690. It is estimated that we will need to sustain a similar level of capacity based on the rate at which veterans are becoming homeless in our community.

This program will be paid for by a combination of County General Fund and City of Portland General Fund resources.

Performar	Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer				
Output	Veteran households placed or retained	NA	NA	NA	60				
Outcome	Housing retention 12 months post subsidy	AN	NA	NA	75%				

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

At least 30 additional veteran households placed into permanent housing and 30 additional veteran households will receive rental assistance to avoid eviction and at least 75% will still be in permanent housing 12 months after subsidy is complete. Measures assume that both this program offer and the parallel proposal for City of Portland general fund are fully funded. Both jurisdictions are requested to contribute revenues to the measures projected. Measures will be adjusted accordingly in the event that either jurisdiction doesn't fully fund request.

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## **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

This program offer represents portions of the following AHFE proposed investment priorities: Flexible Retention and Prevention Funds for Veterans (VET.1), Eviction Prevention for All Populations (HSG.4), Rent Assistance for all Populations (HSG.9), Permanent Supportive Housing - Site based and scattered site (HLH.1) and PSH - Site based and scattered site units connected to Unity (HLH.3).

# **Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2016	2016	2017	2017
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$167,500	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$167,500	\$0
Program Total: \$0		0	\$167,500	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

## Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: